



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 1, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick opened in prayer.

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick 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 and regular minutes of October 14, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council and regular minutes, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by 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 Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by 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 Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie recognized Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, for opening bids for directional signs. Mr. Burch announced that four bids were sent out for directional signs and there was only one response. Mr. Burch opened a bid from the Sign Shop and announced the bid to be \$10,788.68. Mayor McGuffie announced the bid would be reviewed and awarded at the next meeting.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster announced that the well at the ballpark had been completed and was pumping water. He stated they had been using the water for hydro-seeding at the park. He stated that this water would be used for everything at the ballpark and Library. He stated it would be necessary to have bladder tanks and chlorination equipment at the park to provide water for everything. He stated that he had cleared it with the Library Board and Historical Society to remove the old wash house and replicate it on the same sight. He stated that half



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of the building could be used for the bladder tanks and chlorination equipment and the other half could be used by the Library for storage. He stated they would like to replicate the well house in the same way as the wash house.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the grant requested for the tree project on Deerfoot Parkway was not approved for the City. She stated the City would go forward with planting trees on Deerfoot Parkway and that over \$4,500 had been received from donations. She stated donations could still be made toward this project and thanked Ms. Pat Feemster for her hard work on this project.

Councilwoman Hambrick encouraged businesses, organizations, clubs, boys and girl scouts, churches and everyone else to participate in the Christmas Parade scheduled for the second Saturday in December at 3:00 p.m. Also, she announced that the Christmas tree lighting would be the first Saturday in December at 6:00 p.m.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson read a letter from Clay Elementary School thanking the City for the contribution toward a computer cart for their Computer Lab.

Councilwoman Johnson reported the following rates of participation for citizens returning their Census forms into the Census Bureau: Alabama 72%; Jefferson County 74% and Clay 78%. She reported that the final census report was due to the President by December 31 and we would get this report after that.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the School Committee has set the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for their meetings.

Under the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Small reported that he had been working through the Alabama Department of Transportation to find the right person to get Clay put on the exit signs on Interstate 59. Also, he reported that the Public Works personnel were working on decorations for the upcoming holidays.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster announced that the Park Board had interviewed four landscaping architect firms to design a master plan for Cosby Lake. He stated that the Park Board recommended that the city employ Nimrod Long Architects at a fee of \$5,500 for the master plan and \$500 each for grant writing. Councilman Webster made a motion to suspend the council imposed bid limit of \$5,000 and approve the Park Boards recommendation to employ Nimrod Long Architects at a fee of \$5,500 for the master plan and \$500 per application for grant writing. He stated all request for grant writing would be approved in advance by the City Council. Councilwoman Hambrick seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve the Park Board members listed below with their terms of service as listed: David Feemster – November 15, 2014; Scott Watkins – November 15, 2014; Jeff Cole – November 15, 2012; and Ben Thackerson – November 15, 2011. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster announced there was one vacancy due to the resignation of Ms. Donna Key whose term expires November 11, 2012. He stated he would like to send out notices for someone to fill this position.



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Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinances**, the Mayor had nothing to report.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported on the balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$70,153.04; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$28,975.51; AmFund Account = \$720,986.32; Capital Improvement Fund = \$18,676.00; Concession Stand = \$5,483.92; Contractors Bond = \$43,322.92; General Fund = \$455,010.81; Library Fund = \$9,427.95; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,515.85.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent 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 introduced Resolution 2010 – 36, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the City Council for Calendar Year 2011; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 36 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

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 2010 – 37, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Planning and Zoning Commission for Calendar Year 2011; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 37 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



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Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 38, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Board of Zoning Adjustments for Calendar Year 2011; which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 38 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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 was recognized and pointed out that the Christmas tree lighting scheduled for December 4 at 6:00 p.m. could possibly conflict with the Southeastern Conference Championship football game which the University of Alabama may be in. Councilwoman Hambrick stated she would take a look at the time.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor and/or Council Comments**. Councilman Webster announced there would not be a Community Wide Singing for the months of November or December. Also, Councilman Webster thanked the Park Board for its work on interviewing and employing a landscape for a master plan at Cosby Lake.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday November 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

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

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer