



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 18, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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. Mr. Dixon 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 Johnson      Councilor Halstead      Councilor Small      Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Baker      Councilor Thackerson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 3, 2014.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 3, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:*

*Yeas: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Small, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

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

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster stated that he had nothing new to report on the **Finance Committee**.

Councilor Baker was not present for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported the opening of a new business, Jurrell's Cheer, which will provide training for cheerleaders. He also thanked Don Isbell for all of his hard work.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson reported the following: (1) The Seniors will have breakfast at Chick-fil-a on Wednesday, February 19. (2) Clay Chalkville High School won first



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place at the Cheersport National Competition. (3) Clay Chalkville Middle School placed third in the Cheersport competition. (4) Clay Chalkville High School will host Career Day on Wednesday, February 19.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He thanked the Public Works Department and Public Works Superintendent for their work during the last snow. The Library Board will meet on March 11. The Public Works Department is awaiting cooperative weather to patch roads.

**Councilor Thackerson** was not present for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**.

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 reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$524,962.20; Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,149.86; Library Fund = \$1,070.32; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$181,327.42; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$193,548.00; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$206,098.65; Road Project Fund = \$50,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$12,768.50; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$6,664.55.

Councilor Halstead asked about the intention of growing the Contingency Fund and Road Project Fund. Mr. Dixon stated that the money for both funds comes out of the General Fund. He further stated that after the sales tax increase has been in effect a little longer he would like to have a few months of expenses in the Contingency Fund and then put the rest in the Road Project Fund because many roads in the City are in need of repair.

Councilor Small discussed Ordinance 2013-20. Councilor Small explained that he would like to consider removing the earmark from this Ordinance and allowing the annual Council approved budget to determine how funds are spent. After further discussion, the Council opted to wait to vote until more Councilors are present. Mr. Dixon told the Council he would put it on the next meeting's agenda.

City Attorney Alan Summers asked the Mayor and City Manager about the procedure for collecting bonds. Mr. Dixon explained that ordinances are in place designating a 100% bond for streets, but that the Ordinance has not been complied with in the past.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living at 6927 Mountain View Drive. He asked about Councilor Thackerson's absence.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Chuck Agnew who identified himself as living at 6340 Yellowhammer Drive. Mr. Agnew expressed concern about a leaning tree on Old Springville Road. Councilor Johnson explained that she has contacted Alabama Power about this tree and they have promised to cut the tree. He also questioned the Council about the possibility of a Clay Post Office.



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Mayor Webster explained that he attended a meeting about one year ago when the current Clay Post Office was in danger of being closed. He was told that as long as Clay's post office generates revenue it will stay open. In order for Clay residents to have a Clay zip code, the City needs to finalize its boundaries before moving forward.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster announced that the City still has some trees available for giveaway.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 6:30 pm

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager