



City of Clay, Alabama

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

City Hall Meeting Room – 2441 Old Springville Road

February 24, 2026

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jane Anderton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Mayor Jane Anderton

Council member Place 1 – Nathan Thompson

Council member Place 2 – Carla Youngblood

Council member Place 3 – Chris Nail

Council member Place 4 – Joseph “Jody” Harris

Council member Place 5 – Orletta Jackson-Rush, E.D.

INVOCATION

Ms. Polly McClure

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jane Anderton

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion to approve Pre-Council and Regular Council Minutes from February 10, 2026, made by Council member Rush, Seconded by Council member Harris. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve February 24, 2026, Meeting Agenda, made by Council member Rush, Seconded by Council member Youngblood. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Check Register)

Motion to approve February 24, 2026, Consent Agenda (Check Register), made by Council member Rush, Seconded by Council member Harris. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Anderton

The Mayor discussed a memorandum previously provided to Council outlining recent personnel updates. She noted that a City Engineer has been appointed due to the upcoming bridge inspection requirements. The Mayor also reported that Scott Collins has transitioned to part-time status with a weekly cap on his hours, which may require Council to consider rescinding Resolution 2026-03. Additionally, the Mayor stated that she has hired Brad Watson as her Executive Assistant. An administrative assistant has also been hired to support Jeremiah with parks and recreation duties, including registration, scheduling, and ordering uniforms.

Council member Place 1

Council Member Thompson requested to review the budgeted salary figures for newly hired employees and expressed concern that sufficient funding may not currently be allocated in the budget. He also reported that the BBQ Stop restaurant has been listed for sale and that the Dollar General store remains on schedule for opening.

Council member Place 2

Council member Youngblood noted that the current budget was prepared by the previous administration and lacks detailed breakdowns.

Council member Place 3

Council member Nail reviewed the monthly list of school grant recipients.

Council member Place 4

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Graham) gave a status report.

Center Point Fire District (Chief Dahlen) gave a status report, and the new fire truck is outside.

Council member Place 5

Council member Rush reiterated that the Library Committee meeting has been changed to April 21, 2026. She expressed appreciation for the public turnout and emphasized that the Council's request for information from the Mayor is intended for transparency and not to question her decisions.

READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, or COMMUNICATIONS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Polly McClure addressed the Council concerning a Trussville Tribune article regarding the school's 2024-2025 Alabama School Report Cards.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Resolutions)

Motion to enter unanimous consent and approve Consent Agenda (Resolutions), made by Council member Harris, Seconded by Council member Thompson. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-16: A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2026-02 to change the April 28, 2026 Meeting date for the Library Committee

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-16 made by Council member Harris, Seconded by Council member Rush. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush.

Resolution 2026-17: A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2026-04 to designate Toushi Arbitelle as City Clerk/Treasurer

Item was withdrawn during Pre-Council by Mayor Anderton.

Resolution 2026-18: A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2025-40 and Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Advance Sign & Lighting

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-18 made by Council member Rush, Seconded by Council member Harris. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush.

Resolution 2026-19: A Resolution to confirm Voting Delegate for Alabama League of Municipalities Convention

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-19 with the name amended to include Council member Thompson as First Alternate and Council member Nail and Second Alternate made by Council member Rush, Seconded by Council member Thompson. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Thompson, Seconded by Council member Nail. Voting Yea: Mayor Anderton, Council member Thompson, Council member Youngblood, Council member Nail, Council member Harris and Council member Rush

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

The next Pre-Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall followed by the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Jane Anderton, Mayor

Attest:



Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk