



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES December 9th, 2025

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, December 9th, 2025, at Clay City Hall. Mayor Jane Anderton presided over the meeting and Kristi Howell served as recorder.

Mayor Jane Anderton led the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to appoint Kristi Howell to special clerk for recording and attesting. *Councilor Jody Harris made the motion which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Mayor Anderton called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted as follows: Mayor Anderton, Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 18th, 2025. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and regular Council meeting minutes of November 18th, 2025, as amended, which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson and approved by a vote of unanimous voice.*

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to approve today's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Nathan Thompson made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended (table resolutions 2025-62, 2025-64, 2025-65 and 2025-66) which was seconded by Councilor Chris Nail.* Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood. Nays: Mayor Anderton*

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to approve today's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Jody Harris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as modified (council requested removal of two checks; Burton Advertising check no 16058 and Boys and Girls Club check no. 16046), which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals and Communications there were none.

Under Public Hearings: Resolution 2025-60 Approve Abatement Liens on 4716 Turner Dr
Resolution 2025-61 Approve Abatement Liens on 6511 Self Ln

There was no one present to speak for or against the Liens.

Public comments: there were none.

Under Committee Reports:

Mayor Anderton congratulated Clay Chalkville High School football team for championship. Announced Christmas Parade starting at 10:00am, line up at 9:00am at the school parking lot.

Councilor Jody Harris introduced Fire Chief Brandon Dahlen to present the monthly report. Sergeant Austin from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was present to present the report for the last two weeks for the city of Clay. Council invited to the Center Point fire Department annual Christmas dinner to be held on Saturday December 13th at 6:30 pm.



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Councilor Chris Nail announced Grant winners for the month; Clay Elementary winner was Cindy Miller, Bryant Park Elementary winner was Pamela Johnston, CCMS given to the Principal, CCHS winner was Justine Haynie.

Councilor Orletta Rush Mayors lunch with the School Board, connect public schools with the community. Grace Klien will be putting donation boxes in our city, Library and at our local schools.

Councilor Nathan Thompson commented that the mowers to be surpluses and donated, he felt they could be sold. Mr. Thompson expressed knowledge of a hunter potentially having access to DYS property. Mayor had spoken to the Game Warden who agreed to give access to the individual. Council felt this would create a liability issue and needed State approval. The Mayor will review the contract with the State and will speak to the citizen who has access to the property.

Councilor Carla Youngblood. Obtained a copy of the 2023-2024 audit for review to be prepared for next audit.

Inspector Hunter Merola addressed Council regarding a P&Z recommendation. The Owners of 6323 Clay Palmerdale Road applied for a zoning variance which went before the P&Z board. The variance was approved by unanimous vote. Council to vote under Unanimous Consent.

Enter Unanimous Consent. Approve Consent Agenda (Resolutions) Ordinances, Mayor Anderton called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to move to unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas Mayor Anderton, Councilors; Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to approve the P&Z recommendation for 6323 Clay Palmerdale Rd. Jody Harris made the motion to approve the recommendation which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Open bid for 5975 Shane Circle Mayor Anderton opened the only Bid received which was from Milam and Company. Mayor Anderton called for a motion to award the bid to Milam. *Councilor Jody Harris made a motion to move accept the Bid which was seconded by Councilor Carla Youngblood.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors; Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush and Carla Youngblood. Abstention: Nathan Thompson*

Resolution 2025-60 Approve Abatement Leins on 4716 Turner Dr. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-60, which was seconded by Councilor Carla Youngblood.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Resolution 2025-61 Approve Abatement Leins on 6511 Self Ln. *Councilor Jody Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-61, which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Resolution 2025-63 A Resolution to Authorize Mayor to Execute Professional Agreement for Legal Services with Massey Stotser Firm. *Councilor Nathan Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-63, which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Mayor Anderton, Councilors Jody Harris, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Carla Youngblood.*

Resolutions 2025-62, 2025-64, 2025-65 and 2025-66 were tabled until the December 16th council meeting.
End unanimous consent.



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Councilor Jody Harris brought up the issue of the Check pulled out of Boys and Girls Club. Prior approval of that check was on a previous Consent agenda after which the Check was voided. Council informed the Mayor that Brian's Tree Service cut some trees for the Boys and Girls Club in place of the check for \$5,000.00. Mayor verified that there was not a check for that amount for Brian's tree Service nor an invoice for tree cutting for the Boys and Girls Club. Why was the check signed by only one signature.

The next City Pre Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 16th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
The City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday December 16th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Anderton called for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Nathan Thompson made the motion to adjourn which was seconded Jody Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Howell

