



City of Clay, Alabama

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

City Hall Meeting Room – 2441 Old Springville Road
February 10, 2026

CALL PRE-COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jane Anderton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jane Anderton
Council member Nathan Thompson
Council member Carla Youngblood
Council member Chris Nail
Council member Joseph "Jody" Harris
Council member Orletta Jackson-Rush, E.D.

ACCEPT THE FY2024-2025 CITY AUDIT

Mr. Joe Chapman, Assurance Manager, presented the audit to the Council. He stated there were no problems and issued a clean opinion. He added that revenues exceeded expenses but were down compared to previous years.

DEMO LIEN FOR 5975 SHANE CIRCLE (TPID 09-00-34-1-000-113.000)

There were no questions/comments.

ESTABLISH CLAY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD & BYLAWS

All volunteers are subject to background checks. Council member Thompson suggested that the name be changed to Clay Youth Sports. The resolution and bylaws were amended to say 'local residents' in place of city residents.

CHANGE APRIL 28, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Council discussed changing it to April 21, 2026 and would also include the Pre-Council meeting as well.

DISCUSS CARNIVAL/FAIR DURING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Mayor Anderton expressed concerns regarding the upcoming carnival scheduled for the last week of March during the school's spring break.

Council Member Nail recognized Ronnie Dixon, Executive Director of the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce, to provide additional information. Mr. Dixon explained that C & M Midways provides the Chamber with 20% of the gate fees, which are used to fund city projects. He stated that the Chamber will manage concessions and will obtain the required business license.

Mr. Dixon also provided information regarding the pickleball tournament held last year, noting that participants traveled from 17 states and four countries, with approximately 1,200 matches played. He stated that the event is not a significant revenue generator for the Chamber but that the Chamber promotes and advertises the tournament.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the Council meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Jane Anderton, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk