



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 23rd, 2018

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018, 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. Mayor Webster opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Baker, Councilor Locke, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 9th, 2018. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 9th, 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for being interested in the city. Mayor Webster stated that the Jefferson County Board of Education has cleaned out the ditch on Cougar Drive and cleared trees between Clay Chalkville High School and Clay Elementary School. The new Library construction has begun and the City is under budget and on schedule at this time.

Councilor Don Baker thanked the Deputies and expressed they are doing a great job.

Councilor Becky Johnson was absent.

Councilor Bo Johnson was absent.

Councilor Dennis Locke stated that he, Bo Johnson, and Ben Thackerson attended Certified Municipal Officer training and discussion of SB 130 and HB110 through the legislature. Councilor Locke summarized the bill stating that tax can be collected through Amazon 10% across the board. Councilor Locke introduced speaker, Michael Bullington, who read a statement from Christian Crawford. Mr. Crawford, a Clay Chalkville High School graduate, is a part of the non-profit organization "Be the Change Venture." The organization teaches networking, interviewing, and communication skills.



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Councilor Thackerson inquired as to when Public Works would be able to address the Beaver Dam. Mayor Webster stated that once ground clearing work on the new Library location was complete they would address the beaver issue.

Under the **City Manager's Report** Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$267,656.22; Contractors Bond = \$152,041.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$471,428.75; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,875.37; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$41,123.45; Building Fund = \$700,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$300,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$65,527.68; Ballpark Registration Income =11,245.00 and Ballpark Sports Expense = (10,387.44).

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

Under Public Hearings, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2018-01 supporting the Be the Change Venture.

Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster announced the end of Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Linda Hicks of 6778 Trussville Clay Road. Ms. Hicks asked for information regarding the runoff from the new Library property. She is concerned about potential flooding on her property. Mr. Dixon stated that ADEM would not allow construction in a flood zone and the construction is engineered to have water flow away from the school property.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Steve Ostaseski of 5183 Summit Pointe. Mr. Ostaseski would like to request changing format to allow more questions and answers during Mayor and Council Comments at City Council meetings. There is no plan to change the meeting format.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Kevin Small of 6839 Charles Drive. Mr. Small requested information regarding paving of streets. Mr. Small also asked whether the City intends to increase the number of deputies covering the City.

The next City Council meeting will be February 13th. Mayor Webster called for a motion to adjourn. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.* The City Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager