



City of Clay
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PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
February 28, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama held a Pre-Council meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Webster presiding and City Manager Ronnie Dixon serving as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order.

Council members present were:

Councilor Don Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Dennis Locke, Councilor Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

The Council discussed the agenda items for the regular City Council meeting. Mr. Dixon called for a deletion of 3 lines on the consent agenda for the money for schools which were duplicated from the last meetings' agenda. Mr. Dixon announced the number of children registered for baseball/softball is 218.

Mayor Webster reported things were going good at the schools. There was discussion among the council about the condition of the girls' softball field.

Councilor Baker asked about the patching of the road at Paradise Lane where the new subdivision is going in and stated there is a large area that should be repaired by the utility company.

Councilor Thackerson reported that he has been approached to do beautification to the Cosby lake building.

The Council discussed the possibility adding outdoor cameras to City Hall and the Library for public safety.

Councilor Becky Johnson asked about opening day at the ballpark. Mr. Dixon reported that it will be on April 1, 2017 and the carnival will be at the park during that week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager



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The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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 Dennis Locke opened 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 Locke, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2017.

Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2017, 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 Locke 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 Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced new Clay deputies Christina Jones and John Lowe.

Mayor Webster reminded everyone about the upcoming election on March 7, 2017 for school tax, which is not a new tax but just renewing what is already in place for the next 30 years.

Councilor Baker sent his condolences to the Rentfrow family in the loss of their son on behalf of himself and the community.

Councilor Baker brought up concerns about the safety of Paradise Lane where the road has been cut to put in utility lines. He stated he understood that the traffic count at Paradise Lane and Old Springville did not warrant a traffic light and the two main times for accidents are in the morning and when school is out. He told the deputies he appreciated them keeping a presence nearby in the busy times at that intersection.



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Councilor Locke inquired about the county setting up a blockade to prevent drivers from using the turn lane during peak hours to aid in reducing the amount of accidents at this intersection.

Councilor Becky Johnson reported that the Senior Center held a party for Andrea, Assistant Clerk, who would be on maternity leave for the next several weeks.

Councilor Bo Johnson informed the Council that he and Councilor Locke and City Manager, Ronnie Dixon attended the Economic Development Summit in Homewood.

Councilor Locke welcomed Crystal back from the Trussville Tribune. He announced that signs are available for the March 7, 2017 vote on reinstating taxes for the schools and encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilor Locke announced the grants awarded for January 2017 as Clay Elementary School -Casey Stith 5th Grade teacher; Clay Middle School- Heather Cagle, Social Studies teacher; Clay-Chalkville High School- William White, Arch/Construction & Electrical teacher.

Councilor Thackerson reported there would be a Cosby Lake beautification project to begin in April, date to be announced. He also asked when pipes would be installed to begin work on the new parking lot at Cosby.

Mr. Dixon stated that work on the new parking lot would begin next week and add approximately 60 parking spaces as well as adding a new entrance and exit to the park.

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 that the next roads to be paved would be Lowe Drive, Shriner Drive and patching on Lake in the Woods. He explained that Lake in the Woods does not all belong to Clay therefore we cannot pave the road but we can patch it.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$791,404.14; Contractors Bond = \$147,074.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$401,907.02; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$137,987.16; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$79,121.91; Building Fund = \$400,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund = \$77,563.84; Ballpark Registration Income = \$36,472.33; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$30,983.64).

Public Comments: Dr. Daphne Sanders and Mr. Sanders of Brewer Drive spoke about their concerns regarding the ditch in front of their home. She stated that it is 8 ft. deep and that the history on the ditch is unclear. She stated that Birmingham told her it was redirected by Clay.

Mayor Webster reported that he was aware of the history of the ditch and that Mr. Sanders chose not to use stone or pipe to repair the ditch.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm with Pre-Council at 6:00 pm.

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



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The City Council adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager