



City of Clay, Alabama

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

City Hall Meeting Room – 2441 Old Springville Road
February 24, 2026

CALL PRE-COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jane Anderton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jane Anderton
Council member Nathan Thompson
Council member Carla Youngblood
Council member Chris Nail
Council member Joseph “Jody” Harris
Council member Orletta Jackson-Rush, E.D.

AMEND RESOLUTION 2026-02 TO UPDATE THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE’S APRIL MEETING DATE

Council discussed and agreed to amend Resolution 2026-02 to change the Library Committee’s April meeting date to April 21, 2026, to coincide with the previously amended City Council meeting date.

AMEND RESOLUTION 2026-04 TO DESIGNATE TOUSHI ARBITELLE AS CITY CLERK/TREASURER

This item was withdrawn by Mayor Anderton, who stated she was not prepared to move forward with the amendment at this time.

AMEND RESOLUTION 2025-40 AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH ADVANCE SIGN & LIGHTING

Council discussed that the stonework was not included in the original project cost and would require a change to the scope. Additional bids are still being solicited. The school signs are currently pending, as the school system’s maintenance department must first pull the necessary wiring. Council member Rush will follow up with the Jefferson County School Board Maintenance Department regarding the status of that work.

CONFIRM MAYOR ANDERTON AS VOTING DELEGATE TO THE ALM CONVENTION IN APRIL 2026

Council discussed confirming Mayor Anderton as the City’s voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in April 2026. Council also discussed designating Council member Nathan Thompson as first alternate and Council member Chris Nail as second alternate.

DISCUSS SIGNAGE FOR YOUTH SPORTS AT SPLASH PAD

Council discussed the current signage at the Splash Pad and noted that the existing sign is not functional because the City does not have access to the programming system. Pam Gilham was identified as the contact person for posting information. Council member Harris asked whether the sign structure should be re-bricked to match the City’s other signs. The Mayor indicated a desire for the sign to also be used to advertise Splash Pad information.

DISCUSS ENTRANCE FEES AND ID CHECK AT SPLASH PAD


Council discussed potential entrance fees and ID verification for the Splash Pad. It was noted that the Splash Pad generated approximately \$1100 in revenue last year. Council also reviewed policies used by surrounding municipalities. The Mayor indicated that operating the Splash Pad as a free facility could increase its popularity and community use.

Staffing was discussed, with the City planning to utilize seasonal employees, primarily students. Public Works would be responsible for handling chemical maintenance. Council also discussed establishing operating days and hours, as well as the possibility of offering pre-packaged concession items.

A tentative schedule of operation from Tuesday following Memorial Day through the Saturday before Labor Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., was suggested. Staffing needs may include two part-time employees and one adult supervisor with CPR certification.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the Council meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Jane Anderton, Mayor

Attest:



Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk