



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 3, 2016

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2016, 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. Councilor Bo Johnson opened 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 Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 19, 2016.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 19, 2016, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

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

Councilor Small made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** announced that the auditors have begun working on the 2015-2016 fiscal year's annual audit.

Councilor Baker had nothing new to report.

Councilor Becky Johnson announced another drug program at the high school on November 3, 2016 at 6:30 pm. She asked the City Council to observe Breast Cancer Awareness month at their October 17 meeting by wearing pink.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to reappoint Alaina Tow to the Planning and Zoning Commission until December 31, 2022, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None



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Councilor Bo Johnson had nothing new to report.

Councilor Small asked about the status of hiring three new deputies. Mr. Dixon answered that once the next group of trainees graduates we should be able to move forward.

Councilor Thackerson asked Mayor Webster for an update on the Girls' School property. Mayor Webster answered that there is a Resolution under Unanimous Consent to allow the Mayor to sign a lease agreement for the land.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported that the Alabama Department of Senior Services has contracted United Way to oversee the nutritional needs of the state's seniors center. Mr. Dixon and the Council discussed the contract presented by United Way. Councilor Johnson made a motion to allow Mr. Dixon to sign the contract with United Way which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$402,345.75; Contractors Bond = \$74,565.93; Capital Improvement Fund = \$489,015.08; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$112,186.48; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$50,930.22; Building Fund = \$200,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,000,000.00; BBT Fund= \$38,427.68; Ballpark Registration Income = \$92,765.14; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$72,867.09).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatements at the following addresses:

2146 Sweeney Hollow Road
6513 Eagle Ridge Lane
7933 Saint James Drive
7934 Saint James Drive
7937 Saint James Drive
7941 Saint James Drive
7942 Saint James Drive
7945 Saint James Drive
7946 Saint James Drive
7950 Saint James Drive
7951 Saint James Drive
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7961 Saint James Drive



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7962 Saint James Drive
7965 Saint James Drive
7966 Saint James Drive
7969 Saint James Drive
7970 Saint James Drive
7973 Saint James Drive
7979 Saint James Drive
7980 Saint James Drive
7985 Saint James Drive
7990 Saint James Drive
7992 Fox Glove Way
7993 Fox Glove Way
7994 Saint James Drive
7998 Saint James Drive
7999 Saint James Drive

He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the abatement and there was no response.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-46, A Resolution Endorsing and Supporting the Efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in Clay, Alabama, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-46, 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, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-47, A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of a Public Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-47, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-48, A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of a Public Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-48, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-49, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5118 Rick Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-49, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-50, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5139 Darlene Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-50, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-51, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5206 Yorkshire Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-51, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-52, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5328 Balboa Avenue, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-52, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-53, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5800 Chickadee Circle, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-53, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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



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follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-54, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6740 Ambassador Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-54, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-55, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 7510 Hines Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-55, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-56, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Land Use Agreement / Lease with the Alabama Department of Youth Services, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-56, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Linda Hicks whoa sked if the City would continue Meals on Wheels program and asked about the tax sale for the properties on St. James and Fox Glove. Mr. Dixon answered that the City would continue Meals on Wheels and that the developer has not paid taxes on the properties in question.

Mayor Webster announced that Congressman Gary Palmer has requested to host a Town Hall Meeting at Clay City Hall on October 10 at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Small commended Library Director Holly Flores and the library employees for their recent work at the library.



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

The City Council adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager