



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 2, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, April 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 Councilman Small opened in prayer and 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:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 19, 2012. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of March 19, 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. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Mr. Rick Barlock who identified himself as living at 5183 Yorkshire Drive and being the President of the Yorkshire sub-division Homeowners Association. Mr. Barlock announced his support for the city in regards to the variance for Sign Ordinance 2010-02 for Moore Oil Company. He expressed concern that this decision may affect the future image of the city.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster called on Deputy Terry Scott who announced that there have been reports of thefts in some neighborhoods. Deputy Scott urged citizens to be aware of who is in their neighborhood.

Councilman Feemster announced that discussions regarding the sign variance for Moore Oil Company took place at the Executive Session on March 26, 2012. Councilman Feemster made a motion for the city of Clay to appeal the Board of Zoning Adjustments decision to the circuit court. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and Councilman Feemster requested a roll call vote.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, and Mayor McGuffie



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Nays: Council members Johnson, Small and Webster

The motion failed due to the lack of a majority vote.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick announced that the Easter egg hunt at the Library on Saturday, March 31, was a big success. She also reminded everyone about Clay Historical Society's plan for a dedication of the Wear Cemetery Fence in June 2012.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson discussed the following items: (1) April is National Autism awareness Month; (2) The next School Committee Meeting will include planning for the next school year; (3) Clay Chalkville Middle School will host a golf tournament on April 15 and the entry fee is \$75.00; (4) Clay May Days will be held on May 19; (5) the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held May 3 at the Community Center; and (6) Councilwoman Johnson made a motion for the City to sponsor 2 holes at the cost of \$200.00 for the Christina Heichelbech Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Kevin Small announced that he was proud of all the employees and volunteers working on tornado cleanup and that the City is preparing itself for the work to be completed when the volunteers stop coming in.

Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a 2006 International truck for \$49,500 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Later Councilman Small amended this motion to include the cost of the truck would be paid from the 4 and 5 cent Gas Fund which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small also made a motion to purchase a 1990 International truck for \$12,000.00 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Later Councilman Small amended this motion to include the cost of the truck would be paid from the 4 and 5 cent Gas Fund which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small discussed the renovations necessary to move in to the New City Hall. Councilman Small made a motion to set aside \$150,000.00 for the new building, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He announced that Opening Day was held at the ball park on Saturday March 31. He announced that he is talking to the state Fish and Game Commission to stock fish for the fishing rodeo. He observed that a lot of dogs are at Cosby Lake and has talked to Ben Thackerson, Park Board Chairman, about a dog park. He stated the Park Board would discuss a dog park for Cosby Lake.

Councilman Webster announced the Park Board Recommendation to hire a Park Superintendent. Councilman Webster made a motion to move forward to hire a Park Superintendent which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 = \$103,714.77; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$120,410.42; Capital Improvement Fund =



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\$207,326.28; Concession Stand = \$4,970.93; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$543,124.86; Library Fund = \$6,858.83; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$9,704.79.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012-06, A Resolution Declaring City Property as Surplus, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-06 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: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**.

Mr. George Post of 6927 Mountainview Drive was recognized and asked why Councilwoman Johnson complimented Mayor McGuffie and City Clerk Bobby Christmas on wearing blue for Autism Awareness month but did not compliment Councilman Small for wearing blue. Councilwoman Johnson answered that Councilman Small was not wearing blue for Autism Awareness, but for the Kentucky basketball game to be held that night.

Mayor McGuffie called for any more Public Comments and there was no response.

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

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk