



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Feemster presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called the meeting to order and Councilman Small opened in prayer.

Councilman Webster 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:

Mayor Pro Tem L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small

Absent: Mayor Ed McGuffie

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster explained that Mayor McGuffie was absent tonight because his daughter had surgery today. He asks and City Attorney Russell Steen responded that the surgery went well.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 5, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 5, 2011, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Called Council meeting held on July 7, 2011. Councilman Webster made a motion to approve the Called Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2011, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Pro Tem Feemster stated there were none.



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Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Pro Tem Feemster gave a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. He announced that the Public Safety Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month and would be working on developing an emergency plan for all the city facilities. He stated they meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall and invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster reported that there was a company that did windshield surveys to evaluate all the streets in the city and prioritize them in order of their needs to be paved. He stated he would be checking on the cost of such a survey and report back to the Council.

Deputy Terry Scott was recognized and reported that there had been a few burglaries over the last few weeks. He stated there had been one arrest and two more suspects had been identified due to phone calls from citizens. He asks everyone to be on the lookout for anything unusual in their neighborhood and report it to them.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She announced that the Historical Society was organizing an old fashion auction to be held on July 30 at 2:00 p.m. to raise funds to build a fence around the Wear Cemetery where Mr. Samuel Wear, a Revolutionary War veteran, is buried. She requested donations from everyone for this fund raiser and invited everyone to attend. She stated that a portion of the funds would be going to the storm relief victims.

Councilwoman Hambrick recognized Ms. Pat Feemster who gave a report on the actions of the U.S. House of Representatives who had passed a bill that would undermine the Clean Water Act. She stated this was a very serious issue and the U.S. Senate would be acting on this bill soon. She encouraged everyone to contact their Senators and asks them to vote against House Bill 2018. Also, she informed every one of a website where everyone could go and sign on to a petition opposing this bill.

Councilwoman Hambrick stated that the Council had discussed this in Pre-Council and she made a motion for the City of Clay to sign on to the Clean Water Network. Councilman Webster seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Hambrick requested a report from the Senior Citizens and Mr. Guy Scott reported that they had been very active and have recently taken some very interesting trips.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon was tomorrow at the Pinson Community Center and Jefferson County Commissioner David Carrington would be the speaker. Also, she stated she had been enjoying the traffic being less on Old Springville Road due to school being out.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that he was getting ready to recommend some roads to be paved for the fall paving project.



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Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for cutting the grass at Bryant Park and Cosby Lake after all the rain recently.

He reported that there had been a meeting with Nature Bridges who is the company that will be constructing the bridges at Cosby Lake. He stated he hope to get the contract signed this week and the contractor stated it would take about six weeks to get the materials and another three weeks for installation.

Councilman Webster stated they were moving forward with the construction of the concession stand behind the library. He stated they hoped to have the restrooms ready in time for football season.

Also, he reported that there would be a singing Saturday night July 23 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilman Webster reported that there are some problems with the algae in Cosby Lake and they were working on building a barrier to keep the fish from jumping over the spill way. After the barrier is constructed some more grass carp will be purchased to help clean up the algae.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor Pro Tem Feemster announced there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$52,156.53; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$68,769.68 AmFund Account = \$141,395.52; Capital Improvement Fund = \$553,486.13; Concession Stand = \$5,879.29; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$465,561.19; Library Fund = \$7,626.73; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$10,018.00.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Pro Tem Feemster reported there was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for any **Public** Comments and recognized Mr. George Post who asks Councilwoman Hambrick how much publicity her motion for the Dirty Water Act would get. He recommended notifying the television media; the Birmingham News; Senators Bacchus, Shelby and Sessions; and President Obama. Councilwoman Hambrick stated everyone needed to act on this and gave the website www.al.com to go to and sign on to this petition.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for any further Public Comments and there were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster called for any Mayor and / or Council comments and there were none.

Councilwoman Hambrick asks for a report on the plans for maintaining the right of ways that are the responsibility of the County. City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that he and the Mayor had met with Jefferson County Commissioner Joe Knight last week to discuss this situation. The



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City Clerk explained that the Mayor's idea was for the cities to borrow the county equipment that was not being used because of the cut back of employees by the County. He explained that the Mayor had written a letter to Commissioner Knight and Commissioner Sandra Little Brown who is the Commissioner over the roads. In the meeting with Commissioner Knight, he appeared to be in favor of this happening and gave the paperwork to Ms. Virginia Doyle in his office to prepare a Resolution for the Commission meeting to be held Tuesday July 19.

Ms. Carol Foster from the Clayton Cove sub-division asks about debris that has not been picked up for some time. The City Clerk explained if a customer with the garbage service cuts some limbs they will get picked up, however, if a tree service cuts a tree down and piles it at the street they will not pick it up. Ms. Feemster stated that sometimes it takes a long time to get debris picked up. Mayor Pro Tem Feemster mentioned possibly getting a meeting with the garbage service to discuss these issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Feemster announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday August 1, 2011.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk