



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES December 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2016, 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 Locke opened in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Locke, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2016.

*Councilor Locke made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2016, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson 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 tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** reported that he and Mr. Dixon met with Sheriff Hale regarding acquiring new deputies and the new cameras purchased by Clay. He also reported that the state will move forward with plans after they receive an appraisal on the property.

**Councilor Baker** thanked the employees for all of their work over the holidays. He thanked the deputies for working on the parking complaints he has relayed.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** announced that the Senior Center will be closed for two weeks over the upcoming holidays and reported the recent events at the senior center.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** informed the Council that Pasquales will open on Tuesday, December 20. The Council discussed upcoming new businesses moving to Clay.



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**Councilor Locke** announced the grant winners: Mandy Evans, Clay Elementary School; Susan Gerhardt, Clay Chalkville Middle School; and Chris Quales, Clay Chalkville High School.

**Councilor Thackerson** asked for progress on the girls' school property. Mayor Webster reported the findings from the meeting with the state and stated that he would keep the Council updated.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon introduced Mr. David Cork of Cork Hill and Company to present the annual audit. Mr. Cork informed the Council that he has nothing bad to say about the City's finances. He explained that the revenues were in excess of the expenditures by approximately \$700,000.00 dollars.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$297,223.59; Contractors Bond = \$147,083.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$352,619.08; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$115,305.12; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$54,921.46; Building Fund = \$200,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,000,000.00; BBT Fund = \$50,463.84; Ballpark Registration Income = \$8,645.00; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$21,567.04).

Mr. Dixon informed the Council that there have been multiple complaints about the roads in Winchester Hills subdivision and he would like the Council to consider finishing the roads in that subdivision. Mr. Dixon explained that there are approximately 75 lots to be developed in the back section of the subdivision; but he would like to consider finishing the roads before the post office discontinues mail service to the residents. The Council discussed the subdivision, roads, and road bonds for Winchester Hills subdivision. The Council asked Mr. Dixon to get a price for finishing the roads in the developed area of Winchester Hills.

Mr. Dixon also informed the Council that the City will need to purchase and recondition some football equipment.

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Bo 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-65, A Resolution Abating the Property at 7535 Old Springville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-65, which was seconded by Councilor*



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

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-66, A Resolution Abating Weeds on Multiple Properties in Highland Green Sector 3, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-66, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-67, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 2146 Sweeney Hollow Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-67, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-68, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6513 Eagle Ridge Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-68, which was seconded by Councilor Bo 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-69, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6734 Old Springville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-69, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-70, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6735 Old Springville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-70, which was seconded by Councilor Locke.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-71, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6739 Old Springville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-71, which was seconded by Councilor Bo 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-72, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6833 Murray Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-72, which was seconded by Councilor Becky 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Kevin Small of 6839 Charles Drive who thanked the Council for adding new Christmas lights. He also expressed concern about the amount of time the City has had to wait for additional deputies. He suggested purchasing more cameras as well, asked for an update about the zip code, asked if the next school donation is approaching, and asked for a comment about a recent facebook post. Mr. Dixon answered that the next school donation would be disbursed in January and that the City has sent a letter to the postmaster about a zip code and is anticipating a response after the next Presidential inauguration. Mayor Webster addressed Mr. Small's concern about the sheriff's office.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager