



**City of Clay**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 2, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2012, 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 Mr. George Allcorn opened in prayer and Jacob Self of Scout Troop 216 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:

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick  
Councilman Kevin Small  
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Becky Johnson  
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent: Councilman L. B. Feemster

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of June 18, 2012.

*Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of June 18, 2012, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Called Council meeting minutes of June 25, 2012.

*Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Called Council meeting minutes of June 25, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. City Clerk Bobby Christmas asked that the Council strike Resolution 2012-13 from the agenda.

*Councilman Small made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with Resolution 2012-13 struck, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*



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Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Sergeant Jack Self who identified himself as a representative of Alabama's First Response Radio. Sergeant Self announced that Alabama's First Response radio provides a central avenue for coordinating relief in the event of a natural disaster. It also communicates latest news to local media outlets as well as other vital information such as shelter and road closure information. They also have a website and a mobile app for smart phones.

Sergeant Self referred to Mr. Kenn Galbreath for more detailed information. Mr. Galbreath stated that the mobile app and website have ICE information, GPS location, utility information, and evacuation routes as well as Amber Alerts and information on the yellow dot program all linked together in a single app. He stated that they plan to begin a community awareness campaign by visiting schools and community meetings. 97.3 FM is the home for the show Heart at Home, which is the sister show for Alabama First Response Radio.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was not present for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick asked Senior Citizens Director Linda Love for a report on the Seniors. Ms. Love stated that there is nothing new at this time. Councilwoman Hambrick stated that the main room, kitchen and hallways of the Seniors Center have been in need of being repainted and that Linda Love has gathered three quotes. Councilman Small asked for clarification about the quotes. After further review of the quotes, Councilwoman Hambrick asked Linda Love if the term "materials" constitutes paint. Linda Love answered affirmatively.

*Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion that Plummer's Home Improvement, the lowest bidder, be awarded \$1,050.00 from the Seniors Fund for labor and materials to paint the Seniors Center's main room, kitchen and two hallways. Councilman Small seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilwoman Hambrick then discussed Library Director Karen Moody's request for additional part time staff because of the growth the library has seen in recent years. Councilwoman Johnson asked if the hours would be set or flexible. Karen Moody answered that a schedule would be set, but still flexible.

*Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to hire a part time employee for 30 hours per pay period at \$10.00 per hour on a trial basis to be reviewed in six months' time. Councilman Small seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon would be held on July 17 at the Grayson Valley Country Club. She announced that the Chamber and City have been working together to set up a neighborhood watch program. Councilwoman Johnson



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discussed a proposal from Tina Tidmore for managing the information on the City's website.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tina Tidmore to manage the City of Clay website.*

Councilman Webster asked if Ms. Tidmore could also include the Consent Agenda on the City's website. Councilwoman Johnson answered affirmatively.

*Councilwoman Johnson amended her previous motion to include putting the Consent Agenda on the website. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Kevin Small announced that he continues to work through the paving bids and the Public Works Department has begun working on patching projects.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He discussed the Council's agreement to give the Chamber of Commerce \$5,000.00. He then presented a yearlong agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

*Councilman Webster made a motion to approve the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilman Webster went on to say that the Fishing Rodeo was a huge success and the state recommends buying grass carp for weed control.

*Councilman Webster made a motion to buy 400 grass carp from Southern Lake Management for \$2,050.00, including delivery, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilman Webster stated that over 30 resumes were submitted for the Park Superintendent position and interviews will begin the following week.

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 = \$62,579.44; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$141,231.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$130,818.79; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$558,995.06; Library Fund = \$4,948.68; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$13,101.03.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent.



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*Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.*

That the motion was put before the council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012-11, A Resolution Appointing the City Clerk to Perform the Duties for Holding a Municipal Election As Required By State Law , which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-11 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.*

That the motion was put before the council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Feemster, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012-12, A Resolution Establishing the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices and the Use of Electronic Ballot Marking Devices, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

*Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.*

That the motion was put before the council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilman Webster who asked that everyone keep Councilman Feemster and Mr. Josh Clayton in their thoughts and prayers. Councilwoman Hambrick explained that Councilman Feemster had a stroke; however, the affected area appears to be much smaller than originally thought.

Councilman Webster thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his broken ankle.

Mayor McGuffie read the Notice of Election of Municipal Officers.



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Mayor McGuffie announced that Sergeant Self and Mr. Galbreath of Alabama First Responders Radio are available for any citizen questions.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be July 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk