



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 6, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 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. Mr. Dixon led in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker	Councilor Halstead	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster	

Absent: Councilor Small

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 16, 2013.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 16, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

Nays: None

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced the bid opening for demolition at 5904 Elizabeth Drive. City Manager Ronnie Dixon opened the submitted bids, which were as follows:

Eagle Building Company- \$19,400.00
Grace Klein Construction - \$14,682.85
J&S Construction - \$8,500.00
R&K Construction - \$12,070.00
TUC Pipeline - \$9,300.00
Jones & Jones - \$12,000.00

Mayor Webster introduced the public hearing for ALC-2014-01, McEnally's application for sale of alcohol for off premises consumption.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve ALC-2014-01, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, and Thackerson.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster recused himself from voting.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported on the **Finance Committee**. He announced that the City's revenue is higher this year because of the sales tax increase.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet in December, but will meet on January 27 to discuss the video cameras. Mayor Webster updated the Council on the status of the cars from Mountain Brook. Mr. Dixon bought cameras and lock out kits for the deputies who did not have those. He has also ordered one breathalyzer and one radar gun. Mr. Dixon informed the Council that Mr. Roper has refused to sign the paper work to allow a red light at the intersection of Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road, so the County and City are working on alternatives and reviewing legal options.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the Annexations and Community Development Committees did not meet in December and have no news to report.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson reported that the Seniors and Schools are both doing well.

Councilor Small was not present for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He announced that the Disc Golf Course continues to be a popular destination course, but he would like to clean up some areas of the course that were not addressed before opening. Mayor Webster informed the Council that a plumber has looked at Cosby Lake and is working on a rough sketch of what would be feasible for the City to build for bathrooms. After that, the City will start investigating pricing for the project.

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 explained to the Council that the City acquired excess cubicle office furniture when City Hall was purchased. The furniture has been broken down and is sitting in the basement. He asked the Council to consider declaring this furniture a surplus and allowing him to sale – or scrap if a sale does not happen – the excess office furniture. Councilor Johnson made a motion to declare the excess office furniture surplus and to allow the City Manager to sale or scrap the surplus items, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$79,105.17; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,120.11; Library Fund = \$1,890.30; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$163,976.88; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$186,092.42; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$199,480.60; Road Project Fund = \$50,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; Ballpark Revenue = \$123,460.40; and Ballpark Expense = -\$106,904.83.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.



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Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Bruce Seward who identified himself as living at 5207 Highland Trace Circle. Mr. Seward presented the Council with a petition to install speed bumps in Highland Trace Subdivision.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Baker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager