



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 2, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015, 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 Bo Johnson 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 Johnson Councilor Small
Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster
Absent: Councilor Becky Johnson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2015.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2015, 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 Small made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda with Ordinances 2015-09 and 2015-10 stricken from the agenda 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, Bo Johnson, and Thackerson.

Nays: Mayor Webster

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

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

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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, Bo Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** read a thank you letter from Ms. Bauer's class at Clay Elementary School.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He stated that the Public Safety Committee did not meet due to inclement weather.

Councilor Becky Johnson was not present for a report.

Councilor Bo Johnson was recognized for a report and reviewed the new businesses in Clay, vacant commercial properties, and annexations.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report and reassured everyone that the City has no plans to close the library.



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Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report and reviewed the progress of the restroom construction and plans for pavilions at Cosby Lake.

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 reviewed the title changes from Administrative Assistant to Assistant City Clerk/Revenue for Susan Nelson and Assistant City Clerk/Admin for Andrea Self. He explained that this title change is more accurate for their job descriptions and allows for additional training. The Council agreed to change the titles effective March 2, 2015.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$587,157.66; Contractors Bond = \$168,479.83; Capital Improvement Fund = \$411,340.70; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$85,223.52; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$169,650.13; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$300,000.00; BBT Fund = \$81,250.00; Ballpark Revenue = \$37,062.54; and Ballpark Expense = (\$30,169.07).

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2015-01, annexing 6446 Freda Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatement at 2308 Old Springville Road, 5721 Desoto Drive, and 5975 Shane Circle. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against these abatements and there was no response.

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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-08, An Ordinance Annexing 6446 Freda Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-08, 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-11, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2004-19, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-11, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the



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results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-12, An Ordinance Creating a Park and Recreation Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to amend Ordinance 2015-12 to change "Park and Recreation Committee" to "Park Committee", 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-12 as amended, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance on Private Property, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-16, 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

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

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Sheryl Spivey of 6212 Windsor Lane. She identified herself as the Chairman of the Library Board and reviewed Section 11-90-3 of the Code of Alabama which outlines the duties of a Library Board. She further stated that a Library Board and Library Director should be in place in order to receive state funding. Mayor Webster clarified that state funding is approximately \$16,000.00 whereas the City designates approximately \$175,000.00 to fund the library.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Nancy Pack, Director of the Alabama Public Library Services. She referenced an Attorney General's Opinion stating that in order to be eligible to receive state and federal funding and be considered part of the Alabama Public Library System a library must be run by a Board and have a Director in place.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Tanesha Young, Vestavia Hills Library Director. Ms. Young spoke about the benefits of being a part of the Alabama Public Library System for Vestavia Hills Library.



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Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Jane Anderton of 5434 White Oak Road. She questioned whether the Clay Library would be able to participate in the Jefferson County Library Cooperative without a Library Board.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Virginia Doyle of 4330 Vestview Lane. Ms. Doyle explained that she represents the APLS Board. She stated that Clay Library would not be eligible for JCLC or APLS as a municipal library and thanked the Council for not voting until the next meeting so that they could speak about the library.

Mayor Webster stated that he would like to hold another meeting to discuss the future of the library.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:29 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager