



# City of Clay, Alabama

## Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

City Hall Meeting Room – 2441 Old Springville Road

January 27, 2026

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### CALL PRE-COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jane Anderton called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Jane Anderton introduced new City Clerk Toushi Arbitelle.

### PRESENT

Mayor Jane Anderton

Council member Joseph "Jody" Harris

Council member Chris Nail

Council member Orletta Jackson-Rush, E.D.

Council member Nathan Thompson

Council member Carla Youngblood

### CONTRACT FOR WEB DESIGN SERVICES

Mayor Anderton asked if everyone watched his video. Gave overview of contract with Sean Walsh for web design services. The City will maintain ownership. Staff will be trained in using the software. It will be AI enabled. He will obtain a Clay business license, if approved. He will give list of deliverables along with his timeframe of when work will be completed after staff has been trained.

### APPOINTMENT FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER

Council member Harris stated that three (3) more candidates were interviewed. He felt that Scott Collins was the best candidate. Council member Youngblood agreed with Council member Harris. Council member Rush was not present for the interviews but looked at their resumes. Council member Thompson questioned what had changed from two (2) weeks ago. Mayor Anderton replied that two (2) other candidates were interviewed. Mayor Anderton emphasized that the previous candidate has local contacts as was stressed at the League's Advocacy Day. Council member Nail stated he was good.

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION– COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Council member Harris can no longer serve as the Chairman but will remain on the Commission as the Council's representative.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE CREATION

Council member Nail questioned the need. Mayor Anderton informed Council that one was established when the City was established. Mayor Anderton says there is a need so that all finances do not have to be presented to the entire council. Meetings will be published and open to the public. It will consist of: Council member Youngblood – chair, Council member Harris, Mayor Anderton, City Administrator and City Clerk. Council member Youngblood says that a 3-5 analysis is needed to give an accurate standing of the City's finances.

### DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL BANK SIGNATORY

This would add a 3<sup>rd</sup> person as an additional signatory. A need arose last week for a check for basketball gate money, and Council member Rush was out of town.

### LIST OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Mayor Anderton had Public Works Supervisor Epps to create a list. Mayor Anderton would like to remove the two (2) buses listed. Approved vehicles will go to the auction.

### DE-ANNEXATION – 2565 SWEENEY HOLLOW ROAD

Council member Harris gave an overview of what Planning & Zoning Commission heard about the case. Their recommendation was to approve the de-annexation. Council member Nail is concerned about setting a precedent in doing so.