



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 16, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2015, 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. Councilor Bo Johnson led 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 Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of November 2, 2015.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of November 2, 2015, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's 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, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** had nothing new to discuss.

Councilor Baker asked about the status of the two additional deputies. Mayor Webster and Mr. Dixon informed him that the City is waiting for the application deadline. Mr. Baker then asked if there was a way to make flagging safer. The Council discussed options for the following year.



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Councilor Becky Johnson reported on the following: (1) The winners of the November grant are Ms. Ferguson, Ms. McLaughlin, and Ms. Greene. (2) The tree lighting will be at 5:30 pm on November 29 at Cosby Lake. (3) The Christmas Parade will be December 12 at 3:30 pm and the float line up will begin at 3:00 pm.

Councilor Bo Johnson had nothing new to report.

Councilor Small reviewed the upcoming events at the Library.

Councilor Thackerson informed the Council that the Park Committee did not meet. Councilor Thackerson asked about upcoming paving projects. Mr. Dixon answered that Ambassador Drive, Green Acres Circle, Elizabeth Drive, and Bessie Lane make up the next prioritized group of roads on the repaving list. The Council commented on the poor condition of Green Acres. Mr. Dixon asked the Council for clarification about a previous vote to pave roads in Cross Keys. The Council voted to use bonds noted for Cross Keys subdivision to pave the roads in Cross Keys. He explained that Stones River is where the paving needs to begin and to his knowledge Cross Keys does not need to be paved. In the two cul-de-sacs to the right of Somersby Parkway – Buckland Mills and Dandridge – the building is complete except for one lot and those roads need to be paved. The County records show those streets to be in a subdivision called Stones River. Mr. Dixon asked if Stones River is considered another phase of Cross Keys or if it is separate from Cross Keys. Councilor Small and Mayor Webster answered that they believe that Stones River is an extension of Cross Keys and the City should pave. He also asked if Somersby is considered to be part of Cross Keys and was told that Somersby and Cross Keys are separate subdivisions. Clay will pave aprons around the manhole covers for now, but will not pave Somersby Parkway until all of the building is closer to completion. Councilor Small asked Councilor Thackerson to investigate Somersby Parkway.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mayor Webster reiterated the upcoming end of the garbage contract.

Councilor Small made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement to extend the garbage contract, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Eric Kolb, Municipal Services Manager for Republic Services. Mr. Kolb answered questions from the Council about current service.



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Mr. Dixon explained that the City has placed a solar powered device charging bench at Cosby Lake Park for a trial basis. He asked if the Council has heard if the bench has been used because if the bench is not being used the City will not purchase any for future use at the parks. Councilor Bo Johnson stated that he is not in favor of spending \$4,000.00 on a bench that charges phones when there are various other ways to charge devices and many of the improvements at Cosby Lake have already suffered some sort of damage or theft.

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatements at 5376 Tyler Loop Road and 5530 San Marcos Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against these abatements and there was no response.

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

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-62, 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 2015-62, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-63, 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 2015-63, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Deanna Hunt of 5748 Desoto Drive who stated that City Hall is not handicapped accessible. Mr. Dixon explained that City Hall is handicapped accessible because



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there is a ground level side door that is utilized for all City meetings at City Hall. She asked for clarification about the garbage contract. Mr. Dixon explained that the Council renewed the current contract. She then complained about speeding in Paradise Valley, 18 wheelers driving on Sweeney Hollow Road, and commented about 5375 Tyler Loop Road.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Beth Goodwin of 5704 Desoto Drive who asked that the findings in Paradise Valley be repeated. Mayor Webster repeated that multiple deputies spent 18 hours round the clock in Paradise Valley running radar and there were no speeding incidents reported. One person had a loud muffler and was given a warning to have it repaired. She then reported that a few weeks ago the deputies wrote seven tickets on a Friday night after Halloween. She stated that they are still having problems with the street behind her. She asked about how the noise ordinance and state and county laws would be enforced when the Clay deputies are not on duty and related another tale of her contact with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager