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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 23, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 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.

Councilman Feemster 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 May 9, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of May 9, 2011, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by 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 Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced ALC 2011 – 02, an Application for an Off Premises Alcohol License, submitted by the Dollar General at 2260 Brewster Road. Mayor McGuffie called for anyone to speak in favor of this application and there was none. Mayor McGuffie called for anyone to speak against this application and there was none. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve ALC 2011 – 02 for an off premises alcohol license for the Dollar General at 2260 Brewster Road. Councilman Small seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie introduced Councilman Feemster to give a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster introduced Deputy Terry Scott as the new Deputy Sheriff assigned to the City of Clay. Deputy Scott emphasized the importance of everyone keeping their vehicles locked and securing their valuables.

Councilman Feemster reported on the implementation of the cities revised Sign Ordinance. He stated that part of the implementation strategy had been to mail out a copy of the Sign Ordinance to all business's in the city which has been completed; meet with real estate agents which has been completed; and place ads in the newspapers informing the general public which will begin in the next week or two. He stated the ads will be placed in the Clay News and Pinson Times, as well as, the Trussville Tribune.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She reported on the following: (1) She reported that the Library Book Club met May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss the book The Help. She stated the meeting went well and encouraged everyone to participate; (2) Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the Environmental Committee was working toward some minimal landscaping around the new directional signs; and (3) planning an auction the last Saturday of July to raise funds for a fence around the Wear Cemetery.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and reported on the following: (1) the Chamber of Commerce will meet June 21 and a spokesperson from the Black Warrior River Keeper will speak on the environmental impact of the Northern Beltline; (2) reported that 72 seniors at Clay Chalkville High School received 203 scholarships in the amount of \$4,752,655; (3) received a letter from Ms. Katie Cornwell – Miss Clay Chalkville High School – requesting the city get involved in the “Let’s Move” platform she has adopted for the Miss Alabama beauty pageant. She stated this program focuses on childhood obesity and getting our citizens healthier through daily activities and eating healthier foods. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to pass a proclamation for the “Let’s Move” program for the City of Clay which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilwoman Johnson stated that Ms. Cornwell and her mother have offered to serve on a committee to identify activities and events the schools and community can support for this program; and (4) Councilwoman Johnson thanked Councilman Webster for the Fishing Rodeo and the Community Wide Singing he coordinated and stated she enjoyed participating in them.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that the Public Works Department was busy completing work orders and keeping the grass cut in the City. He encouraged everyone to let them know when there is a problem they need to correct but be patient because it takes time to complete some of them.



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Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster reported on the following: (1) practice fields are being built by the baseball fields on the hill; (2) they have started the foundation for the Concession Stand and restrooms behind the Library; (3) have gotten the block on site that was purchased for the Concession Stand which saved the City \$8,000; (4) working with Nimrod Long Architects who is preparing the bid specifications for the bridges at Cosby Lake. Councilman Webster made a motion to move forward with bidding out the bridges for Cosby Lake. He stated Nimrod Long would handle the bid process and there would be a bid opening in the City Council meeting on June 20. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote. (5) Councilman Webster apologized for missing the last City Council meeting and stated he was helping with disaster relief. He asks everyone to keep those affected by the tornados in their prayers.

Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinance** Mayor McGuffie had no report.

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 that the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$39,204.23; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$62,392.07 AmFund Account = \$527,000.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$111,345.72; Concession Stand = \$7,369.56; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$477,018.07; Library Fund = \$3,583.88; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$7,972.20.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie stated there was nothing to report.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Public Comments**. Mr. George Post was recognized and welcomed Mayor McGuffie back after being absent from the last City Council meeting after having surgery.

Ms. Elizabeth Hays was recognized and identified herself as living at 5050 Nicolas Drive and questioned the possibility of a traffic light being installed at Nicolas Drive and Sweeney Hollow Road. Councilman Feemster stated that he has discussed this possibility with Ken Boozer at the Jefferson County Roads and Transportation who is opposed to a traffic light at this intersection. He stated that Mr. Boozer stated the traffic counts did not show a traffic light is warranted there. Councilman Feemster recommended that their Homeowners Association address this with Mr. Boozer.

Ms. Krystal McGough, Trussville Tribune, announced there would be a training class on the nook electronic readers at the Clay Public Library tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.



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Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor and / or Council comments.

Councilwoman Johnson proudly announced that her daughter graduated from the seminary last Saturday and now she has two children in the ministry.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be on his 45th wedding anniversary June 6, 2010.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Small.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk