



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 21, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2015, 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, led in prayer, and 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: Bo Johnson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 8, 2015.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 8, 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 Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Becky 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** introduced Center Point Fire District Chief Donnie West. Chief West announced the Breast Cancer Awareness Kickoff Event will be Sunday, September 27. He also reviewed the ISO rating for the Center Point Fire District and plans to expand Station 4.

Councilor Baker had nothing new to discuss.



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Councilor Becky Johnson asked if the new bus would be ready for the Seniors next trip. Mayor Webster answered affirmatively. She announced the Butterbean Festival in Pinson on October 2 and 3. Councilor Johnson reminded everyone that Turn Clay Pink will be on Monday, October 19.

Councilor Bo Johnson was not present for a report.

Councilor Small had nothing new to report.

Councilor Thackerson had nothing new to report.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported that the upgrade to the high school's radio system is complete.

The Council discussed the proposed budget. Councilor Baker questioned line item 81830 – website and social media. Mr. Dixon explained that this is for content maintenance. Councilor Small questioned line item 83115 – an additional \$10,000.00 for Public Safety. Mr. Dixon explained that this is for the reserve deputy equipment costs. Councilor Baker disagreed with adding more deputies without being brought before the Public Safety Committee as well as building a new fire station for Center Point Fire District. The Council debated the budget and a municipal police force. Mayor Webster stated that the Council could vote on the budget at a later time in the meeting.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$144,269.56; Contractors Bond = \$190,778.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$289,402.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$128,199.98; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$61,389.39; Road Project Fund = \$529,401.90; Contingency Fund = \$579,401.91; BBT Fund = \$44,213.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$106,599.54; and Ballpark Expense = (\$113,193.90).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the weed abatement. There was no response.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the second reading of Ordinance 2015-19, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2014-04, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-19, which was seconded by Councilor



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

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small.

The Ordinance passed 3-2.

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-44, A Resolution to Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-44, which was seconded by Councilor 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

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-45, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 2308 Old Springville Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-45, 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 2015-46, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5505 San Marcos Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-46, 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 2015-47, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5518 San Marcos Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-47, 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



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-48, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5522 San Marcos Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-48, 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 2015-49, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5525 San Marcos Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-49, 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 2015-50, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5526 San Marcos Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-50, 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 2015-51, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5904 Elizabeth Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-51, 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 2015-51, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5904 Elizabeth Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-51, 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:



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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-52, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5909 Elizabeth Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-52, 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 2015-53, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6092 Lamplighter Way, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-53, 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 called for voting on the budget.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the budget for October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016 which was seconded by Mayor Webster. After further clarification that the funds allotted for building a new fire station would not be spent without the Council's review, the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: Councilor Baker

The motion to approve the budget passed 4-1.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. George Post of 6927 Mountain View Drive Northeast who commented on Mike Booth's laryngitis.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Dana Henry who asked for clarification about the quote for a police force, the city of Pinson's plan for a sheriff's substation, and the Public Safety Committee's role in decision making.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Beth Goodwin of 5704 Desoto Drive. Ms. Goodwin complained about lack of response to her complaints about ordinance violations in Paradise Valley.



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Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Charles Agnew of 7726 Division Avenue who asked about equipping officers with body cameras. Councilor Baker answered that a police chief would be the person to determine that.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. James Pruitt of 5201 Ruby Circle who asked about extra patrol, extra lighting, building sidewalks, and becoming a gated community.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager