



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 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 the Reverend Perry Macon of First Baptist Church Woodlawn opened in prayer.

Councilman Charles Webster 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

Councilwoman Becky Johnson

Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes of July 6, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 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 Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2010-06, A Proclamation to Recognize the Clay 8u Cougars, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Proclamation 2010-06 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Webster announced that \$500 was being contributed to the team from the park fund to help with expenses of travel to Southaven, Mississippi for the Dizzy Dean World Series. Mayor McGuffie announced also that \$500



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from the City of Clay; \$500 from the Concession Stand; and \$100 from the City Attorney was being donated to help with these expenses.

Mayor McGuffie and Councilman Webster made presentations of the funds being donated to the Coaches during a photo opportunity with the coaches and team.

Councilman Webster announced that Clay 10 year old girls softball team finished second and the 9 and 10 year old teams played in the Dizzy Dean Tournament and congratulated them for their accomplishments.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster reported that the storm water work at the park was ongoing and the slopes are in the process of being stabilized.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the Library's summer reading program had about two more sessions left this summer. She stated that Ms. Moody, Library Director, had word from State Representative Allen Treadaway that he had a donation for the Library that they would be using for two new computers and some other equipment. The Seniors had no report.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and made a motion to give \$500 to Clay Elementary School. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small announced that there would be a resolution coming up for some paving throughout the city. He reported that a contractors bond had been recovered that will allow for the resurfacing of an abandoned road. Also, Councilman Small announced a new in-house process for Public Works work orders that will improve this procedure.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster made a motion to send Park Director, Mike Stanley, to the Dizzy Dean World Series as a representative for the City. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster introduced a letter from the State of Alabama Health Department and presented some signs "Young Lungs at Play – Tobacco Free Park". Councilman Webster stated these signs were free and he wanted to get some for the ballpark and also check with the principals to see if they would like some for the schools.

Councilman Webster announced that a check for \$2,500 had been received from State Representative Allen Treadaway for use at the parks for park benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles. He stated he would inform the Park Board of this donation and for them to decide what to do with it.

Councilman Webster reported that the parking lot on Steeple Chase Drive at the park bridge should be completed within the next few weeks.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.



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Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported on the balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,881.96; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$101,568.05; AmFund Account = \$770,510.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$180,662.78; Concession Stand = \$4,815.09; Contractors Bond = \$43,299.58; General Fund = \$613,961.35; Library Fund = \$6,011.40; Park and Recreation Fund = \$677.67; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,294.76.

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 Webster.

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, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 23; A Resolution to Award a Bid for Resurfacing Sections of Cheryl Drive, Chrissy Drive, Harness Circle and Harness Lane; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 23 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 24, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Eliminate a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 24 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, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None



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Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 25, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 25 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, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

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

Mr. Carmon Love was recognized and introduced himself as living on Advent Circle in Trussville. Mr. Love announced that there was a developer trying to build an apartment complex on Deerfoot Parkway and is asking the Town of Argo to provide fire protection for these apartments. Mr. Love stated that these apartments would be in Jefferson County which would mean the kids would be zoned for Clay Schools. Mr. Love encouraged everyone to attend a work session by the Town of Argo Mayor and Council in the morning at 8:00 a.m. where they will be discussing their possibility of providing fire protection for these apartments.

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

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday August 2 at the Clay Community Center.

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

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer