



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 8, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Becky Johnson Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

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

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of August 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 Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** introduced Clay Chalkville High School Principal, Mr. Michael Lee, who spoke in Dr. Pouncey's place. Mr. Lee addressed school rezoning. The Jefferson County Board of Education is meeting with three Department of Justice attorneys this week regarding the rezoning. A rezoning plan will be submitted this week to the Department of Justice for review. The Board anticipates a decision sometime during the first semester of this school year. Any families affected will be notified by the Jefferson county Board of Education during the second semester of this school year so they can be prepared for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Lee then reviewed the technology upgrades made at Clay Chalkville High School from the City's donation including: opening two new computer labs and purchasing new laptops and chrome books.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent for Proclamation 2015-03.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous



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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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2015-03, A Proclamation Recognizing the Clay 10U All-Stars, which was read by Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Proclamation 2015-03, 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

The Council then presented Proclamation 2015-03 to the team.

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Baker announced that the Public Safety Committee discussed the Clay Police Force. Councilor Baker also informed the Council that he is not in favor of additional deputies; he would rather use the funds to start a Clay Police Force. Councilor Bo Johnson asked about the plans for the cameras that were unusable as traffic cameras. Mr. Dixon informed the Council that they will be placed near the library and playground where there has been some vandalism.

Councilor Becky Johnson reported on the following: (1) She would like to implement a new system for awarding \$500.00 monthly donations to the teachers at Clay schools in which teachers submit a request letter which specifies the need that will be met by the donation funds. (2) October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and t-shirts should be ordered this week. October 14 is Turn Your City Pink day. (3) September 19 is Thank a Police Officer Day.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to appoint Alaina Tow to the Planning and Zoning Commission until December 2016, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster made a motion to appoint Chuck Agnew to the Planning and Zoning Commission until December 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bo Johnson announced that Daylight Donuts is open and Wing-A-Fish plans to open by the end of September.

Councilor Small reported that the Library Board has added hours and contacted Ms. Nancy Pack from the Alabama Public Library Services for an evaluation. Mr. Dixon informed the Council that Cross Keys paving should begin this month. Cross Keys is the last of the subdivisions that the Council has already voted to pave. Councilor Small asked questions about and discussed the proposed budget.



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Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He informed the Council that the Park Committee will meet next Monday. He suggested that the City purchase an awning for the playground, specifically the slide area.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported that the City received one bid from TUC Pipeline Incorporated for the demolition and cleanup of 6805 Elliott Road. He opened and reported the bid to as \$13,000.00.

Councilor Baker made a motion to accept the bid of \$13,000.00 from TUC Pipeline Incorporated for the demolition and cleanup of 6805 Elliott Road, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$250,000.00; Contractors Bond = \$190,781.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$346,105.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$128,202.98; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$62,066.11; Road Project Fund = \$529,401.90; Contingency Fund = \$579,401.91; BBT Fund= \$44,213.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$104,839.54; and Ballpark Expense = (\$88,089.28).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the weed abatement. There was no response.

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

Councilor Becky Johnson 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: N/A

Nays: Councilor Baker

The motion failed.

Because the Council did not vote go into Unanimous Consent, Mayor Webster introduced the first reading of Ordinance 2015-19, An Ordinance Amending the Title of Ordinance 2014-04.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-44, A Resolution to Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-45, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 2308 Old Springville Road.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-46, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5505 San Marcos Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-47, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5518 San Marcos Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-48, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5522 San Marcos Drive.



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Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-49, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5525 San Marcos Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-50, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5526 San Marcos Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-51, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5904 Elizabeth Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-52, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5909 Elizabeth Drive.

Mr. Dixon summarized Resolution 2015-53, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6092 Lamplighter Way.

Mr. Dixon announced that the Council could vote on these documents at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Linda Hicks of 6778 Trussville Clay Road. Ms. Hicks stated that she is satisfied with the current garbage service but would like for it to be cheaper. She lamented the loss of an historical building when the old school is torn down by Jefferson County Board of Education.

Mayor Webster announced that Mike Booth is holding monthly Community Singings at the Community Center.

Councilor Becky Johnson reminded everyone to buy shirts for Turn Clay Pink day.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that the Public Hearing to discuss the creation of a Clay police force will be held on September 21 at 5:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager