



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 19, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014, 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. Mayor Webster opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker Councilor Johnson Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Halstead Councilor Small

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 8, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 8, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Baker and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's amended 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments** Mayor Webster informed the Council that he believed the weather radio service to be too costly for the city at this time. He announced Safety Net provided by the Emergency Management Agency provides a similar service.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee has not met yet and will meet next week.

Councilor Halstead was not present for a report.

Councilor Johnson was recognized for a report. She announced that the Senior Activity Center has four new members and took a trip to Guntersville on Friday, May 16. Councilor Johnson also reported that Clay Chalkville High School will hold graduation on May 29, which is the last day of school. The School Committee is looking for volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year reading program.



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Councilor Small was not present for a report.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He reminded everyone about the fundraiser walk for Camp Smile A Mile. It will be held on June 7 at Cosby Lake at 8:00 am. There will be a \$10 donation to enter the walk. Everyone is invited. The Fishing Rodeo will take place at 10:00 am.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon asked the Council to consider a motion to allow the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Mutual Aid Agreement with Jefferson County for the City's use of the County's right of way maintenance equipment. The County Commission will vote on Wednesday. This will allow the City to have access to the County's equipment to maintain commuter roads under the responsibility of the County.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County to use their equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon then asked the Council for input and a decision about youth football registration requirements and fees. The Council discussed restricting registration to residents only and the price of registration in 2013. Councilor Baker suggested distributing fliers for football registration without the price included. The Council then discussed excluding players who have been banned from other parks, coach requirements and training, and opted to leave registration open to all children for this year. The Council will reevaluate for the 2015 football season.

Mr. Dixon announced that the City of Clay will begin handling car tag renewals at City Hall beginning August 1. This service will be for Clay residents only.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$236,731.58 Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,346.61; Library Fund = \$2,812.54; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$341,034.22; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$20,267.43; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$235,010.14; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$12,500.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$52,871.87; and Ballpark Expense YTD= - \$53,254.73.

Mr. Dixon stated that the sales tax revenue has been less than projected. He explained that sales tax is our main source of revenue and volatile. As such, if the taxes remain low the budget will suffer.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster announced that there were none.



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Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Brett King who identified himself as a candidate for State Senate. Mr. King reviewed his history and qualifications and asked to be considered at the primary election on June 3.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living at 6927 Mountain View Drive. Mr. Post commented on Mr. King's tenure at both Auburn University and the University of Alabama.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 19 at 6:30.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager