



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 26th, 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 Don Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Dennis Locke, Councilor Ben Thackerson and Mayor Webster.
Absent: none

Ronnie Dixon recommended to adjourn and go into executive session to discuss legal matter with Attorney Alan Summers. *Mayor Webster entertained a motion to suspend regular order and go into executive session. Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to move into executive session which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Council returned from Executive Session after nine minutes and resumed regular order.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 12th, 2019. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 12th, 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 Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke 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** comments, Mayor Webster introduced Ms. Willingham of Clay Chalkville Middle School Ambassadors. Tristen Webster, Stephanie Clark, Tory Walker, Adriane Lopez, Asia Parrish and Alia Cain addressed Council with some of the things they do for the Clay Chalkville Middle School ambassadors.

Councilor Don Baker had no report. Thanks to all the deputies. Brick finished on the Fire Station #4. Inside walls are up. Hopefully to move in a couple of months.

Councilor Becky Johnson seniors had a trip to Charlie B's. They are enjoying the food from the BBQ stop.

Councilor Bo Johnson March 9th Birmingham Iron home game, 5 dollars of each ticket price will go to our schools if you buy tickets via our website link.

Councilor Dennis recognized Mr. Lee and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson spoke of the generous support from the City. Funds from the city were spent on 56 new computers for all the teachers, new lamps, 5 new TV's, chrome books, running banners, 14x30 carts for more one on one with students. Gyms have been refinished floors, lights and paint and purchased Golf Cart for custodians. Thanks, from the teachers for grants.



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Mr. Lee also expressed appreciation to the City and thankful for Mr. Wilson and his improvements to the school. With the funds provided from the City, purchases were made for 2 chrome book carts, 60 new for kids, panels supplementary Spanish books, travel for sports teams. The Leader in me program will be in the High School with the advisory periods.

Councilor Ben Thackerson announced there will be a cleanup Saturday at 8 am at Cosby Lake.

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

Under the **City Manager's report**, Mr. Dixon informed council it was time to vote on the new Garbage Service. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to move choose Santeck which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson.* Roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$311,107.05; Contractors Bond = \$152,002.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$442,411.97; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$68,240.02; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$36,297.47; Building Fund = \$600,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$260,357.05; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$72,241.52; Ballpark Registration Income=23,722.30; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (18,455.17). March 8th will be the last day of sign up for spring ball.

Bid opening for demolition at 7153 Cabin lane:

Milam and Company bid was for \$8,800.00. TUC Construction bid was for \$23,499.00.

Decision to be made and announced at next council meeting.

Under Public Hearings

Zoning Case Z-2019-02. Highland Green Development. Developer interested in development of 50 lots. Power and water have been approved. Unanimous vote approval from Planning and Zoning.

Alan Jones spoke for the development. There are a few builders interested. Different size house from phase one and two. Houses would be 4-sided brick. Minimal 1400 square foot homes.

Present to speak against Z-2019-02:

Carol Foster of 8061 Lizmore Lane concerned with the vacant lots in phase 2. Concerned about property values and traffic problems at Clayton Cove Subdivision. Mayor Webster assured Ms. Foster that Garden Homes would not be considered as a comp when selling original homes.

Steve Goble of 7890 McIntyre Road concerned with the Septic system increase, negative impact of traffic.



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Shelia Gray of 8097 McIntyre Road wanted information on Clay website for zoning. Moved to Clay to get away from busy city. Not interested in Restaurants and wants to farm their land.

Ronnie Chism of 8036 McIntyre Rd does not want the extra people in this area.

Yawanna McDonald 8058 Lizmore lane says not all residents in Highland Green received a notice. Also concerned with more traffic and the addition housing on the sewer system.

Mayor Webster assured Ms. McDonald the sewer system and traffic was approved for all phases by the county in 2004.

Questions from Council. Councilor Baker confirmed that the lots would be larger and have green space, could have been much worse as approved by the county. Councilor Dennis Locke commented that if he thought it would negatively impact property values, he would have not voted yes last Thursday night.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve Z-2019-02. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Z-2019-02 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Bo Johnson, Dennis Locke, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Don Baker, Becky Johnson, Ben Thackerson

Motion failed.

Mayor Webster called for public comments.

Jane Anderton of 5434 White Oak Road expressed interest in getting a garden group for beautifying areas, native plants, transplanted. Need help from the city for advertising. School group to help on 3/9/19.

The next City Council meeting will be held on March 5th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon