



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES December 2, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2013, 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. Mr. Dixon led 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 Halstead	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small (entered at 6:36)	Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2013.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-09, 5793 Cheryl Drive.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-10, 5645 Heather Lane. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response. Mayor Webster announced that the Council would vote on this annexation later in the meeting.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-11, 2344 Carraway Street. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response. Mayor Webster announced that the Council would vote on this annexation later in the meeting.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-12, 2364 Caraway Street. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response. Mayor Webster announced that the Council would vote on this annexation later in the meeting.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-13, 2536 Galloway Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response. Mayor Webster announced that the Council would vote on this annexation later in the meeting.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-14, multiple properties in the Kerri Lane Estates Subdivision. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response. Mayor Webster announced that the Council would vote on this annexation later in the meeting.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported on the **Finance Committee**. He announced that the auditor would have a report by December 16.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker and Dr. Charles Hart reported that the Public Safety Committee would like to investigate acquiring a drug dog for the city.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that McEnally's will open soon. The Ace Hardware in Piggly Wiggly is also getting close to opening.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson thanked Kathy Dixon and Carolyn Webster for aiding with the Tree Lighting. She stated that the Tree Lighting Event was a success and the tree looks great. Councilor Johnson announced that CCMS will perform at Troy on December 3 at 7:00 pm. She reminded everyone that the Seniors and Mayor would be visiting Pigeon Forge this week and that the Christmas Parade will take place on December 14 at 3:00 pm.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. He announced that the library will hold pajama themed story time on the 18th at 10:00 am and the 19th at 5:30 pm. Councilor Small reported that the library's Tween Craft Program has openings and that they will be making wooden sleds. He then discussed the progress of the outdoor reading area.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He discussed the Tree Lighting at Cosby Lake and suggested adding the Disc Golf Course to the directional sign at Deerfoot Parkway. He also recommended looking into getting a scoreboard for the Elementary School.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$82,380.51; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,455.61; Library Fund = \$2,118.82; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$124,165.88.83; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$179,898.18; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$192,938.30; Ballpark Revenue = \$116,801.40; and Ballpark Expense = -\$101,386.00.

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

Councilor Halstead made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Councilor Small made a motion to table Ordinance 2013-29, An Ordinance Annexing 2344 Carraway Street, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker and Small

Nays: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

The motion failed with a 2-4 vote.



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Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-27, An Ordinance Annexing 5793 Cheryl Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-27, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-28, An Ordinance Annexing 5645 Heather Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-28, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilor Baker

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-29, An Ordinance Annexing 2344 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-29, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-30, An Ordinance Annexing 2364 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-30, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-31, An Ordinance Annexing 2536 Galloway Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-31, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

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

Yeas: Councilors Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-32, An Ordinance Annexing multiple properties in Kerri Lane Estates, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-32, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster



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Nays: Councilor Baker

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Anthony Johnson who identified himself as living at 4956 Kerri Lane. Mr. Johnson questioned Councilor Baker's reasoning for voting against Ordinance 2013-32. Councilor Baker answered that he is following his campaign promise not to expand the borders of the City.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. James Pruitt who identified himself as living at 5201 Ruby Circle. Mr. Pruitt commented on Councilor Baker's promise not to annex. He urged Councilor Baker to change his mind and consider annexing more properties.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**. Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager