



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 19, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Jackie Webster opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2011. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2011, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Dale Snodgrass. Mr. Snodgrass introduced himself as a candidate for District Court Place 3, known as the Juvenile Court of Jefferson County. He announced that he has over 25 years of professional experience in Juvenile Law. Mr. Snodgrass asked the citizens of Clay to consider voting for him for District Judge Place 3 in the Republican Primary on March 13, 2012.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Sheriff Hale of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Chief Donnie West of the Center Point Fire District. Sheriff Hale and Chief West presented Deputy Terry Scott and Deputy Jeannie Miller with Certificates of Recognition for saving Linda Love from a "life threatening medical emergency" on November 5, 2011, while eating lunch at the Veterans Luncheon at the Community Center. Linda Love expressed gratitude to both Deputies for their quick response and thanked them for saving her life. Deputy Scott thanked the Sheriff's Office for training. Deputy Miller thanked the firefighters for their work.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster recognized Deputy Terry Scott who reported that he has spoken with Alabama Power's corporate security regarding the power station on Clayton Road. Alabama Power will resurvey the property and possibly gate the area to keep any further incidents from occurring.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade. She announced that the library continues to work to promote the programs and encouraged people to visit the Clay Library's facebook and website for information about library events. She called on Mrs. Pat Feemster who discussed preliminary grant writing by the Environmental Committee for the honey bee project at Bryant Park. Councilwoman Hambrick thanked Mrs. Feemster for all of the work and research she has invested in this project.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson announced the approval of the Preliminary Plat for the Fred's Discount Store by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** and announced that despite the economy, developments continue in the City of Clay in the form of various subdivisions. He also stated that the Public Works Department and Building Superintendent have been reliable about keeping builders informed of regulations and requirements.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report on the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He announced that the walking trail at Cosby Lake is approximately 90% complete. He encouraged drivers to slow down in this area. Councilman Webster announced that the playground is complete, and they plan to have restroom facilities at both locations in the future.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$83,111.23; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$99,346.40; Capital Improvement Fund = \$537,507.43; Concession Stand = \$3,634.21; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$230,903.99; Library Fund = \$1,811.82; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,921.25.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** there was nothing to report.

Mayor McGuffie called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Jason Manning, CEO of the Manning Group. He stated that he is the owner of Advanced Staffing, which had a contract with the City of Clay for supplemental staffing services. He declared that the services were terminated prematurely without a contractual notice, and upon delivering the last invoice on



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Friday December 9, 2011, was “physically pushed” by the Building Inspector after an argument. He announced that he has filed a police report for assault. Mr. Manning said he wanted to make clear to the City Council that he is giving the city a final chance to pay the termination fee by Wednesday, December 21, 2011, before taking legal action for the invoices owed as well as the assault charges.

Mr. George Post was recognized, and wished Mayor McGuffie and the City Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor McGuffie called for any more Public Comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilwoman Hambrick who recognized Ms. Linda Love, Director of the Senior’s Center, who announced that the Christmas Party was a success. She also said that they are dealing with a lot of patrons’ hospitalizations and that the staff is focusing on getting them well. Ms. Love added that the 2012 calendar includes several events.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Webster made a motion to enter into an executive session which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the Council would be in executive session for approximately 45 minutes and would reconvene the regular council meeting at that time. The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m. and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk