



City of Clay
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CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in a called meeting on Monday, August, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and City Clerk Bobby Christmas opened in prayer.

The City Clerk 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 Jackie Hambrick
Councilwoman Becky Johnson	Councilman Kevin Small
Councilman Charles Webster	Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie announced there were no council minutes to approve.

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

Mayor McGuffie announced there was no Consent Agenda for tonight.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie announced there were none.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie announced there were no reports.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, Mayor McGuffie announced there was no report.

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

Under **Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie announced that there were none.

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor McGuffie stated there were several things listed on the agenda that needed to be discussed and had been brought up by council members and staff.



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The Mayor introduced the first item for discussion as being a problem with leaves and grass being put into the storm drains and stopping them up. He stated if they were bagged that it would save digging out the storm drains and city personnel could pick them up. He stated this is something that would not require additional personnel. He explained the one ton truck and the dump truck could be used to pick up these bags. He stated the city would be divided into four sections and leaves could be picked up at a certain time. Councilwoman Hambrick raised the question of the garbage company picking up these bags and Councilman Feemster stated the difference is that they will only pick up their customers bags. It was discussed that this would be a service for everybody in the city. The Mayor asks Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, to look into this with Public Works and for City Clerk Christmas to find out who has garbage service.

Mayor McGuffie introduced a discussion on garbage service billing and recognized Councilman Feemster who had discussed this at the League Convention at a roundtable discussion. He explained that the City of Valley reported that their city handles the billing for garbage pickup and everyone was required to have garbage pickup. He stated they added an additional fee of \$7 per household which was used by the city to pay the salary for the billing and purchase additional equipment. Councilman Feemster will contact someone from the City of Valley to discuss this further.

A discussion was introduced on the rental of city facilities and the problems recently with locks being broken and items being taken, as well as, the condition of the walls. Councilman Webster stated he has had to take out garbage himself after events by other people at the Community Center. Councilman Small recommended limiting the use of the Community Center to homeowner's associations, scouts and civic organizations. It was discussed to rent the property only to residence of the city. Councilwoman Hambrick stated the city should enforce checking the facility each time it is rented out and make those who rent it and damage any property pay for it. Councilman Small recommended having Alison Swanson, who cleans the city facilities, check after each event and do the cleaning at the renter's expense.

Councilwoman Johnson asks about renting the building at Cosby Lake and the council was against renting it. The City Clerk stated he had an inquiry from someone wanting to rent one of the facilities every Wednesday night for a Bible study. The council agreed that they did not want to rent any facility on a continuing basis. Mayor McGuffie stated some rules can be written up such as renting only to Clay residence and allowing Alison Swanson clean the facilities after each rental.

Mayor McGuffie introduced discussion on equipment purchases for a sidearm cutter or switchblade cutter to cut grass along the right of way. Councilwoman Hambrick questioned the possibility of renting this type equipment and if it could possibly be cheaper than purchasing something. The Mayor asks Mr. Lynn Burch to look into the possibility of renting equipment.

Mayor McGuffie introduced discussion on the cleanup of Cosby Lake. He stated a quote had been obtained for cleaning out the weeds and algae in the lake which would total around \$270,000. Mayor McGuffie presented everyone with a picture of a barrier being placed at the spill way to keep the grass carp from jumping over it. Also, he presented a quote for the purchase of 300 grass carp at the cost of \$1,535 or \$4.95 per fish and a \$50 delivery fee. The Mayor announced that Fox 6 News would be at Cosby Lake on



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Tuesday morning September 6 with the Freshwater Land Trust to highlight the 'Our One Mile' program they are sponsoring. He encouraged everyone to try and attend.

Mayor McGuffie introduced discussion on the possible water supply for the practice fields at the athletic complex. Councilman Feemster stated they had talked to a consultant who would prepare a proposal for running the water up to the practice fields from the well on the lower level of the park. He stated a three inch pipe would be better and a pump or water storage would not be necessary.

Mayor McGuffie asks everyone to look at some correspondence from Clastran to discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor McGuffie reported that Joshco had presented a quote of \$4,500 for work at Shadow Lake Drive and Old Springville Road to correct a problem with a big dip there.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer