



**City of Clay**  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### May 9, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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. Dr. Wilder of Covenant Church International 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 Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Locke

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 25, 2017.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 25, 2017, 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 Baker made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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 Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:*

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** announced that he had received two annexation petitions from homeowners in Millington subdivision.

**Councilor Baker** informed the Council that the Public Safety Committee has discussed installing camera at Cosby Lake Park and the Library Playground.

Councilor Baker made a motion to install cameras at Cosby Lake Park and the Library playground which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** reported that the Senior Center menu and calendar are available on the City's website.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** stated that the City of Clay was well represented at the Birmingham area Mayors' prayer breakfast. He reported that the World Vision 6k was successful.

**Councilor Locke** was not present for a report.

**Councilor Thackerson** reported that the city is looking at stationery exercise equipment to install at Cosby.



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Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$623,460.87; Contractors Bond = \$147,071.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$479,404.86; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$114,442.25; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$72,546.85; Building Fund = \$400,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund = \$9,277.68; Ballpark Registration Income = \$43,552.33; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$63,403.01).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for condemnation of the structure located at 6884 Elliot Road. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this condemnation and there was no response. Mr. Dixon explained that the house is falling in and the property is a threat to Elliot Road so they are holding this condemnation hearing on an emergency basis: the owners have had a ten-day notice.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for condemnation of the structure located at 6531 Chrissy Drive. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this condemnation and recognized Mr. Randy Scott of 5928 Cheryl Drive. Mr. Scott explained that the house belongs to his mother in law, Mrs. Gladden. He stated that his family is attempting to repair the house and presented the Council with evidence of repairs. He further stated that many the complaints received by the City are coming from someone who wants to purchase the property in question. Mr. Dixon explained that Mr. Scott must hire licensed contractors to purchase a legal permit in the City of Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Scott explained that they have continually worked on the property and Mrs. Gladden hopes to finish and move back into the home but they only have \$755.00 per month to use for repair. Councilor Baker asked when they anticipate finishing with their budget constraints and Mr. Scott answered that he does not think the house will be complete within one year but two years might be enough time to finish the repairs. Mrs. Gladden spoke about her history. Mr. Dixon explained that the homeowners must call for inspections so that the City can guarantee that work is progressing as it should. He further explained complaints received by the City that work was done on the house at 3:00 am and if the Council allows work to continue then City ordinances must be followed and licensed contractors must perform the work. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this condemnation and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for condemnation of the structure located at 5504 Spanish Trace. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this condemnation and there was no response. Mr. Dixon informed the Council that this property was destroyed in the 2012 tornado and the neighbor purchased it with the intention to convert it into a garage. He further explained that the property owner has been working on and off for four years and the property is a health hazard and dangerous to the neighborhood.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for condemnation of the structure located at 7550 Taylor Shop Road. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this condemnation and there was no response. Mr. Dixon explained that this is a vacant house that sits in the woods. The City has cleaned part of the property off so that the fire department could access the fire hydrant. Mr. Dixon further stated that the fire marshal recommends demolition.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted



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with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-07, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property located at 8060 Clayton Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Mr. Dixon explained that this was also an eviction which the City had to clean up with a grapple truck.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-07, 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-08, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. He further explained that this is in danger of shutting down Elliot Road and asked the Council to approve an emergency demolition within seven days.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-08 as an emergency, 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-09, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-09, which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-10, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. He explained that this is for the garage only.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-11, A Resolution to Condemn and Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to deny Resolution 2017-11 and instructed Mr. Dixon to sale a building permit to finish the house repair, 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster called and end to unanimous consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Kevin Small of 6839 Charles Drive who asked if the cameras at the parks will be monitored by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Dixon explained that the City is negotiating. Mr. Small asked for clarification about licensing requirements for contractors working on 6531 Chrissy Drive. Mr. Dixon



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answered that they must be licensed by the state but if they are an approved nonprofit volunteering to help they will not be required to purchase a city business license.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Keith Tice of 7811 Len Forest Drive. Mr. Tice thanked the Council and Mr. Dixon for following up and condemning the red barn at 7550 Misty Lane. He stated that the property looks good now and he believes it will help the neighborhood.

Mayor Webster called for a report from the Jefferson County Sheriff and Deputy Lowe announced that they have made some arrests and continue to make traffic stops.

Mayor Webster announced the fishing rodeo will be held from 9:00 am until noon on June 3.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager