



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 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 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 January 4, 2016.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 4, 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 Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small. 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** had nothing new to report.

Councilor Baker had nothing new to report.

Councilor Becky Johnson introduced Ms. Dorie Hardy, CCHS Choir Director. Ms. Hardy spoke on behalf of the choir directors in the Clay Chalkville area. She announced a music festival hosted by the school choirs: Earth Alive. The festival is scheduled for the evening of



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Tuesday, March 15. Councilor Johnson reported that the Seniors had a popcorn party and will visit The White House restaurant in Warrior.

Councilor Bo Johnson informed the Council that there are three businesses moving into Clay: Auto Zone, The Lovelady Center, and The Vapor Apothecary. The Council discussed taxes and the Lovelady Center.

Councilor Small announced that paving should start soon, the library board will meet this month, and asked when the library's website will be online.

Councilor Thackerson asked for an update on Bryant Park. Mr. Dixon answered that demolition should begin soon. Councilor Thackerson also recommended some landscaping at Cosby Lake before spring starts. Mr. Dixon shared with the Council the landscaping plans at the baseball/softball fields.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon introduced Mr. Alan Summers, City Attorney, to summarize the law suit from former employee Lynn Burch. Mr. Summers informed the Council that law suit started at \$30,000.00 and has been negotiated down to \$10,000.00 if the Council agrees. He further explained that this stems from a previous administration in which there was no clear policy on comp time or vacation time. He advised the Council that moving forward with court costs could result in more expenses for the City.

Councilor Small made a motion to allow City Attorney Alan Summers on behalf of the City Council to proceed with a settlement of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund for the lawsuit from former employee, Lynn Burch, 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

Mr. Dixon then called on Lieutenant Mays. Lt. Mays reviewed the official reports pulled from the Clay area for October through December 2015. He informed the Council that during those months the Clay area had seven residential burglaries reported and no robberies. There were four vehicular burglaries and one vehicle theft. He explained that there were two burglaries in the Clay area in the last week and a half and the Sheriff's Office has two suspects for these events.



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Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$462,559.29; Contractors Bond = \$190,766.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$389,390.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,328.34; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,240.18; Road Project Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$500,000.00; BBT Fund= \$75,463.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$17,084.00; and Ballpark Expense = (\$21,836.38).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

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 Ordinance 2016-02, An Ordinance Establishing a Debt Setoff and Appeals Procedure, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-02, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2016-02, A Resolution Adopting the 2014 Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02, 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 introduced Resolution 2016-03, A Resolution Releasing Lien at 7224 Weems Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-03, which was seconded by Councilor Small. 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Ken Galbreath of 5523 Woodcreek Drive. Mr. Galbreath announced his intention to run for Mayor.

Mayor Webster recognized Lt. Mays who stated that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is utilizing a camera system to monitor and aid in investigations and will be putting one in Clay soon. The Council expressed interest in purchasing cameras for the City.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Matt Angelo, Fire Marshall for the Center Point Fire District. He explained that there have been four fire fatalities in the Birmingham metro area this year. He encouraged routinely changing smoke alarm batteries.

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 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager