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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 9, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem L. B. Feemster presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Hambrick 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:

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small

Absent. Councilman Charles Webster and Mayor Ed McGuffie

Mayor Pro Temp Feemster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2011, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor Pro Temp Feemster called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Pro Temp Feemster introduced Ms. Katie Cornwell Miss Clay Chalkville for 2011. Ms. Cornwell passed out information on the "Let's Move" program she identified as her platform for competing in the Miss Alabama pageant in June. She requested the Council consider becoming a "Let's Move City" which is a nationwide program for reducing childhood obesity. Mayor Pro Tem Feemster stated the Council would review the documents she gave them and consider this at the next Council meeting.



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Also, Ms. Cornwell invited everyone to a fund raiser for the Children's Miracle Network at the Chick-fil-a in Trussville tomorrow night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster gave a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. He announced that Mayor McGuffie was absent tonight because he is recovering from surgery that took place last Thursday and was doing well. Mayor Pro Tem Feemster introduced Terry Scott, the new deputy assigned to Clay. Deputy Scott encouraged everyone to lock their vehicles and report any suspicious vehicles in their neighborhoods. Mayor Pro Tem Feemster reported on an accident and fatality that occurred Saturday on Old Springville Road at Cosby Lake.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and reported on the following: (1) the Fishing Rodeo last Saturday at Cosby Lake went great with over 84 kids registered and received a rod and reel for attending; (2) the Miss Clay May Days Beauty Pageant was held last Saturday night and went great; (3) Clay May Days is scheduled for this Saturday at the elementary school; (4) Thursday night is awards night at the high school; (5) the School Committee meets tomorrow night at Cosby Lake; (6) Nicole, a softball player for Clay Chalkville High School, broke her nose in a softball game and has had some complications with blood clots. Councilwoman Johnson asks that everyone pray for her recovery; and (7) the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast took place last Thursday.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that the Mayor, City Clerk and he met with representatives of Advanced Disposal who informed us that they were trading some territories with Republic Services (BFI). They reported that this trade was to their advantage because Advanced does not have a landfill in this area and BFI does. Councilman Small reported that this trade requires an amendment to the cities contract consenting to the assignment and assumption of the contract to BFI Waste Services. Councilman Small made a motion to give the Mayor permission to sign the contract for BFI to assume the contract once the City Attorney verifies that it will not change the current contract. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was not present for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors** and thanked everyone for attending tonight's City Council meeting. She reported on the following: (1) She recognized Ms. Linda Love-McCreless, Director of Senior Citizens, who gave a report on the Senior Citizens activities helping in the disaster relief activities after the recent tornados destroyed many communities in our area. Ms. Love-McCreless reported that the Seniors had adopted Rainsville, Alabama as an area to assist and specifically the Broadway Baptist Church where her brother-in-law was pastor. She reported how proud she was of the Seniors who collected \$600 of goods that they delivered to Rainsville last Saturday. Councilwoman Hambrick complimented the Seniors for their work. (2) Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the Library Book Club would meet May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss the book The Help.



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Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinance** Mayor McGuffie was not present for a report.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster 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 = \$4,981.16; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$480,074.48; Library Fund = \$3,583.88; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$7,972.20.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 07, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 5870 Brenda Drive, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 07 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 08, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6191 Canterbury Road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 08 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.



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That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 09, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6198 Canterbury Road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 09 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 10, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6231 Canterbury Road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 10 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 11, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6241 Canterbury Road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 11 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson and Small

Nays: None



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Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster introduced Resolution 2011 – 12, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6732 Country Vale Drive, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 – 12 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson and Small

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for any **Public Comments**. Mr. George Post was recognized and asks if anyone knew of anyone that was from Clay and died as a result of the tornados of April 27. No one responded and Mr. Post commented on how our community was blessed not to have any one killed.

Mr. Rick Barlok was recognized and identified himself as living at 5183 Yorkshire Drive and being the President of the Yorkshire Homeowners Association. He stated the city was helpful in 2009 with a drainage problem they had in the Yorkshire sub-division. He stated he wanted to state for the record that the erosion has continued, the drains were half full of dirt and he suspected there could be road damage in the future.

Mr. Alvin Awtry from Faith Lutheran Church on Deerfoot Parkway was recognized and asks who was responsible for the right of way on Deerfoot Parkway. Councilman Small responded that this area was the counties and he would reach out to them to get something done and report back at the next council meeting.

Mayor Pro Temp L. B. Feemster called for any further Public Comments and there were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for any Mayor and / or Council comments. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that she wanted to thank the Alabama Wildlife and Fisheries Department who was at the Fishing Rodeo, as well as, Mr. Taylor Steel from Turkey Creek. She stated they were very helpful with the kids at the rodeo and gave some good advice on maintaining the lake. She also thanked Councilman Webster and Councilwoman Johnson for all their hard work making this event a success. She stated that Councilman Webster had done a lot of work and got donations and the rod and reels that they gave out.

Councilwoman Johnson thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Fishing Rodeo.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster also thanked all those who helped with the rodeo and stated that Ms. Cathy Leslie from The Clay News and Pinson Times was responsible for getting radio station 101.1 – the Source – to come and she personally paid their fee for being present.



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

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk