



**City of Clay**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 6, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Charles Webster 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  
Councilman Kevin Small  
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick  
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent. Councilwoman Becky Johnson

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes of June 21, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010, called meeting. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the called meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, and, in accordance with the meeting agenda, Mayor McGuffie called for State Representative Allen Treadaway to speak but he was not present.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Bettye Fine Collins, President, Jefferson County Commission, who thanked everyone for letting her represent them for the last 16 years as their County Commissioner. She talked about some of the accomplishments that have taken place in Clay that she had a part in and presented the City with a check for \$5,000 to go toward a permanent sign at the Clay Library. Mayor McGuffie and Library Director, Karen Moody, accepted the check on behalf of the city.



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Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Lynneice Washington who introduced herself as a candidate for District Judge – Place 10. She gave some background information on herself and qualifications for this position and asks for everyone's vote.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2010-05, A Proclamation Recognizing Friends of the Clay Library, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilman Small made a motion to approve Proclamation 2010-05 which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilwoman Hambrick and Mayor McGuffie gave out certificates of appreciation and a gift certificate to members of the Friends of the Clay Library. Councilwoman Hambrick thanked the Friends of the Clay Library for their hard work at the Library and invited everyone to stay after the council meeting for a reception in their honor. Ms. Lisa Halstead, Director of the Friends of the Clay Library, and Ms. Karen Moody, Library Director, spoke of the accomplishments of the Library since it opened in October 2009.

Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, was recognized for the opening of bids. Mr. Burch announced the first bid opening would be for the paving of a section of Cheryl Drive and Chrissy Drive. He stated that there were 11 bids sent out and two responses. He announced that Butler Contractors bid \$50,262 for Cheryl Drive and \$18,748 for Chrissy Drive. He announced that Norris Paving bid \$51,063.60 for Cheryl Drive and \$19,026.50 for Chrissy Drive.

The next bid was for Harness Circle and Harness Lane. Mr. Burch announced that 11 bids were sent out for this project and two responses. He announced that Butler Contractors bid \$31,847 for Harness Circle and \$4,070 for Harness Lane. He announced that Norris Paving bid \$33,969.60 for Harness Circle and \$4,341.60 for Harness Lane. Mayor McGuffie announced that the apparent low bidder for both projects was Butler Contractors but the bids would be checked out and awarded later.

Mayor McGuffie announced the opening bids for Storm Water / Erosion Control materials for the ballpark. Mr. Burch announced that the bids received did not have a total and would have to be reviewed to check bid totals and equivalent materials bid on. Mr. Burch announced that Central Seed and Supply; Hanes GEO Components, Sunshine Supply Company and Universal Seed and Supply had bid on these materials. The Mayor announced that there was a consultant on this job who would review these bids and make recommendations concerning equivalent materials bid on. Councilman Feemster questioned the number of bids sent out which City Clerk Bobby Christmas responded that there were ten companies the bid was sent to, as well as, being sent to MyDataFax.com who puts bids on their web site for vendors to bid from. The City Clerk announced that the four bidders that Mr. Burch announced submitted bids were bidders that were among the ten individuals that were sent an invitation to bid.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster stated that he did not have anything to report at this time.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick stated she did not have any additional comments.



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Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was not present to give a report.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small announced that all seven abatement projects that were approved in the last council meeting had been completed. Councilman Small stated that there was a need for another vehicle in Public Works to transport employees and equipment. He announced the state bid list for the type truck needed was \$17,630 and Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a truck off the state bid list to be paid out of the Gas Tax funds. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster stated he had nothing to report tonight.

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 reported on the balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,819.93; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$101,524.98; AmFund Account = \$770,299.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$180,566.74; Concession Stand = \$4,550.97; Contractors Bond = \$43,287.72; General Fund = \$612,116.59; Library Fund = \$6,357.02; Park and Recreation Fund = \$76.16; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,280.47.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 21, A Resolution for Sales Tax Holiday, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 21 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

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

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

Nays: None



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Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 22, A Resolution Amending the Board of Zoning Adjustments Bylaws, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Mr. Russell Steen, City Attorney, reported the following changes: (1) page 2 should leave items A – H as a part of the bylaws and not delete them; and (2) page 4 last paragraph Section 1 shall read – the Board shall assign to the Secretary the responsibility of recording and transcribing the notes of all official Board meetings and prepare minutes for circulation approved by the Board.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 22 as amended which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. Ronnie Dixon was recognized and introduced himself as a candidate for Jefferson County Commissioner. Mr. Dixon stated that this election would be one of the most important in the history of the county. He encouraged everyone to vote.

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

Under Mayor and/or Council Comments, Councilwoman Hambrick recognized the Library Board as being Ms. Sheryl Spivey, Chairlady; Mr. Tom Blake; Mr. Ron Self; and Ms. Sheryl Stewart and expressed her appreciation to them for the work they do.

Councilwoman Hambrick expressed appreciation to Ms. Lynn Christmas, Ms. Pat Feemster and Ms. Sheryl Stewart for decorating and serving refreshments tonight.

Mayor McGuffie announced there would be a special called meeting Wednesday July 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday July 19 at the Clay Community Center.

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

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk / Treasurer