



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 5, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Charles Webster opened in prayer and 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 meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2011. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2011, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a 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 Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster recognized Deputy Terry Scott who reported that a safety checkpoint had been instituted the previous week. Deputy Scott also announced that speeding remains an issue around Cosby Lake where construction is ongoing and encouraged everyone to drive safely in this area. Councilman Feemster pointed out that the cutting for the curb has begun at Cosby Lake, and this location requires special attention when driving. He also announced that the Public Safety Council began working on a city wide emergency action plan for inclement weather on a building by building basis.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She thanked Councilman Feemster for his emergency action plan. She encouraged people to browse Clay Library's facebook and website. Councilwoman Hambrick reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade



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will be held December 10, at 3:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to participate. She called on Mr. Guy Scott for a report from the Seniors Center. He stated that the seniors remain busy and reminded everyone that Linda Love keeps a monthly calendar. She announced that the parade's Grand Marshall will be Senator Slade Blackwell and his 3 children. Councilwoman Hambrick also announced that Miss Alabama will be at the parade. She reported that, despite the SEC Championship game, the Christmas Tree Lighting had a good turnout and that Miss Clay Chalkville High School 2011, Olivia Vaughn, was present and led the countdown.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson announced the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party would be on December 12, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the Seafood Market. The cost will be \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. She announced the Clay Elementary School Choir Christmas program and PTA meeting would be on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Johnson also announced the Jingle Bell Run fundraiser for Physical Education Department on December 16, at 4:00 p.m., at Clay Elementary School. The cost to participate is \$10 per person. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to appoint Andy Driggers to the Board of Zoning Adjustments, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** and stated that the Public Works Department continues to work to get the city ready for Christmas festivities, such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade; and reported that they continue to work at Cosby Lake and the ballpark.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report on the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He thanked the Public Works department for their hard work. He announced a plan to continue the split rail fence on Old Springville Road at the Cosby Lake Park. Councilman Webster encouraged attendance at the Community Singing, which will be held on December 10, 2011, at 6:00 pm.

Mayor McGuffie reminded everyone of the One Mile Walk around Cosby Lake tomorrow December 6. Mayor McGuffie announced that the first segment was scheduled to air on Fox 6 at 6:50 a.m.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,111.23; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$99,248.87; Capital Improvement Fund = \$541,179.51; Concession Stand = \$3,634.21; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$238,687.86; Library Fund = \$6,502.53; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$8,593.82.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.



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That motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 33, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for The Environmental Committee, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 33 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 34, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for The Finance Committee, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 34 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 35, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for The Park Board, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 35 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None



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Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 36, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for The Public Safety Committee, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 36 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 37, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for The School Committee, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 37 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 38, A Resolution for An Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 38 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

Councilman Feemster explained that the contract will satisfy the state bid law as well as save time and money when purchasing equipment for the city, and asked if City Attorney Russell Steen has read and is comfortable with the contract. City Attorney Russell Steen would like the contract to state that it complies with the state bid law.

Councilwoman Johnson withdrew her motion to approve Resolution 2011-38, and motioned to table the Resolution for further review, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None



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

Mr. George Post was recognized, and asked for clarification on the time and parking location of the Our One Mile walk Tuesday December 6. Mayor McGuffie informed him that people should arrive at 6:30 am and park at the Cosby Lake House.

Ms. Gail Kosher was recognized and invited everyone to a Christmas concert at Faith Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday December 11. She also inquired about the disappearance of a road sign on Goodner Mountain Rd. Councilman Feemster agreed to contact the county about replacing the sign.

Ms. Pat Feemster was recognized and announced the sale of Clay Historical Society's Christmas Ornaments honoring Taylor Memorial Methodist Church. The cost for the ornament is \$12. Ms. Feemster stated that all money is reinvested in the community. She said some ornaments will be available at City Hall or the Library, but to contact any member of the Historical Society for more information.

Mayor McGuffie called for any more Public Comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilwoman Hambrick who thanked City Clerk Bobby Christmas for being Santa Claus for the Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that she and City Clerk Bobby Christmas attended the Celebration of Excellence at Clay Chalkville High School, and that she and Councilwoman Hambrick enjoyed a dinner event with the governor. She also announced that the School Committee will not meet on January 9.

Mayor McGuffie announced that he attended the 110th anniversary dinner of the Boys & Girls Club.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday December 19, 2011.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk