



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 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 Coach Hood opened in prayer and the Clay Chalkville High School football team 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 January 3, 2012. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 3, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the public hearing on Subdivision Regulations tabled and Ordinance 2012-01 stricken, which was seconded Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie called on Clay Chalkville High School's head football Coach, Jerry Hood, who recognized the coaching staff: Chris Cournoyer, Steve Blount, Drew Gilmer, Sean Talsma, Curtis Coleman, and Stuart Floyd. Mayor McGuffie called on City Clerk Bobby Christmas to read Proclamation 2012-01, A Proclamation to Recognize the 2011 Clay Chalkville High School Football Team. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2012-01, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor McGuffie and the City Council presented Coach Hood with Proclamation 2012-01. Coach Hood thanked the Mayor and Council and commended the senior players' for their class, character, and dignity throughout the season. There was a photo op with Mayor McGuffie, Coach Hood and the senior player's.

James Dollar, President of Somersby Homeowners Association, was recognized and requested that something be done about speeding on Somersby Parkway. He presented a petition from the Homeowners Association seeking the installation of speed bumps at the intersection of Bull Run and Somersby Parkway. Mr. Dollar gave background information on speed bump requests presented to the Public Safety Committee from July and August 2009, and asked that the Council act on this appeal. Councilman Feemster responded that, per the Council rules, he will present the petition to the Public Safety Committee to make a recommendation to the City Council. Councilman Feemster invited Mr. Dollar to



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speak at the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 23. Mr. Robin Rea, of 5822 Sumpter, and Ms. Betty Shufflemarker also spoke in favor of the speed bumps. Councilman Feemster reiterated that he will present the petition and request at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Donald Sing was recognized and presented the Council with a picture of the veterans who attended the Veterans Day Luncheon.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster called on Deputy Terry Scott who announced that there have been reports of burglaries in the area.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick announced that book club meetings are now being held at the library. She encouraged people to check the library's website for event information. She announced that the Seniors' Center will get a second van within the next three to four months.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson encouraged participation in National Wear Red Day on Friday, February 3, to bring awareness to heart disease. She also announced that a 5k Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Clay Ridge Baptist Church will be held on April 21.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** and made a motion to spend \$6,350.00 from 4 & 5 cent gas tax fund for street repair in the Somersby subdivision, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report on the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He made a motion to spend \$3,000.00 on four park benches for the playground behind the library, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. He also relayed the Park Board's recommendation to sod the practice field with extra money from the concession stand budget. Councilman Webster made a motion to use \$20,000.00 from the leftover concession stand budget to pay for sod on the practice field. Councilman Small seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Webster also announced that there was a large crowd at the Community Singing on January 14, and discussed the need for a light on the driveway to the Community Center.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$89,420.19; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$105,961.91; Capital Improvement Fund = \$494,749.49; Concession Stand = \$3,634.21; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$152,693.91; Library Fund = \$5,771.29; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$6,094.31.

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

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



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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2012-01, A Proclamation to Recognize the 2011 Clay Chalkville High School Football Team, which was previously read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2012-01 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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 introduced Resolution 2012-01, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2011-33, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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**.

Mr. George Post was recognized and observed that the last three consecutive BCS National Champions have been schools from the state of Alabama.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and Councilwoman Johnson commended Miss Alabama on her recent run in the Miss America Contest.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday, February 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk