



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 8, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Small led in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker
Councilor Small

Councilor Halstead
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 21, 2014. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 21, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's amended Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:*
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.
Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments** Mayor Webster explained the XM radio weather package quote, stating that this service will allow the City to access via XM radio the same reports submitted to the weather service. Mayor Webster introduced Coach Jerry Hood from Clay Chalkville High School. Coach Hood discussed the condition of the high school football field including some safety concerns. He stated that the County Board of Education has investigated installing artificial turf on this field and the cost is approximately \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00. County Education Officials have met with Mayor Webster and Mr. Dixon to discuss an intergovernmental agreement whereby the City would provide up to \$265,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to assist in the installation of artificial turf at Clay Chalkville High School's football field and the Board of Education would allow the City to use local school athletic and event facilities for 15 years. Councilor Thackerson asked Coach Hood for additional details about the artificial turf. The Council thanked Coach Hood for his presentation.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee did not meet in April due to bad weather.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report. Councilor Halstead had nothing new to report.



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Councilor Johnson was recognized for a report. She provided information on the Seniors Center Mothers' Day party.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He discussed the paving on Old Springville Road and thanked Public Works Superintendent Josh Isbell for his work.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He also thanked Mr. Isbell for his work cleaning Cosby Lake. He also announced a two mile fun walk at Cosby Lake on June 7 at 8:00 am which will benefit Camp Smile-A-Mile. Councilor Thackerson reported that the architects continue working on the Master Plans for Cosby Lake and Bryant Parks.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.,** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported that the City has given \$17,349.50 to Clay Elementary, Clay Chalkville Middle School, and Clay Chalkville High School per Ordinance 2013-20. He prefaced the account balances with informing the Council that the County has not billed the City for the Old Springville Road repaving project.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$361,601.13; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,182.36; Library Fund = \$3,690.39; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$341,034.22; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$213,775.78; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$227,527.23; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund = \$12,500.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD = \$52,871.87; and Ballpark Expense YTD = -\$47,895.69.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-08, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Facilities Use Agreement with Jefferson County Board of Education, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-08, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-09, A Resolution to Approve the Park Committee Rules, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-09, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 19 at 6:30.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager