



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 26, 2021

The City Council of the City of Clay Alabama met digitally, pursuant to Governor Ivey's Order, for a regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 pm on January 26, 2021. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted as follows:

Present: Councilors Becky Johnson, Bo Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Dennis Locke, Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Councilor Dennis Locke led in prayer.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 12, 2021. Councilor **Dean Kirkner** made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 which was seconded by Councilor **Dennis Locke**. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson, Mayor Webster

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilor **Dennis Locke** made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor **Dean Kirkner**. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson, Mayor Webster

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. Councilor **Becky Johnson** made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor **Ben Thackerson**. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson, Mayor Webster

Under the **City Manager's report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon updated the council on the following:

1. Cosby Lake Dredging – surveyor's report and contractors report show discrepancies and the contractor is working with Volkert Engineering to find an agreement to present to the council. The contractor has accrued 16 days of penalty and is working to finish repairs to the helipad and seed in their staging area to return the park to its pre-dredging conditions.
2. Pickleball Tournament – court covers should be installed by the end of February, carnival will be on Lichtenstein property next to the school during the tournament, supplies have been ordered, and food vendors are the only major planning left for this event.
3. Clay Schools were closed on January 26 due to storm damage but will resume normal schedule on January 27. The Jefferson County Board of Education will hold their regular January 28 meeting at Bryant Park Elementary School.
4. The City has had no contact from the property owner or developer about the recently proposed quarry project on Clay Palmerdale Road.

City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the Fund Balances as follows:

General Fund \$603,229.34, Vehicle Registration \$5,066.22, Contractor Bonds \$155,980.16, Capital Fund \$348,409.70, 4 & 5C Gas Fund \$176,871.41, 7 C Gas Fund \$107,533.94, Rebuild Alabama Gas Fund



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\$56,638.54, Building Fund \$97,869.57, Paving Supplement Fund \$256,840.98, Reserve Fund \$1,750,000.00, BBT Fund \$66,919.20, BP Sports Income \$4,660.46, BP Sports Expenses (\$4,519.44).

**Under Public Hearings** Mayor Webster opened the Public Hearing for demolition of unsafe structure due to fire damage at 5874 Brenda Drive. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against condemnation and demolition of this property and there was no response. He closed this public hearing.

Mayor Webster opened the Public Hearing for abatement of weeds at 5300 Baggett Drive and 5732 Shadow Lake Road. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against abatement at these properties and there was no response. He closed this public hearing.

Mayor Webster opened the Public Hearing for abatement of personal property at 5376 Tyler Loop Road and 5758 Cherry Road. Mr. Dixon explained that the owners of Cherry Road called City Hall on January 26 to state that the truck had been removed and claim that the only items left in the yard were toys, but that he believes the items on the property are not. He also stated that the neighbors at Tyler Loop are parking their unusable vehicles on this property. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against abatement at these properties and there was no response. Mayor Webster closed this public hearing.

**Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other Business,** Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster.*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2021-01, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2021-02, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property (weeds). *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2021-03, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property (personal property). *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2021-04, A Resolution Declaring Personal Property to be a Public Nuisance. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent.



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Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and Councilor Dennis Locke reported the January School grant winners as follows:

Clay Elementary – Dr. Finkley

Bryant Park Elementary – Natalie Davis

Clay Chalkville Middle School – Carter Paris

Clay Chalkville High School – Julie Crouch

Mayor Webster called on Fire Chief Gene Coleman who reported on tornado damage incurred on January 25, 2021 as well as December 2020 statistics. Chief Coleman reported that employees of CPF D are in the process of obtaining COVID vaccinations.

Mayor Webster announced that February 2021 meetings will take place via zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon