



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 18, 2014

At 6:00 p.m. August 18, 2014, a ceremony was held at Clay City Hall for the swearing in of Bo Johnson as City Councilor – Place 4.

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, August 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. Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker	Councilor Johnson	Councilor Bo Johnson
Councilor Small	Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of August 4, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of August 4, 2014, 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 the Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, 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

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor Webster recognized Clay Chalkville High School principal, Mr. Michael Lee, who submitted a report of the donation spending. Mr. Lee stated that all three schools have benefited from the donations. The High School used their donation monies for technology upgrades. Mayor Webster announced that the first Clay Chalkville High School football game will be televised on ESPNU and that tickets are for sale for \$12.00.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet at Cosby Lake House on Monday, August 25.



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Councilor Becky Johnson stated Clay will participate in a tri-city Pink Out on October 22 and invited churches to participate.

Councilor Bo Johnson reviewed inspections and permits from July 2014, weed and structure abatements, and stated he would work on putting together his committees.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He reported that the library will adopt new hours beginning September 2 and discussed road conditions. Mr. Dixon reviewed the various developments which are in need of top coat. Cross Keys, Renwood, Garden Valley Lane, and Canterbury Road all need wearable surface. San Moore Drive and Steeplechase Parkway are both in poor condition and will require work. The total cost for paving requirements deemed necessary or required is \$490,500.00 before performance bonds are applied. The Council discussed bidding and opted to purchase material and bid only the labor.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He announced that the drawings for Cosby Lake Park are complete and he would like to move forward with building restrooms at the park. After discussion, the Council decided that the most fiscally responsible option would be to break the Cosby Lake Park upgrades into phases with the bathrooms being the most important.

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 = \$187,692.17; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,930.48; Library Fund = \$10,328.68; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$478,431.88; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$42,048.84; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$254,386.41; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$37,500.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$84,823.92; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$75,272.25.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for demolition of the structure located at 5909 Elizabeth Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor 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

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-19, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.



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Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-19, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. 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 Resolution 2014-20, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-20, 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 called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Gail Kohser who identified herself as living at 7090 Goodner Mountain Road. Ms. Kohser asked the Council for clarification on the 5 mil property tax levied by the City.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Dennis Locke who identified himself as Steeplechase. Mr. Locke thanked the Council for beginning the process to repave roads in need of repair.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager