



City of Clay
P.O. Box 345
Clay, Al 35048-0345

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Mr. James Harbison opened in prayer and 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:

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick	Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Kevin Small	Councilman Charles Webster
Mayor Ed McGuffie	

Absent: Councilman L. B. Feemster

Mayor McGuffie announced that Councilman Feemster had a therapy session that afternoon.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of October 4, 2012.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of October 4, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilwoman Johnson asked to add Sherry Zorn and Mike Hale as guest speakers to tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced special guest speaker Mrs. Diana Hale, Sherriff Hale's wife and breast cancer survivor, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mrs. Hale shared statistics about breast cancer, her experience with the disease, and reminded women to screen early for breast cancer. She also recommended support groups for survivors.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Mrs. Sherry Zorn, breast cancer survivor. Mrs. Zorn introduced herself as Mayor Elect Webster's sister. She shared her experience with the disease. She advised regular mammograms, and thanked the American Cancer Society for aiding her during her diagnosis and recovery. She thanked the Council for inviting her tonight.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Sheriff Mike Hale. Sheriff Hale thanked the Council and citizens for allowing them to speak tonight. Sheriff Hale explained why Breast Cancer Awareness Month is so important to him, citing his experience as the spouse of a breast cancer survivor, support groups, and research fundraisers.



CITY OF CLAY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 18, 2012

Sheriff Hale, on behalf of the citizens of Clay, thanked Councilmembers Hambrick and Feemster and Mayor McGuffie for their service to the City of Clay. He wished luck to the next administration, stating that the citizens of Clay are dependent on the new administration, and recognizing that progress in City government often happens at a slow pace.

Mayor McGuffie and the Council presented the speakers with a copy of Proclamation 2012-05, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small thanked Sheriff Hale for the job well done by Deputy Scott.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was not present for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She announced the Library's Book Club Meeting was held Tuesday, October 16, the craft program is an ongoing success, and that Story Time takes place on the third Thursday of each month. She asked that citizens continue to support the Library. Library Director, Karen Moody, announced that the library is also participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month by creating a visual representation of the amount of women affected by breast cancer, and asked that residents come to the library to see and/or participate. Councilwoman Hambrick stated that the seniors continue to take day trips and have recently visited Gee's Bend. She thanked Senior Activity Center Director, Linda Love, for her continued work at the Seniors Center. She thanked the citizens for caring about the city and stated that she would continue to pray for Clay and be a part of the community.

Councilwoman Johnson was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**. She discussed the following items: (1) Clay Chalkville Middle School will create a live pink ribbon Friday, October 19, at 9:00 or 9:30 am. (2) Race for the Cure will be held on Saturday, October 20. (3) Read a thank you note from Clay Elementary School for the City's donation. (4) The City will host a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, November 12, at the Grayson Valley Country Club. (5) The Christmas Parade will take place on the first Saturday in December at 3:30 pm. The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place after the parade. (6) The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday October 25.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Small announced that he will lead a sci-fi reading group at the library. The first meeting will take place on November 13. He discussed a report from Deputy Scott. The Public Works Department has noted all of the street lights on Old Springville Road that are not working correctly. He stated that the City will work with Alabama Power to make sure that the lights on Old Springville Road are all functioning properly.

Councilman Small made a motion to put out a bid for paving Torrey Pines Circle, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small stated that he is looking at putting garbage service out for bid in the near future. Councilwoman Johnson asked that the City also ask about curbside pickup for recycling.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He thanked the Mayor and Councilwoman Hambrick for their service. He stated that his goal as incoming Mayor is to do what is best for the city without any personal agendas. He asked for daily prayer from citizens of Clay.

He announced that Park Superintendent Will Collins has submitted a request for field care with three proposed bids included, but that he wanted to give more companies an opportunity to submit their bids.

Councilman Webster made a motion to sign a contract with Mighty Green Lawn Service for two months for weed control, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.



CITY OF CLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 18, 2012

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas introduced Mr. Mike Cason from the Birmingham News who will be the representative from the news to cover our meetings. Mr. Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$84,822.50; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$103,997.91; Capital Improvement Fund = \$97,221.05; Contractors Bond = \$53,375.76; General Fund = \$346,583.46; Library Fund = \$2,525.40; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,998.25.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent.

Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

Yeas: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 23, A Resolution Authorizing Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-23 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 24, A Resolution to Award the Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Structures, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-24 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

Yeas: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilwoman Hambrick who stated that she has noticed cars parking on the embankment by the library and requested that the City rope off this area.

Councilwoman Johnson thanked Sherry Hood for her help tonight.

Mayor McGuffie thanked everyone and said it has been an honor to serve for the last four years wishes nothing but the best for the next administration.

City Attorney Russ Steen announced that he appreciates working with everyone.



CITY OF CLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 18, 2012

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting and swearing in ceremony would be Monday November 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk