



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 15, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Emily Miller, Minister to Children and Family at Clearview Baptist Church opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick 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 Becky Johnson

Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council minutes of March 1, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the regular council minutes of March 1, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the regular council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, for the opening of bids for Construction of a Parking Lot on Steeple Chase Drive at Cosby Lake. Mr. Burch announced that twelve (12) invitations to bid were sent out and there were two (2) responses.

Mr. Burch opened a bid from Butler General Contractors and announced their bid as being \$16,875.00. Mr. Burch explained that the scope of this work was for Cosby Lake parking by the



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walking trail involving 120' of parking area to be able to park 9 cars. Includes cutting the curb; installing new curbing; 8 inches of gravel; and landscaping timbers to keep the gravel from washing into the creek. Includes all of the work and removing old materials and materials not used. Mr. Burch opened a bid from Joe Gilliland Contractors and announced their bid as being \$9,371.58.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster reported on the Spring Traffic Safety initiative and announced that the Public Safety Committee has come up with a plan to try to prevent traffic accidents during the prom and graduation period for high school seniors. He reported a contest at the high school to choose five slogans to put on signs along the road. The winners would receive \$50 for their slogans. He stated the Art Department at the high school would make the signs.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick announced three events taking place on Saturday March 27. First at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall there will be an unveiling of the historic marker furnished by the Alabama Tourism Bureau for the Small Town Down Town Celebration. Second, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a grand opening for the new Clay Public Library with special speakers and refreshments. Third, the monthly community wide singing will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Councilwoman Hambrick announced that there was a cleanup day last Saturday to prepare for these events on March 27. She thanked everyone involved in preparing for these events and encouraged everyone to be a part of them.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and read a letter from Dr. Sharon Gallant, Principal of the Clay Elementary School. Dr. Gallant thanked the city for the support to the schools and talked about the benefits of The Fable Factory to the students. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to sponsor The Fable Factory, also known as Aesop's Fables, by allotting \$1.00 per student which was seconded by Councilman Small. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson reminded everyone that the Census forms should be arriving in everyone's mailbox soon and encouraged everyone to complete them and mail them back in.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small announced that five roads had been paved in the Chestnut Hills sub-division. He announced that they were evaluating other roads to determine the next roads to be paved. He stated four roads would be submitted to the county that needed paving.

Councilman Small stated that one of the Public Works vehicles had over 190,000 miles on it and needed to be replaced. He made a motion to replace this vehicle by purchasing a truck off the state bid list for \$21,930.32 out of the 7 cent Gas Tax and, when the current truck is sold, use those funds to reimburse the 7 cent Gas Tax. Councilman Webster seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster reminded everyone that opening day at the ballpark would be April 3.

Councilman Webster stated he had talked to Brian Rushing with Fresh Water Land Trust concerning the purchase of the property at Cosby Lake. He stated Mr. Rushing would be sending the agreement to us and, once we complete it, we can move forward with the purchase of the property.



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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reminded everyone of the two citywide yard sales in April. The first on April 16 and 17 at the Seniors Center and the second one at Bryant Park on April 24. He reported the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$232,551.13; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$140,629.10; AmFund Account = \$1,052,366.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$149,856.88; Contractors Bond = \$43,198.30; General Fund = \$785,907.08; Library Fund = \$5,564.81; Park and Recreation Fund = \$8,654.37; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$9,124.17.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Jim Gunter, candidate for County Commissioner District 4. Mr. Gunter expressed his excitement of the work being done at Cosby Lake which, he stated, was in his backyard. He stated this would be the most important election ever in the County due to the \$5 Billion deficit. He stated that agreements made with the Cities had to be restored to include agreements for roads. Mr. Gunter stated he was a Clay resident and looked forward to making this place a good place to live.

Mr. George Post was recognized and reminded everyone that Election Day was June 1.

Mr. Russell Steen, City Attorney, was recognized and reported that Ms. Amber Ladner, Candidate for Circuit Judge, was scheduled to be here tonight but had some scheduling problems and would like to reschedule for a later date.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon was postponed until Tuesday March 23 because the Mayor was unable to attend tomorrow.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday April 5 but the City Council meeting for April 19 would be held at the Bryant Park Civic Club.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer