



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 16, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 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. City Manager Ronnie Dixon opened in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker
Councilor Small

Councilor Halstead
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 3, 2013.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 3, 2013, 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 Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by 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 Small. The motion was put before the Council for a voice vote with the results as follows:
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None*

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, there were no scheduled comments.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that City Manager has a report on the

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker reported that they did not have a meeting and that they would probably go to one meeting a month, which will be discussed at the next meeting on Monday September 23, 2013. They will discuss the proposed budget.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that there is a resolution for weed abatement coming up in unanimous consent.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning**



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Councilor Ex-Officio, Councilor Johnson announced the COC lunch and discussed the upcoming Butterbean Festival in October. She reported that Linda Plummer has been out with surgery and that Allison has been filling in.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. Mr. Small stated that he had nothing to report.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that the Park Board did meet about possible projects. The most immediate appears to be restrooms at Cosby Lake.

City Manager Dixon announced that the Center Point Fire Dept will be hosting Breast Cancer Awareness event at Cosby Lake on September 29, 2013 from 3-8pm.

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 General Fund = \$111,128.41; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,753.19; Library Fund = \$3,266.71; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$208,239.83; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$164,623.31; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$177,329.66; Ballpark Revenue = \$98,095.33; Ballpark Expense = -\$80,435.20; General Fund Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; General Fund Road Paving Projects = \$50,000.00; and BBT AMFUND Payment Fund = \$37,500.00.

Councilor Johnson asked if Mr. Dixon if we would be able to put more money into the savings. Mr. Dixon stated that we are in the late months of the year where the city must survive on the sales tax for the remaining of the year. He said that he did not see that adding to the contingency fund would be possible this fiscal year.

Mr. Dixon informed the council of the budget worksheet in their packet. He addressed where the increase of sales tax is reflected in the budget and other areas he felt needed to be discussed. There was discussion among the council about various sections of the budget, including gas tax and road paving and drug testing at the school. Mr. Dixon asked the council to look over the budget and let him know this week of any changes so he can prepare the budget for approval at the next council meeting.

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.

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

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2013-26, A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5208 Chestnut Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. The cost of this Resolution is \$202.50 which will be probated with the Jefferson County Court.



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Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-26, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

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

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**

Mayor Webster stated he had put information in the council packets about Christmas lighting and he would like for them to review before the next council meeting. There was discussion among the council about how the Christmas lights have been done in the past.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager