



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 1, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 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 Kevin 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 (entered meeting at 6:35 p.m.) Councilor Halstead Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 18, 2013. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 18, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Small 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 Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for case Z-2013-01. City Manager Ronnie Dixon explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has made a unanimous recommendation to rezone 7473 Mack Hicks Road from Agricultural to Community Institutional for the purpose of North Clay Baptist Church.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to rezone 7473 Mack Hicks Road from Agricultural to Community Institutional, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that the Finance Committee met last month and has determined that the city is operating within the approved budget. He hopes that there will be a surplus by the end of the year.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced that the Public Safety Committee has no updates on the second deputy or obtaining cars. He stated that they are awaiting a meeting with a grant writer.

Mayor Webster announced that the city is still in the process of hiring a second deputy, he promised to check on cars and alternatives for grant writers.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the Community Development and Annexation Committee will hold their monthly meeting on April 2. He



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explained his plan to split the committee into two teams. He discussed some interest from Millington subdivision to annex into the city. Councilor Halstead introduced Kim Steffi who identified herself as living on Goodner Mountain Road. She discussed her plans for a new business located at the old Piggly Wiggly location. Ms. Steffi called on Tina Tidmore who identified herself as living on Shriner Drive. Ms. Tidmore presented the Council with plans for the new business which includes a feed and seed store and a small restaurant.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson announced that Clayridge Baptist Church will hold their 5k and one mile fun run April 6 from 9am to noon. She thanked the Trussville Tribune for writing an article about the pink trash cans. She also thanked Josh Isbell, Public Works Superintendent, for delivering it to her house. Councilor Johnson introduced Miss Clay Chalkville High School, CC Pugh. Miss Pugh discussed her platform for Miss Alabama, Books Alive. Miss Pugh stated that the Books Alive Program will focus on literacy at all ages. Councilor Johnson announced that Clay Chalkville High School's Fine Arts performance of Children of Eden April 11-13. She called on Senior Center co-Director Beth Petty for any announcements. Ms. Petty stated that the Senior Center had 35 guests today and that they would be taking a trip to Florence on April 10. Mayor Webster stated that the City has met with the architect for the sunroom at the Senior Center.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Work Department and Library Board** and announced that the library had a great turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt. The library is preparing for the summer reading program. He thanked Josh Isbell and the Public Works Department for their hard work.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that Opening Day was a success. He discussed the disc golf course and his hope to finish the course soon. He stated that the original funds set aside for the course will not cover the expenses. *Councilor Thackerson made a motion to set aside an additional \$15,000.00 for construction of the disc golf course. The motion was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$126,198.12; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$147,250.32; Capital Improvement Fund = \$66,755.29; General Fund = \$559,130.88; Library Fund = \$2,914.33; Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,645.44; Ballpark Revenue = \$52,072.39; and Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96.

Mr. Dixon announced that the Federal government has approved extra funds to reimburse damages from Super Storm Sandy and the 2012 tornadoes. Jefferson County has been awarded \$9.1 million and the city of Clay will be awarded a small portion of those funds as reimbursement for the January 2012 tornado.

Mayor Webster thanked Mr. Dixon for his help with Opening Day at the ballpark.

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



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Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Halstead.

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 Ordinance 2013-04, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2006-07, Zoning Ordinance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-04, 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 Ordinance 2013-06, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2005-59, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-06, 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 Ordinance 2013-07, An Ordinance to Establish an Abatement Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-07, which was seconded by Councilor Small.

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 2013-11, A Resolution Providing for the Participation in Sales Tax Holiday, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-11 with "first full weekend in August" in place of the dates annually in perpetuity, 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

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Joey Brittner who identified himself as the Chair of the Long Range Planning Team at North Clay Baptist Church. He thanked the Council for rezoning the property on Mack Hicks Road. He thanked the City for treating the church so kindly and invited the council to attend a service.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Dennis Locke who identified himself as living at 6500 Harness Circle. As President of the Steeplechase Homeowners' Association, Mr. Locke presented the Council with the residents' request for a speed table as a follow-up to the recent presentation of speeding concerns.



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Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Randy Matthews who identified himself as living at 6275 Canterbury Road. He thanked Josh Isbell for his part in putting up the radar sign.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilor Johnson who announced the library craft night on April 4.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager