



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 21, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 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. Pastor 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 Small Councilor Thackerson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Baker 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 unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor Webster had nothing new to report.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, July 28, at Cosby Lake House.

Councilor Johnson announced that the Seniors will celebrate their 10th Anniversary in September. Mr. Dixon announced that Taylor Memorial will host a Bless the Backpack event on August 2 and 3.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He reported that the library is will be temporarily closed on Wednesday. The County forecasts being finished with Old Springville Road by mid-September.



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Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He announced the architect for Cosby Lake Park has some plans ready for bathrooms and parking.

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 = \$171,883.50; Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,120.43; Library Fund = \$8,664.35; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$479,984.38; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$34,333.40; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$249,097.55; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$25,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$66,021.92; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$68,958.25.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-04, An Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Use and Support of the Municipal Government Through the General Fund of the City of Clay, Alabama, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

The Council discussed earmarking the funds raised through Ad Valorem Taxes. City Attorney Alan Summers and City Manager Ronnie Dixon cautioned the Council against earmarking funds for something that may never come to fruition rather than using funds for daily maintenance requests from residents.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-04 amended to earmark the funds raised by this ad valorem tax to be used for a school system for the City of Clay or – in the event that the residents do not vote to raise their property taxes for a school system – the funds will be used for Public Safety. The title will read An Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Use and Support of a Clay City School System or Clay Public Safety Through the General Fund of the City of Clay, Alabama. The motion was seconded by Councilor Small. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Small, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: Councilor Thackerson

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Raymond Best of Best Insurance. He gave the Council a packet regarding the City's insurance coverage under Best Insurance Agency. Mr. Best defended his insurance practice and questioned the City Council's decision to change agent of record to Byars Wright.



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Mr. George Alcorn who thanked Mr. Best for his service during the first and second administration.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, August 4, 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 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager