



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 15, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2013, 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 Kevin Small opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker (entered meeting at 6:45 p.m.) Councilor Halstead Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 1, 2013. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 1, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster announced that there were no scheduled public comments.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that the Finance Committee will meet quarterly. He stated that he will send out a notice for the next meeting. The City is following the budget approved by Council.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the Community Development and Annexation Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting. There are currently 7 members on Annexation Committee and 4 on the Community Development Committee. He asked that anyone interested in volunteering for the Community Development Committee to call City Hall. A new business, House Divided, will open across the street from City Hall. The Pit Stop BBQ restaurant should open soon.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker apologized for being late. He stated that there is really no new information on Public Safety for the time



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being. The committee is still waiting to meet with a grant writer and for news on vehicles. Mayor Webster informed Councilor Baker that there will be a closed bid in the next few weeks for vehicles.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson announced that Clay May Days is scheduled for May 11. The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be April 16 at the Grayson Valley Country Club. She commended Clay Chalkville High School for their recent performance of Children of Eden. The National Honor Society will host its tapping at the high school on April 17. The Planning and Zoning and Board of Zoning Adjustments have been working with Hardees to erect a sign. Later in the meeting, there will be a resolution to change the meeting dates for the school committee. The Seniors Center is preparing to mail monthly brochures to seniors in the city. They will host an open house on May 29.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Work Department and Library Board** and announced that the library sign is almost complete. Public Works Superintendent, Josh Isbell, should return to work on Thursday after recovering from surgery. Mayor Webster stated that he has received the final cost for the sign totaling \$3,848.00, which is well below the budgeted amount. The patching at Cross Keys subdivision is complete.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that the Park and Recreation Board is working on prioritizing projects. Nimrod Long has not submitted a proposal for restrooms at Cosby Lake. Councilor Thackerson thanked Mayor Webster for his assistance on Saturday with clearing the disc golf course.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$126,198.12; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$147,468.70; Capital Improvement Fund = \$66,755.29; General Fund = \$500,923.62; Library Fund = \$2,409.79; Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,770.94; Ballpark Revenue = \$53,037.39; and Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96.

Mr. Dixon announced that he had met with financial executives to discuss refinancing the city's AMFUND loans; but because the financiers of the loans require payment of \$900,000.00 before refinancing, the City will opt to continue with the original terms.

Mr. Dixon explained that he will meet with the auditors on April 16. He expects that once the audit is complete, the City will be required to pay back approximately \$210,000.00 to \$260,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for misspent tornado funds. He also stated that the time limit for repayment is 36 months. Mr. Dixon then explained that the City received its portion of the Alabama Trust Fund Distribution, totaling \$220,620.05. He suggested that the City use this money to repay the funds used for tornado cleanup.

Councilor Small made a motion to use the money received from Alabama Trust Fund to repay the Capital Improvement Fun for the misspent tornado cleanup funds. The motion was seconded by Councilor Halstead. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None



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Mayor Webster announced that the extension of the contract for Fire Station 4 has been signed.

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 Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-12, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2013-05, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-12, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

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

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized City Attorney Alan Summers who discussed a request for a guest registry for Cosby Lake.

Mr. Dixon announced that Serving You ministries will host a 5k and 1 mile fun run during May Days. All proceeds will go toward easing the utility burden for indigents.

Councilor Johnson announced that Miss May Days pageant will be held the weekend before Clay May Days.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager