



**City of Clay**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 21, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Clay held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

The following Councilors were present:

Councilor Baker            Councilor Johnson            Councilor Small            Councilor Thackerson  
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Bill Blass, 77088 Clayton Cove Parkway, who spoke against the property tax and criticized the City Council.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. James Harbison, 7081 Mountain View Drive, who asked if money would be earmarked and what money would be used for.

Mayor Webster addressed some citizen questions, including criticisms about repaving Old Springville Road.

Councilor Baker stated that he would like to earmark the property tax for schools. In the event that a school system is not financially feasible, he would like to use the funds for a police force.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Dean Kirkner, 6316 Clay Palmerdale Road, who announced that he represented the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce. He asked if the property tax would apply to property zoned commercial and industrial as well as residential. The Council answered affirmatively. He encouraged the Council to have a specific use for the funds raised by the property tax rather than simply putting it in the General Fund.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Andy Driggers, 5517 Garden Valley Lane, who agreed with Councilor Baker and asked the Council about using a grant to begin a police force. He stressed using a different form of government to save money.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Steve Ostaseski, 5583 Summit Pointe, who stated that he is in favor of the property tax and that he trusts the Council with his tax dollars but requested the Council consider making efforts for a more transparent government for the average citizens of Clay. He suggested posting a budget on the website.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager