



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 4, 2016

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 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 Small 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 Becky Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Bo Johnson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2015.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2015, 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 Becky 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 Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** reiterated that the November sales tax deposit of \$226,527.00 was deposited after the consent agenda was prepared so those funds are not accounted for on the consent agenda balances.

Councilor Baker announced that the Public Safety Committee has not met yet.



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Councilor Becky Johnson stated that the Seniors Center has been repainted over the holidays. She thanked the Public Works Department for their work after the storms.

Councilor Bo Johnson was not present for a report.

Councilor Small announced that the library board will meet this month and echoed Councilor Johnson's gratitude.

Councilor Thackerson announced the Park and Recreation Committee meeting has been rescheduled for January 12.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon asked the Council if they would like to pursue the proposal for selling the City's unused cell phones.

Councilor Baker made a motion to declare the City's old, unused cell phones surplus, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$351,951.14; Contractors Bond = \$190,769.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$389,393.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,331.34; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,026.21; Road Project Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$500,000.00; BBT Fund = \$69,213.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$16,994.00; and Ballpark Expense = (\$20,576.79).

Depending on weather, the paving on Somersby will be either this week or next week. The prices for paving roads are all under the \$50,000.00 threshold. Mr. Dixon stated that the prices are for: Green Acres, Ambassador, Somersby, Debbie, Elizabeth, and Bessie.

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for amending Ordinance 2006-07. Mr. Dixon reviewed the changes unanimously recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case. 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 Becky Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2016-01, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-07, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-01, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-01, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Public Safety Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01, which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilor Small made a motion to allow Gameday Athletics to take over two programs of maintenance at the Clay Chalkville High School baseball fields which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.

Councilor Small asked if this would come out of the money that the City has already agreed to pay for upgrades for the high school baseball fields. Mayor Webster answered affirmatively.

Councilor Small amended his motion to include all three steps of maintenance.

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

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

Nays: None

Councilor Baker abstained. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.



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

The City Council adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager