



City of Clay

P.O. Box 345
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 23rd, 2019

Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Dennis Locke opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Becky Johnson Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Dennis Locke, Councilor Ben Thackerson and Mayor Webster.

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 9th, 2019. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of April 9th, 2019 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Mayor and Council** Mayor Webster introduced Dr. Tom Dooley, resident of Clay, to speak on the Freedom from Addition Coalition event scheduled for June 4th. This event will be for communities on the north side of Jefferson County at the Trussville Community Center at 7:00 am for a one-hour event. Mayor Webster announced the resignation of council member and recommends replacement of Don Baker to be Dean Kirkner. Mayor Webster called for a motion to appoint Dean Kirkner to Council. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to appoint Dean Kirkner to Council which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilor Becky Johnson mentioned the Senior Center was excited to go on their field trip to Gardendale Flea Mall and then out to eat at the White House Restaurant.

Councilor Bo Johnson welcomed Dean Kirkner to Council. Introduced Program director, Taylor Gurley and Khalil Bell of the Girls and Boys Club. Khalil Bell was the Girls and Boys Club Youth of the Year state winner. Mr. Dixon introduced Proclamation 2019-03 to recognize Khalil Bell, BGCA Youth of the Year. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-03 which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilor Dennis Locke praised Khalil on the great job but had no other report.

Councilor Ben Thackerson requested an update on dredging project at Cosby lake. Mr. Dixon updated Council on time line and would probably another year when The Core of Engineers grants permit.

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



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Under the **City Manager's report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$270,847.41; Contractors Bond = \$151,996.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$371,994.57; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$77,249.04; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$48,493.42; Building Fund = \$600,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$260,357.05; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$10,205.36; Ballpark Registration Income=29,265.20; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (34,138.02).

Under Public Hearings

Mr. Dixon introduced 2019-05 a Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance upon Private Properties: 5530 San Marcos and 7501 Stoneycreek Drive. There was no one to speak for or against 5530 San Marcos . Property located at 7501 Stoneycreek Drive. Part Owner of property, Mrs. Shirley Norris of 7220 Weems Road was present to speak for the property and said the property is being remodeled. Mr. Dixon explained to Ms. Norris that no one can be living at the location with no utilities. Mrs. Norris will have to obtain a building permit to remodel and electricity and plumbing permits. Present to speak against: Nelson Baker of 7500 Stoneycreek Drive complained of no remodeling update, running a business out of the house and erosion on the property which effected his property drive way. City Attorney Alan Summers suggested that Council act on the resolution.

Mr. Dixon re-introduced Z-2019-02 to rezone Highland Green Sector 3 from Residential medium density to Residential High density. This comes from unanimous approval from Planning and Zoning.

Present to speak for the rezoning was developer Alan Jones. Waiting on Jefferson County Health department design approval.

Present to speak against the rezoning:

Michelle Johnson of 8010 Waterford Drive in Highland Green voiced concern about property values.

Ken Garner of 7732 Clayton Cove Parkway claims he did not receive a notice of this issue. Not sure of the caliber of existing homes. Road not large enough. Mr. Dixon explained the procedure of notification within 500 feet.

Rod Jackson of 7747 Clayton Cove Parkway claims he did not receive notification. He would like minimum 2000 square feet. Mayor Webster explained the lot size is smaller not the house with the re-zoning. The homes will be four-sided brick and will be well built homes. Property values will not be affected, Garden homes are not used as comparable in the real estate market.

Shelia Gray of 8097 McIntyre Road. The Home Owners Association will be nice to have but it does not reduce crime. Ms. Gray questioned if there was a regulation that requires a P&Z member that votes yes, are they required to vote yes in the Council meeting. Mayor Webster explained there is no requirement to vote the same.

End public hearing.



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Motion to move into unanimous consent. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mr. Dixon introduced Resolution 2019-05 a resolution authorizing the elimination of a nuisance upon private property. Mayor Webster asked for a Motion to approve resolution 2019-05. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote*

Mayor Webster asked for a Motion to approve Z-2019-02 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Z-2019-02 which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

End unanimous consent.

Move to public comments. Mayor calls Mr. Alan Drinkard of 7281 Cavern Road. Mr. Drinkard explained comparable process for pricing real-estate: square feet, same build, perceived value, price point.

James Taylor Senior of 7934 Forest Loop was present to speak about the garbage cans from Republic. Also asked questions regarding zip code and notification of election of officials.

The next City Council meeting will be held on May 14th at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon