



**City of Clay**  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### May 23, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called the meeting to order. Pastor Stacy Reed of Faith Community Fellowship opened in prayer and City Manager Ronnie Dixon led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Baker, Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Locke, and Councilor Thackerson

Absent: Mayor Webster

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of May 9, 2017.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of May 9, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Locke abstained from voting.*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

*Councilor Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Councilor Baker** shared his belief that the upgrades to Cosby Lake Park will benefit the community in public safety.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** read a report from United Way Agency on Aging complementing the Senior Center employees: Beth Petty, Linda Plummer, and Allison Swanson.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** had nothing new to report.

**Councilor Locke** announced the grant winners for April 2017:

Clay Elementary School – Gabrielle Nation

Clay Chalkville Middle School – Dianne Naden

Clay Chalkville High School – Julie Crouch

He also reported that Jefferson County high school seniors were awarded \$73 million in scholarships and that Clay Chalkville High School seniors obtained \$6.83 million in scholarships.

**Councilor Thackerson** discussed Cosby Lake and asked Mr. Dixon to get a second quote for a sea wall at Cosby Lake Park.



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Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson announced that there were none.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$737,142.73; Contractors Bond = \$147,065.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$471,962.01; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$114,436.25; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$52,420.60; Building Fund = \$400,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund = \$15,527.68; Ballpark Registration Income = \$43,552.33; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$65,813.01).

Mr. Dixon announced that football and fall softball registration will take place online from June 1 until June 30 and fall baseball registration will be July 1 until July 31.

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson announced there were none.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Locke.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson introduced Ordinance 2017-04, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2010-01, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson introduced Resolution 2017-12, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2017-09, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-12, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson introduced Resolution 2017-13, A Resolution Releasing the Lien for Abatement of Weeds on the Property Located at 2308 Old Springville Road, Birmingham, Alabama, 35215, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13, 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson introduced Resolution 2017-14, A Resolution Releasing the Lien for Abatement of Weeds on the Property Located at 5139 Darlene Drive, Pinson, Alabama, 35126, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-14, 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:



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*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson called and end to unanimous consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Sidney Matthews of 5504 Spanish Trace. Mr. Matthews appealed to the Council to revoke their decision to condemn and demolish the garage and swimming pool on his property. Councilor Baker asked when Mr. Matthews began work on the property and Mr. Matthews answered that he has worked on it for more than one year. Councilor Baker commented that the property has been idle for some time, the city has received complaints on the property, and spoke about safety and design concerns regarding the property in question. Mr. Dixon explained that no plans have been submitted for plan review. City Attorney Alan Summers stated that the Council has followed procedure and that nothing can be done to stop the process.

Mayor Pro-Tempore recognized Mr. Raymond Hembry of 5306 Balboa Avenue. Mr. Hembry spoke about Mr. Matthews' outstanding character, admitting that Mr. Matthews may have made mistakes regarding his building permit, and asked the Council for leniency in this matter. He stated his belief that removing the building would be an injustice and commented that Mr. Matthews removed the swimming pool in the past week. Mr. Dixon explained that over the last several years the City has had numerous complaints about the property stating that the swimming pool is a health hazard and that kids are going into the building at night.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Becky Johnson announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager