



City of Clay
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PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES

August 3, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama held a Pre-Council meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Webster presiding and City Manager Ronnie Dixon serving as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order.

Council members present were:

Councilor Ricky Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Kevin Small, Councilor Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

The Council discussed the agenda items for the regular City Council meeting.

Mr. Dixon updated the Council on the football and cheer registration and the Summer Reading Program. The Council discussed purchasing a 25 person bus. The bus is valued at \$15,000.00 by a third party bus company and is being sold for \$10,000.00.

Mr. Dixon informed the Council that Dr. Gallant will attend the Council meeting to discuss purchases made with funds from the City's donation. Mr. Dixon also informed the Council that the High School has requested an early draw on their October donation to cover travel expenses for the football game in Tennessee on August 22.

Councilor Bo Johnson asked about the relationship between the City and the Jefferson County Board of Education. The Mayor answered that the relationship has been on much better terms over the last few years.

Councilor Bo Johnson then broached revisiting the school system and police department earmark for property taxes. He suggested that the additional funds freed by removing the earmark could go toward necessities like paving streets. Mayor Webster stated that the budget begins October 1 and reviewed the projects that he would like to pursue in the future including building a new fire station and library, retiring debt, and road repair.

Councilor Baker shared his concern that the Jefferson County Board of Education has not redrawn district lines as promised and stated that he is against removing the earmark.

The Pre-Council meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager