



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 1, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Pastor Jeff Davis of Clay United Methodist Church opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council minutes of January 4, 2010 and January 19, 2010. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the pre-council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the council minutes of January 19, 2010. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, and Mike Stanley, Public Works Superintendent, for opening bids for paving streets in the Chestnut Hills sub-division.

Mr. Burch announced that there were ten bid invitations sent out and two responded. He announced the paving would be for Timber Trail, Chestnut Lane, Redwood Lane and Beechwood Trial all being in the Chestnut Hills sub-division.



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Mr. Stanley opened the first bid and announced it was from J. Massey Contractors. Mr. Burch reviewed the bid and announced the bid amount was \$52,870.00.

Mr. Stanley opened the second bid and announced it was from Joshco Inc. dba Butler Contractors. Mr. Burch reviewed the bid and announced the bid amount was \$52,309.00.

Under Reports for Standing Committees Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report on Public Safety. Councilman Feemster announced the Safety Zone signs had been installed on Clay Palmerdale Road and on Tyler Loop Road for about two weeks. He stated the Deputies were beginning to strictly enforce the speed limit in those areas. Also, he stated he was still talking to Mr. Boozer at Jefferson County to get the traffic light installed at Clay Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors. Councilwoman Hambrick recognized Dr. Chris Walker from Clay Chalkville Middle School who gave a report on events occurring at the schools in Clay.

Mr. Tom Blake was recognized for a report from the Senior Citizens. He reported that the Mayor, Councilwoman Hambrick, Ms. Love, and Mr. Blake met concerning issues from the Senior Citizens. Also, he stated there may be encouraging news in that they have made application for a new bus through the state. If approved, they could receive this bus that cost \$44,900 and the cities cost would be about \$4,000.

Ms. Pat Feemster was recognized for a report from the Environmental Committee. Ms. Feemster announced that Arbor Day was celebrated in the month of February and the last week was set aside to celebrate Arbor Day. She stated that Arbor Day emphasized the use of trees and their benefits. She stated the Environmental Committee was working on plans to improve Deerfoot Parkway from Old Springville Road to Cougar Drive by planting trees and doing some landscaping. She invited the Mayor, Council and members of the community to give input on this project.

Councilwoman Hambrick announced that nine 30" x 72" banners had been ordered for the Small Town Down Town celebration during the year 2010. She stated the banners would honor the Cahaba River and she hoped to have them up in less than three weeks.

Under Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools, Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve funding for the Clay Chalkville High School to continue their Drug Testing Program at a cost of \$7,500. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities. Councilman Small announced that during the week of January 25 1.67 tons of trash had been picked up along the city streets and cost the city over \$3,000. He encouraged everyone to use their influence to communicate with others not to litter the streets and show some community pride and self respect for their city.

Councilman Small reported that there had been seven building permits purchased in January so hopefully things were picking up. Also, he stated that life safety inspections were ongoing.



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He announced that the County had been contacted and he was working on plans for contractors to complete their responsibilities of surfacing streets when they complete sub-divisions.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that baseball and softball registration was going on at the ballpark and he had seen some new faces which mean more teams playing.

Councilman Webster reported that the first Community-Wide Singing took place Saturday night January 30th at the Community Center and was a big success with over 50 people in attendance. He stated that the Clay Boys and Sherri Hood sang. Also, he thanked Ms. Becky Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the first singing and there would be others on the last Saturday night of each month.

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc. Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Under the City Clerk's report, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$224,484.82; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$131,865.52; AmFund Account = \$1,052,366.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$149,856.88; Contractors Bond = \$43,198.30; General Fund = \$245,957.96; Library Fund = \$8,505.84; Park and Recreation Fund = \$8,794.57; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,044.42.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business, Mayor McGuffie announced that Ordinance 2010-02 had been postponed until additional petitions are received from property owners in the Kerri Lane sub-division.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Ordinance 2010-03 – An Ordinance to Abate and Control the Growth of Weeds which was read for the first time by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010-06 – A Resolution calling on the County Commission of Jefferson County, Alabama to perform its Road Maintenance Obligations within the City of Clay which was read for the first time by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Public Comments and recognized Mr. James Pruitt who presented the City Clerk with additional petitions from property owners in the Kerri Lane sub-division. The City Clerk will review these petitions and work on obtaining any others that are outstanding.

Mayor McGuffie called for any other Public Comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor or Council comments and recognized Councilman Small. Councilman Small reported on the activities of himself and Councilman Feemster in their joint responsibility to come up with a candidate to fill the council vacancy created in December by the resignation of Councilman Chuck McGuffie. Councilman Small made a motion to appoint Ms. Becky Johnson to fill the vacant position on the City Council which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.



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That a motion and second was before the Council to appoint Ms. Becky Johnson to the City Council Mayor McGuffie called for a roll call vote.

Those voting yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Those voting nay: None

Mayor McGuffie recognized the new Council member, Ms. Becky Johnson, who came forward and was administered the oath of office by her son Pastor Bo Johnson.

Mayor McGuffie called for any other Mayor or Council comments and there were none.

Mayor McGuffie thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday February 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer