



City of Clay
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**CALLED ORGANIZATIONAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 25, 2012**

The 2012-2016 Elected City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in a called organizational meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor-Elect Charles Webster presiding and Administrative Assistant Andrea Self serving as recorder.

Mayor-Elect Webster called the meeting to order and read a passage from Romans 13.

The Mayor-Elect led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Mayor-Elect Webster shared his desire to follow the Bible's instructions on government and to serve according to God's purpose.

Mayor-Elect Webster explained that he called this organizational meeting to make sure the new administration is on the same page. He stressed that none of what is said tonight is official until it is voted on after they have been sworn in at the November 5 meeting.

Mayor-Elect Webster said that he would be over the Finance Committee for the city and explained some of the ideas he has for the future. He stated that he plans to have a budget ready for approval within a few months of taking office, as well as possibly moving the city accounts to a new bank, and interviewing new auditing firms for the city's annual audits.

Mayor-Elect Webster then stated he plans to divide the committees as follows:

Councilor Johnson – Mayor Pro-Tempore, Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison, School Committee

Councilor Small – Public Works Liaison, Library Board Liaison

Councilor Thackerson – Park Board Liaison

Councilor Halstead – Community Development and Annexations, Building Inspections Liaison

Councilor Baker – Public Safety Committee

Councilman Small asked about the necessity of the environmental and historical committees. Mayor Elect Webster answered that those committees can be dissolved at this time.

Councilor-Elect Halstead asked about the Seniors Advisory Board. It was determined that the Seniors would fall under Community Development.

Mayor-Elect emphasized that he would like to see open communication and group efforts among this administration. He stated that Public Safety will be a big issue during this administration explaining that he has already been receiving emails from concerned citizens.

Councilor-Elect Thackerson questioned the effectiveness of the Park Board, asking if this was necessary now that the city has hired a Park Superintendent. The elected Council discussed the Park Board and Mayor-Elect Webster, Councilors-Elect Baker and Thackerson discussed their previous experiences on the Park Board. The Elected Council determined to ask for applications for the Park Board and make a decision from the pool of applicants.



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Councilor-Elect Halstead asked if the number of members on each committee is flexible. Council-Elect Baker answered that the number of members on committees are flexible, but the number of members on boards are pre-determined.

Mayor-Elect Webster opened discussion on the number of members for each committee and the following was determined:

Public Safety Committee will consist of 5 members.

Finance Committee will consist of 5 people.

Community Development and Annexations Committee will consist of 5 people.

Schools Committee, currently an existing committee, will consist of 7 people.

Park Board will consist of 5 members, which is consistent with the ordinance creating a Park Board.

The Library Board is an already existing board and the number of members is predetermined.

Ms. Tina Tidmore was recognized and asked where streets and sanitation falls in the new organization. Councilor-Elect Small answered that streets and sanitation will be a part of Public Works. Tina Tidmore asked about businesses. Mayor-Elect answered that business development would be a part of Councilor-Elect Halstead's Community Development and Annexation Committee.

Mayor-Elect Webster opened discussion on organization of City Council meetings by reviewing Ordinance 2008-30. The Elected Council reviewed Ordinance 2008-30 and made the following changes:
Limit time for Scheduled Public Comments to 3 minutes per speaker, to be extended at the discretion of the Council.
Scheduled Public Comments should be in reference to an item on the agenda. Remove Sections 7, 9, 10, and 11.
Remove "chairman of each respective committee" from Section 21. Additionally, replace "him or her" with "the committee" in section 21.

Councilor-Elect Baker asked where the City Council meetings will take place. Mayor-Elect Webster answered that he would like to host these meetings at the new City Hall and allow the Community Center to be used for more community events.

Councilor Small asked if pre-council meetings are necessary. Mayor-Elect Webster answered that the pre-council meetings are unnecessary. Councilors-Elect Baker and Halstead concurred.

Mayor-Elect Webster and the Elected Council discussed motions needed for the first meeting, such as approval for the City Attorney and for city employees to continue their duties. The Elected Council then discussed temporary employees, purchasing, vehicles policy, consent agendas, and the City Attorney's role and payment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer