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November 5, 2012
City Council Swearing In Ceremony

At 6:00 p.m. November 5, 2012, a ceremony was held at the Clay Community Center for the swearing in of the new Mayor and City Council. Pastor Robbie Weems, Clearview Baptist Church, opened the ceremony with a devotional. Attorney Alan Summers swore Charles Webster in as Mayor, Mark Halstead as City Councilor – Place 4, Ben Thackerson as City Councilor – Place 3, and Ricky Baker as City Councilor – Place 5. Pastor Bo Johnson swore in Becky Johnson as City Councilor – Place 1 and Pastor Chase Thompson swore Kevin Small in as City Councilman – Place 2. A reception followed the swearing in ceremony until 7:00 p.m.

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City Council Minutes

The City Council of the City of Clay met for an organizational meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Bobby Christmas, City Clerk, served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's swearing in of the new Mayor and Council and the Organizational meeting.

Mayor Webster called on Pastor Robbie Weems, Clearview Baptist Church, to open the meeting in prayer.

Councilor Thackerson 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:

Councilor Baker
Councilor Small

Councilor Halstead
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Councilor Small made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved unanimously by voice vote.



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Mayor Webster called for a nomination of one of the members of the Council to serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilor Small made a motion that Councilor Johnson serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilor Halstead seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the nomination of Alan Summers as City Attorney. Councilor Baker made a motion that Alan Summers be appointed as the City Attorney. Councilor Small seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilor Johnson made a motion to 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 2012 – 09; An Organizational Ordinance for the Term 2012 – 2016. City Clerk Bobby Christmas read the Ordinance.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012 – 09 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2012 – 10; An Ordinance Establishing Committees for the Term 2012 – 2016. City Clerk Bobby Christmas read the Ordinance.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012 – 10 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 called an end to unanimous consent and announced the appointment of standing committees and asked the Councilors for a report as follows:



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Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Baker will be over the Committee on Public Safety. Councilor Baker stated his goal is to improve safety in the City of Clay and invited anyone interested to be a part of this committee.

Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Halstead will be over the Committee on Community Development and Annexations as well as being the liaison to the Building Inspections Department. Councilor Halstead announced that he is looking forward to working for the City.

Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Johnson will be over the Committee on Schools as well as serving as liaison to the Seniors and as the Councilor Ex-Officio to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Johnson expressed her excitement over the crowd at this meeting. She invited all attendees to come back to City Council meetings on a regular basis.

Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Small will be the liaison to the Public Works Department as well as the Library Board. Councilor Small stated that he is looking forward to working with the Public Works Department and Clay Public Library. He announced a science fiction book club meeting at the library scheduled for November 15. Councilor Small asked Mayor Webster if the Abatement Board would fall under the responsibility of the Public Works Department or the Building Inspections. Mayor Webster stated he would have an answer for him at the next meeting.

Mayor Webster announced that Councilor Thackerson will be the liaison to the Park and Recreation Board. Councilor Thackerson announced that he has been involved with the Park Board for a long time and the Board is currently taking applications for open positions.

Mayor Webster announced that many of these boards and committees have open positions and urged anyone interested in serving to contact Andrea Self at City Hall to obtain more information.

Mayor Webster directed the Council's attention to Ordinance 2012-08, An Ordinance to Amend the Business License Ordinance Issuance Fee. He asked the Council to review the Ordinance and announced that it would be discussed and voted on at the next City Council Meeting.

Mayor Webster then introduced information about Christmas decorations included in the Council's informational packet. Mayor Webster stated that he does not like to introduce and vote on spending money at the same meeting, but this situation is unavoidable. He stated that the Council was emailed this information the previous week and have had time to review the estimates. Mayor Webster stated that in 2011 the City spent approximately \$12,000.00 on preparing for the Christmas season's festivities. Councilor Johnson stated that the City will need to contract a company to do this soon if they want to hire a company this year.



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Councilor Halstead asked City Attorney Alan Summers if the Council could pass a motion or if the Council should enter into Unanimous Consent. City Attorney Alan Summers stated that a motion would suffice. Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve a three year lease with Christmas Décor which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for the Council to adopt a motion providing that all administrative officers and employees, including the City Clerk, of the municipality shall continue in their respective duties temporarily, pending such time as the Council shall make permanent appointments. Councilor Johnson made a motion as stated which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for Public Comments and recognized Mr. George Post who congratulated the new Council.

Mayor Webster recognized the attendance of County Commissioner Joe Knight.

Mayor Webster called for any Mayor and/or Council Comments and recognized Councilor Johnson who announced the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon would be held Monday, November 12 at the Grayson Valley Country Club and asked veterans to call City Hall to RSVP. She also announced the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting would both take place on December 1. Councilor Johnson thanked Ms. Sherri Hood for organizing the reception for the swearing in ceremony. Ms. Hood expressed her desire to get the community more involved.

Councilor Small encouraged the crowd to not assume the Council knows everything happening in the city and to contact City Hall or the Councilors to inform them of a situation that needs to be addressed.

Councilor Thackerson and Mayor Webster thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer