



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 7, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2014, 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. Mr. Danny Garrett opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker Councilor Johnson Councilor Small Councilor Thackerson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 16, 2014.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 16, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of June 16, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of June 16, 2014, 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 Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon asked the Council to include a settlement check for Joe Gilliland. The Council discussed some details of the mediation.

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

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's amended Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2014-03, A Proclamation to Recognize 2014 Clay Youth Sports 8U All-Star Softball Team, which was read by Mr. Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2014-03, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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Nays: None

Mayor Webster presented the Proclamation to the Clay Youth Sports 8U All-Star softball team.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the committee did not meet and is waiting for more information.

Councilor Johnson thanked Clearview Baptist Church for hosting ClayRidge Daycare during their recovery from the fire last Saturday.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He discussed progress on Old Springville Road.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He announced that the walkway at Cosby Lake has been completed, clarified the use for the dirt at the playground, and thanked Public Works Superintendent Josh Isbell for clearing the disc golf course. Nimrod Long will have some preliminary drawings before the next meeting.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$266,090.57; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,455.58; Library Fund = \$14,082.61; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$479,984.38; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$26,949.50; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$241,212.07; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$25,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$66,021.92; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$62,958.25.

Mr. Dixon discussed the decline in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Dixon revisited changing the AMIC agent to Byars and Wright Agency. He reviewed the coverage deficiencies and read a letter from Byars and Wright Agency regarding their proposed services for the City of Clay.

Councilor Small made a motion to allow Ronnie Dixon and Mayor Webster to name Byars and Wright as the agent of record which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Weed Abatement for the properties listed on Resolution 2014-10. He asked if anyone was present who wished to speak for or against the abatement. There was no response.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Small. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-15, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance Upon Private Property, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-16, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Councilor Small made a motion to change insurance agents to make Byars and Wright the agent of record for the City, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Danny Garrett who identified himself as State Representative for District 44. Mr. Garrett promised to serve the people of Clay.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Kenneth Johnson who identified himself as living in the Southern Oaks subdivision. Mr. Johnson requested additional patrols in his subdivision during the day.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living 6927 Mountain View Drive. Mr. Post commented on the property tax hearing and commented on Shay Shelnett's speech at the Public Hearing on June 16.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Andy Driggers who identified himself as living at 5517 Garden Valley Lane. Mr. Driggers reiterated Mr. Post's comments and reminded everyone to vote on July 15.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, July 21, at 6:30.



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

The City Council adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager