



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 24, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Kevin Small opened in prayer and 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
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2012. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2012, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2012-03, A Proclamation to Honor Mr. Buddy Williams, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Proclamation 2012-03 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor McGuffie presented Mr. Williams with an appreciation plaque. Mr. Williams thanked the good people of the city who volunteered. He stated that the city had over 6,000 volunteers who worked over 37,000 hours. Mr. Williams then announced a concert and healing service hosted by Riverchase United Methodist Church at Clay United Methodist Church on June 10. He also asked that anyone who has photos of the volunteer efforts to give him copies and allow him to use the photos in a slide show to be presented at the service on June 10. He also asked for contact information for Bobby McNeal who created a short video showing the tornado damaged areas.

Mayor McGuffie introduced ALC 2012-02, Request for Retail Liquor Licensing at 2143 Sweeney Hollow Road. Mayor McGuffie asked if there was anyone who wished to speak against the request and there was no response. City Clerk Bobby Christmas read an email from a local mother which spoke against awarding the Shell station with a liquor license. The mother expressed concerns of habitual alcohol sales to underage teens by the owners. Mr. Abid, was recognized and identified himself as the new lessee of this gas station. He stated that he also owns a Texaco station in Clay and has not received any citations for underage sales in the last nine years. Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilwoman Johnson who stated that she checked with the ABC board about this allegation and the board had no complaints or citations on file. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve ALC 2012-02, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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Mayor McGuffie introduced A2012-02, Annexation of 6445 Freda Drive. Mayor McGuffie announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of this application due to lack of contiguous city limit lines and the condition of the road. Mayor McGuffie and City Clerk Bobby Christmas looked at the street and discovered that most homeowners on the street would like to annex into the city of Clay. Councilman Small made a motion to table A2012-01 until more homeowners on Freda Drive had the opportunity to apply for annexation, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster stated that he has been working with the Park Board on planning the splash pad at the park. He explained that J.A. Dawson supplies Rain Drop Equipment and is the only local US Communities authorized dealer. Councilman Feemster made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Gametime or J.A. Dawson for splash pad equipment at the price of \$171,542.10. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Feemster then discussed the unpaved road in front of the library. He stated that the road should begin at the soccer field portion of the ball park and continue around the front of the library to the first turn out onto Old Springville Road and tie into the parking lot area then continue to the far turn out of the gravel parking lot. This road constitutes approximately 961 square yards of paving of standard 2 inches binder coat and 1 inch of top coat. Councilman Feemster made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a paving contract with Joshco Inc. for \$17,500.00 from the Capital Improvements fund. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor McGuffie repeated that the Capital Improvements fund cannot be used for debris cleanup.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick called for a report from the Senior Citizens Center and there was nothing new to report. Councilwoman Hambrick announced that the Library is ready to begin their children's summer reading program in June and encouraged everyone to visit their website and facebook page for more information. Councilwoman Hambrick reiterated the Wear Cemetery Fence Dedication will take place on June 9 and begin at 10am. Parking for this event will be at Clay United Methodist Church and shuttles will run between the parking area and the cemetery.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that Clay May Days went well and the successful Grand Opening of the new Freds Store. She announced the graduation for Clay Chalkville High School was held on May 24. Councilwoman Johnson called on special guest, Kordell Steele of Clay Elementary. Mr. Steele was asked to read his original short story recounting his experience in the January 23, 2012, tornado. After his reading, Councilwoman Johnson presented Mr. Steele with a Certificate of Excellence.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Kevin Small announced the impending demolition of the Alabama Living Center. Councilman Small made a motion to allow City Building Inspections Superintendent Lynn Burch to request bids for repaving of six roads, including Keith Road, Shane Circle and others. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He recommended testing the proposed area for the splash pad to be sure of the compaction. He announced that the Clay Community Singing would be held on a different date in June. Councilman Webster announced the Fishing Rodeo will be held on June 16 from 9am-1pm. The net is scheduled to be placed around a treated area in the lake on Monday June 11. Councilman Webster asked for a volunteer scuba diver to make sure the net reaches the bottom of the lake. He also invited seniors to fish on June 15.

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



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Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas announced that City Hall will be closed due to moving into the new building on June 8, 2012. City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$55,679.62; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$135,394.09; Capital Improvement Fund = \$246,083.37; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$546,361.81; Library Fund = \$3,227.85; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$8,077.56.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012-09, A Resolution Honoring Alabama Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and the Families of Fallen Service Members, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

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

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and announced that this is Emergency Medical Services week and asked everyone to show appreciation to EMTs. Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilwoman Johnson who reminded everyone that Monday, May 28, 2012 is Memorial Day.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk