



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 15, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2013, 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 opened in prayer and 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 July 1, 2013.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 1, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead 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 a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for ALC-2013-01, Alcohol License for Shell Station located at 2143 Sweeney Hollow Road. Mr. Dixon explained that this application is for a change in ownership and the previous owner had obtained an alcohol license the previous year.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve the alcohol license for the Shell station located at 2143 Sweeney Hollow Road, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Mr. Chris Cunningham who was not present to speak.

Mayor Webster introduced Mr. Duane Barnett who identified himself as living at 7080 Self Road. Mr. Barnett asked the Council how they plan to address the drug problem in the City. Mayor Webster and Councilor Baker assured Mr. Barnett that the City is working with the Sheriff's Office to curtail drug activity in the Clay. They invited him to attend a Public Safety Committee meeting as well. Mr. Barnett then complained about dogs allowed to run loose on Self Road. Mayor Webster asked Mr. Barnett to call City Hall when the dogs are at large, so that animal control can pick up the



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dogs. Mr. Barnett then asked if he could shoot the dog. Mayor Webster advised Mr. Barnett to contact the Sheriff's Department about that.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that most of the Finance Committee members are out of town presently and that he would schedule a meeting when they are back.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced that the City has obtained 3 police cars from the City of Irondale. He explained that the cars will have to have the Irondale Police insignia removed and be restriped to match the City of Clay's current cars, but that the cars should be road ready in about 3 weeks.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported on the following: (1) There are three or four houses currently being built. (2) Code Enforcement Officer, Don Isbell, continues to work on weed abatements that are called in to City Hall daily. (3) The Annexation Committee has mailed out annexation letters to the Millington subdivision and some homeowners have expressed interest. He would like for the Annexation Committee to do a subdivision walk-thru on a Saturday to meet the Millington homeowners face-to-face again.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson announced the Chamber of Commerce luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 am on July 16 at Grayson Valley Country Club. She also reported that the seniors continue to meet and effective October 1, 2013, the age limit will be lowered to 55 years old. Mayor Webster stated that the preliminary plans for Senior Center addition have been approved by architect and the City should bid this out soon.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board** and stated ancestry.com is available at the library. The summer reading program continues with a Reptiles Scales and Tales presentation on July 16 at the Community Center. Councilor Small asked Mr. Dixon about the status of the fence for library. Mr. Dixon answered that the Public Works Department is waiting for weather to cooperate.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He requested Public Works Superintendent, Josh Isbell, to clear brush at the Disc Golf because people are coming out Saturday to see the course. Councilor Thackerson inquired about football registration. Mayor Webster answered that there are several players in each age group and they are trying to avoid splitting teams. Registration will continue through the end of the first week in August. Councilor Thackerson asked about the soccer situation and Mayor answered that the City revised the contract and sent it to the soccer league last week.

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 the account balances in the General Fund = \$227,149.85; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,897.94; Library Fund = \$1,345.99;



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Contractors Bond = \$124,035.35; Capital Improvement Fund = \$260,564.65; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$150,180.86; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$173,475.75; Ballpark Revenue = \$70,124.33; Ballpark Expense = -\$55,339.00; General Fund Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; General Fund Road Paving Projects = \$50,000.00; and BBT AMFUND Payment Fund = \$18,750.00.

Mr. Dixon informed the current Council that in 2011, the City was offered property located at 2346 Old Springville Road. He explained that the Council passed a Resolution in 2011 to obtain the property, but that nothing else was done to complete the deeding process. Councilor Thackerson asked about the size of the property and if there were any unpaid taxes, to which Mr. Dixon answered the parcel is approximately 1.25 acres and the current owners have paid the property taxes. City Attorney Alan Summers responded that he would prepare the documents to correct this as soon as he has a Parcel Identification Number.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**. There was no response.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, August 5.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Dixon who discussed the 2010 Zoning Map. He explained that the 2010 Zoning Map tabled at the previous meeting is included in the current packet. *Councilor Halstead made a motion to adopt the 2010 Zoning map which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager