



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 7, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Hambrick led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council minutes of January 18, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Nimrod Long of Nimrod Long Associates who made a presentation on the Cosby Lake Master Plan his firm prepared. Handouts of his presentation were distributed to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Long identified several items on the plan and recommended the first phase to be installing some of the bridges to allow for connectivity around the lake. He estimated the bridges for phase 1 to be around \$170,000. Other items recommended in the plan included extra loops in the trail; an amphitheater that could be used for numerous events to include an outdoor classroom for



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students; gazebos; picnic pavilions or shelters; park benches and eliminating the parking along Old Springville Road at the dam and installing parking next to the building. Also, Mr. Long recommended renovating the existing building to give it a more outdoor park like appearance.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster reported that he had spoken with Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Engineer, concerning the traffic light at Clay Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road. He stated that Mr. Boozer said they had located the right-of-way and used nails to identify its location. He stated the next step is for the City to sign an agreement with the County whereby the County would furnish the labor and the City would furnish all materials. Mr. Boozer stated he wanted to have this project on their list to begin sometime around May and their goal was to be complete before school started in August.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors** and stated people at the Library were making valentines for patients at Children's Hospital. She invited everyone to bring their children to the Library and participate in this project. She reported that a book read was scheduled and they would be reading the book "Fried Green Tomatoes" soon. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the Senior Citizens had recently taken a trip to Tuscumbia to visit the Helen Keller home site.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that the School Committee would be meeting February 14. She reported that so far this year there had been 364 Business License renewals and a new cleaners would be opening in Clay soon. Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce luncheon was scheduled for February 15 at the Clay Community Center.

Councilwoman Johnson recognized Mr. Phil Sims, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce, who passed out a Chamber calendar to the Mayor and Council identifying some upcoming events for the Chamber. Mr. Sims reported that they would be working with others on identifying properties in Clay and Pinson that might be available for anyone looking for space for a business etc.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to give \$7,500 to Clay Chalkville High School for their drug testing program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that he had participated in the judging of a pinewood derby contest for the Boy Scouts at Clay United Methodist Church. Also, he stated there would be a bid opening for some paving projects at the next City Council meeting.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He reported that the Park Board would be meeting tomorrow night to discuss the Cosby Lake Master Plan presented by Mr. Nimrod Long earlier in this Council meeting. He stated some money had been designated from the AmFund account to go toward the Park and the Park Board would be prioritizing some items for the money to be used.



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Councilman Webster introduced Mr. Rick Rogers the new President of Clay Rec Sports. Mr. Rogers stated he was interested in being the president at the park for the children. He stated there had been major issues at the park in the past and he requested the support of the City to change some of these things. He stated he would like to change the name from the Clay Rec Sports Association to the Clay Rec Youth Sports Association and file the necessary paperwork with the Internal Revenue Service to make this change. He stated that, as president, everything would be open for anybody to see. He stated he would work toward getting businesses and sponsors to contribute toward the park.

Councilman Webster expressed his appreciation to Mr. Rogers for what he is doing and stated the big issue was to have accountability. He stated he would have the support of the Council and wanted to make this park the best around.

Councilman Feemster stated it was very important for the Clay Rec and parents to understand that the City does support them. He stated the City contributes around \$43,000 each month toward utilities and other expenses to support the park.

Mr. Rogers reported that Opening Day on April 2 would be a festival type atmosphere and invited the Mayor and Council to come out and get involved.

Councilwoman Hambrick asks Mr. Rogers to give some information on his background. Mr. Rogers reported he had a 7 year old playing ball at the park and that he had run his own construction materials company for 12 years.

Councilman Webster thanked Mr. Rogers for coming to the Council meeting.

Councilman Webster reported that Councilwoman Johnson and he had visited the two residential property owners at Cosby Lake and reviewed the Master Plan with them. He stated they were concerned with people going through their yard at night and requested the City consider placing the walking trail at the street.

Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinance** Mayor McGuffie had no report.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$91,115.84; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$25,675.50 AmFund Account = \$621,395.52; Capital Improvement Fund = \$62,335.64; Concession Stand = \$2,552.32; Contractors Bond = \$43,350.22; General Fund = \$187,443.77; Library Fund = \$9,438.14; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,403.90.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie reported there were none.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. George Post who paid tribute to Mr. Howard Kosher who passed away January 20, 2011. Mr. Post identified Mr. Kosher as a member of the Clay community for a long time and spoke of some of his contributions to the City.



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Mayor McGuffie called for any further Council comments and Councilman Small thanked the Sheriff's Department for catching the guy who robbed the Regions Bank in Chalkville last week.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday February 21, 2011, at the Clay Community Center.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer