



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 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 (entered at 6:36 pm), Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Small

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 21, 2015.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of September 21, 2015, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of September 21, 2015.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of September 21, 2015, 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 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 Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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 Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** recognized Center Point Fire District Fire Marshall, Matt Angelo.



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Councilor Becky Johnson announced that grant applications have been submitted and the school committee will review for this month's award. She reminded everyone that Turn Clay Pink Day will be on October 19, there will be neighborhood and business decorations and door prizes.

Councilor Bo Johnson announced Wing-a-Fish's official opening on Friday, October 9. Councilor Bo Johnson and Mayor Webster discussed annexations on Chalkville Mountain Road.

Councilor Small was not present for a report.

Councilor Thackerson announced that his committee will meet next month. He reiterated the Park Committee's desire to build trails through the girls' school property.

Mayor Webster announced that there are vacancies on the personnel board and nominated Mr. Fred Cross for appointment to the personnel board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson and put before the Council for a roll call vote with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Councilor Baker had nothing new to discuss.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$219,387.87; Contractors Bond = \$190,778.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$289,402.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$135,505.33; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$69,092.56; Road Project Fund = \$529,401.90; Contingency Fund = \$579,401.91; BBT Fund = \$50,463.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$107,178.04; and Ballpark Expense = (\$117,906.49).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there was none.

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

Councilor Becky Johnson 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:



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Yeas:

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-20, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2010-01, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-20, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Thad Blount, President of the Dugout Club, who asked the Council to consider the baseball requests. He highlighted the priorities for the baseball facility upgrades. Mr. Blount cited the benefits of extracurricular activities to the educational system.

Councilor Baker temporarily stepped down from Council to speak as a parent of a baseball player. Mr. Baker spoke about the subpar condition of the baseball fields. He stressed that time is of the essence. Mr. Baker stated that the Council has spent money to upgrade the football fields and that the City Council should move to allocate money to upgrade other sport facilities such as baseball fields, softball fields, and tennis courts.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Deanna Hunt of 5748 Desoto Drive. Ms. Hunt brought a litany of issues to the Council's attention including: her stance against the City paying for property tax, dislike the management of the last Council meeting, paving and patching at Cross Keys subdivision, the sign ordinance, and storm drains on Balboa Avenue.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 19, 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 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ronnie Dixon
City Manager