



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 4, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2013, 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. City Manager Ronnie Dixon 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 Small

Councilor Halstead
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2013.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson 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 Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced Chief Donnie West of the Center Point Fire Department. Chief West discussed the annexation hearing for Station 5. He stated that the Center Point Fire District answers three cities and Station 4 is in heart of Clay. Chief West also suggested allowing fire department to present an annual report. He stated that the Center Point Fire District has grown to over 100 men and women and answered over 7,000 calls last year. He thanked the city for the continued relationship. Mayor Webster thanked Chief West and the Fire Department for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Webster introduced the presentation of Proclamation 2013-04, A Proclamation to Recognize the Clay Chalkville Middle School Cheerleading Squad, which was read aloud by City Manager, Ronnie Dixon. Mr. Dixon played a DVD of the cheerleaders' routine from the cheerleading competition.



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Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2013-04, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster then presented the Proclamation to the Clay Chalkville Middle School Cheerleaders.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-05, Annexation of 5470 Chalkville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-04. City Manager Ronnie Dixon explained that just before the meeting, he was contacted by a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to request that the Council remove Ordinance 2013-04 from tonight's agenda. Mr. Dixon explained that there are still some items to be reviewed for change.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that the Finance Committee will meet on March 14 at 10:00 am at City Hall.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker asked the Mayor and City Manager if there have been any updates on the part time deputies. Mr. Dixon stated that the city has received an amendment to the current contract to add a second contract deputy at a pro-rated cost until the end of the current contract. Mr. Dixon explained that if the Council decides to add the second deputy, it will take approximately 4-6 weeks before the second deputy can begin working in the City. Councilor Baker stated that the Public Safety Committee will review this addendum on Monday, March 11, and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the Pit BBQ plans to open at the end of March or the beginning of April. McAnally's Mercantile is moving forward to begin working on the facility. It should be approximately 6 – 8 months before the store will open. The Community Development and Annexation Committee held its first meeting. There are 13 members and 2 potential additional members. This committee will meet again tomorrow night. He plans to split this committee into an annexations subcommittee and a community development subcommittee.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson thanked the Cheerleaders for attending tonight's meeting. She announced that the Senior Center calendar and menu are available online and at the Senior Center. Councilor Johnson thanked Co-Directors Linda Plummer and Beth Petty for their hard work at the Seniors Center and encouraged anyone over 60 to visit.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Work Department and Library Board** and announced that there are ongoing projects for the Public Works Department and the Library. The Public Works employees continue to remove storm debris and the Library is still working on the outdoor reading area and sign. An organizational meeting for Friends of the Library



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will take place on April 7 at 2:00 pm. Mayor Webster relayed a resident's story about Public Works Superintendent Josh Isbell's dedication. He thanked Mr. Isbell for his hard work.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that the disc golf course is cleared and the baskets arrived today.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon asked the Council to consider declaring three pieces of equipment as surplus. The three items are: a dump truck with 356,639 miles, a dump truck with 265,000 miles, and a 1970's model motor grader. The price will be set at \$4,500.00 as a combined sale.

One other piece of equipment to be considered for surplus declaration is a fiberglass boat with a 28 horsepower motor. Mr. Dixon explained that no one seems to know the origins or if it runs. There is no title for this boat, but he does have the tag number. The price for this would be \$1,500.00.

Councilor Halstead asked who would buy these items and the suggested prices. Mr. Dixon explained that a motor dealer who has suggested the price for the automobiles. He further explained that the boat price comes from research on the type and model of boat. There has been a \$1,000.00 offer for the boat, but Mr. Dixon feels that the offer is a little low.

Councilor Small made a motion to declare these items of equipment as surplus, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon then discussed the dedication of Yorkshire Drive. He explained that this should have been done in 2009 when the contractor's bond was released, but it was never brought before the Council. He further explained that all the work is complete on this road.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to accept Yorkshire Drive, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** 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 Halstead.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-05, An Ordinance Annexing 5470 Chalkville Road, which was previously read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-05 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 Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-09, A Resolution Awarding Garbage Bid, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Mr. Dixon explained that curbside recycling will be mandatory in the city. The cost for this new contract is \$0.65 per month more expensive.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-09 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-10, A Resolution Releasing Weed Abatement Lien at 5791 Donna Circle, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-10 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$120,221.27; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$140,323.94; Capital Improvement Fund = \$69,584.29; General Fund = \$619,011.58; Library Fund = \$3,252.53; Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,348.69; Ballpark Revenue = \$47,017.39; and Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96. He also announced that the City's audit report should be available in May.

Mr. Dixon suggested that the Council change the fiscal year end date back to September 30, so that the auditors will be able to perform the annual audit in a timely fashion. The current year end date is December 31, and that requires the audit to be performed in the middle of tax season.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to change the fiscal year to October 1-September 30, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager