



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 2, 2015

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Bo Johnson led in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of October 19, 2015.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of October 19, 2015, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by 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 Becky Johnson 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 Thackerson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** had nothing new to discuss.

Councilor Baker asked about the status of the two additional deputies. Mayor Webster and Mr. Dixon informed him that the City is waiting for the application deadline. Mr. Baker then asked if there was a way to make flagging safer. The Council discussed options for the following year.



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Councilor Becky Johnson reported on the following: (1) Read a thank you note from Carol Hobby, a recipient of one of the monthly \$500.00 grants. (2) Mr. Lee is in the process of upgrading the sound system and lights in the high school auditorium. (3) The playoff game against Cullman has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 5. (4) The tree lighting will be November 10 at Cosby Lake. (5) The Christmas parade will be on December 12 at 3:30. (6) Veterans Day Luncheon is on November 11.

Councilor Bo Johnson announced that his committee met and discussed enforcing a police jurisdiction. The committee will continue to investigate before bringing to Council.

Councilor Small called on Ms. Jane Anderton for a report from the Library Board. Ms. Anderton reported that the Clay Public Library continues to improve and meet the needs of the residents of Clay. She also announced that the Board has nominated Ms. Holly Flores as the Library Director. Ms. Flores has been acting as the interim Library Director over the last several months and has agreed to the Board's appointment as the full time Library Director. *After reviewing the City's need for an updated server and firewall, Councilor Small made a motion to purchase a new server and a new firewall for \$11,085.00 which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:
Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None

Councilor Thackerson informed the Council that the Park Committee would meet on November 9.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$737,942.49; Contractors Bond = \$190,775.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$289,399.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$143,600.02; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$75,406.57; Road Project Fund = \$250,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$300,000.00; BBT Fund= \$56,713.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$3,383.00; and Ballpark Expense = (\$10,959.43).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there was none.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote



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was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-55, A Resolution Extending the Moratorium on the Issuance of Check Cashing/Payday Advance, Title Loan Businesses, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-55, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-56, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5530 Spanish Trace, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-56, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-57, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5542 Spanish Trace, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-57, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-58, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 7739 Clayton Cove Parkway, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-58, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-59, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 8053 Lizmore Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.



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Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-59, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-60, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 8054 Lizmore Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-60, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-61, A Resolution Abating the Property Located at 6805 Elliott Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-61, 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. George Post of 6927 Mountain View Drive NE. Mr. Post asked Mr. Dixon about elections. Mr. Dixon answered that the next elections in Clay will be the primaries in March 2016.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Deanna Hunt of 5748 Desoto Drive who asked about Cross Keys paving, asked that a fallen tree be removed from the side of the road, commented about the flagging, updated the Council about her petition for speed bumps, and asked the Council to consider a stop sign on Desoto Drive.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Goodwin of 5704 Desoto Drive who reported complaints about noise ordinance violations, slow response time from the Sheriff's Office, and gun shots in the neighborhood. He said there is frequent suspicious traffic at 5671 Balboa Terrace, 5653 Balboa Terrace, 5621 Desoto Drive, and 5821 Balboa Terrace. He also reported suspicious activity concerning a black Kia and a white Mustang.



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Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Jane Anderton of 5434 White Oak Road who explained that she was approached by a citizen who said that they had received misinformation from a deputy regarding the noise ordinance in Clay.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager