



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 19, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick 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 September 8, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 8, 2011, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Called City Council meeting of September 12, 2011. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Called City Council meeting minutes of September 12, 2011, 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. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Webster 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 Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie announced there were none.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. He reported that he had talked to Deputy Terry Scott about plans to do some enforcement blitzes that will be a part of the fall safety campaign. He stated the fall campaign would concentrate on enforcement rather than education as has been done in the past.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She thanked everyone for coming tonight and reported that Mr. Clyde Bolton, well known sports writer, would be the feature speaker at the



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Library Book Club meeting on September 20 at the Seniors Center at 6 p.m. She reported that he would have one of his books for sale for \$25 that he would autograph.

Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to pay \$1,600 for three months for a total of \$4,800 for seniors use of the ClasTran buses. She stated this would allow for uninterrupted service for the next three months and give the Council time to look at what the city could do for the full year. Councilman Small seconded the motion. Councilwoman Johnson questioned if ClasTran was okay with the council paying for three months of service and Councilwoman Hambrick stated they were. Councilman Feemster stated that the three months would give the council time to see what other cities would be doing to help support ClasTran. Councilman Small questioned the possibility that, if the city agrees to \$1,600 per month for 40 hours per week service, if ClasTran might agree to some discounted rates to Clay citizens as a value added to the agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized for a report and announced that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon would be tomorrow at 11:30 at the Community Center. She stated that Congressman Arthur Payne and Congressman Allen Treadaway would be at the luncheon and would speak.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that two new businesses were scheduled to open in the city of Clay. She stated a new insurance office was opening on Sweeney Hollow Road and a new sandwich shop would be opening soon on Old Springville Road across from the Post Office.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that Clay Chalkville Middle School was collecting pop tops to donate to the Ronald McDonald house and Campbell's soup labels for education to buy athletic equipment and books.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** and stated that he and Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent were putting together a list for the county of roads that need repairs. He reported that Public Works was staying busy continuing to clean up storm damage.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He reported that the construction on the boardwalk at Cosby Lake had begun and they would start on the bridge over the dam next. He reported that the sprinkler system for the practice fields would be installed soon and will have to get water up the hill for those fields.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor McGuffie announced 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 = \$72,655.01; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$84,894.32 AmFund Account = \$141,395.52; Capital Improvement Fund = \$498,694.73; Concession Stand = \$4,162.74; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$403,332.65; Library Fund = \$3,062.61; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$6,942.00.

Councilman Small was recognized and introduced the rental agreement that had been reviewed by the Council and changed. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the changes to the rental agreement which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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

That 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 2011 – 23, A Resolution with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Funding a Senior Citizens Bus, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 - 23 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

That 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 2011 – 24, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Playground Equipment, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 - 24 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

That 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 2011 – 25, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 - 25 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

That 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



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Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for Public Comments. Ms. Linda Love questioned the effect of the weed ordinance on property zoned agricultural. Ms. Love suggested a change to the ordinance to require property zoned as agricultural come under the weed ordinance. Councilman Feemster stated that this has been discussed in the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.

Ms. Linda Love reported that the Seniors had a yard sale recently and the attendance was down from prior year yard sales. She attributed this to the new sign ordinance that does not allow for directional signs. Discussion followed as to a way to allow for yard sale signs versus the law against posting any kind of signs on the right of way. Mayor McGuffie recommended that this concern be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday October 3, 2011.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an employee. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the Council would return from the Executive Session in approximately 45 minutes.

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

The City Council returned from the Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk