



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 6, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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. Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker (entered at 6:40 pm) Councilor Johnson
Councilor Johnson Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: Councilor Small

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 15, 2014.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 15, 2014, 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 Thackerson made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the 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 Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** deferred to **Councilor Becky Johnson** who introduced Clay Elementary School principal, Dr. Sharon Gallant. Dr. Gallant stated that the \$17,349.50 donation from the City of Clay has been used toward the ongoing technology initiative at Clay Elementary School. She further reported the funds provided by the City have been instrumental in the purchase of promethean boards, laptops, iPad minis, wi-fi upgrades, and safety intercoms. Clay Chalkville principals and city officials met with Dr. Pouncey to discuss district lines. Jefferson County Board of Education requests that residents complete a survey on their website. Jefferson County Board of Education will hold a public zoning meeting at Pinson Valley High School on October 30th. Councilor Johnson reminded everyone about the tri-city pink out day and announced that the Veterans Luncheon will be held at the Grayson Valley Country Club on November 11.



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Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that Mr. Dixon is looking into mirrors near Roberts drive on Old Springville Road.

Councilor Bo Johnson was recognized for a report and stated that the Council would have Public Hearings and vote on annexations later in the meeting.

Councilor Small was not present for a report.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He made a motion to reschedule the October 13, 2014 Park Board meeting to October 14, 2014, at 6:00 pm at Cosby Lake House, which was seconded by Councilor Baker and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon opened discussion about the 2014-2015 budget. Mr. Dixon explained the budget reductions because of the anticipated income loss from Winn Dixie closing. Councilor Thackerson expressed concern with earmarking funds. He would like the Council to unearmark all funds and use the annual budget to reflect where funds would be spent while requiring the City to be more financially transparent.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to unearmark the 2% sales tax and approve the budget (included) with the changes, which was seconded by Mayor Webster. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: Councilor Baker

The motion passed with a vote of four in favor to one against.

City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$377,026.25; Senior Citizens Fund = \$5,423.63; Library Fund = \$10,068.08; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$478,431.88; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$48,813.20; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$254,400.88; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$37,500.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$94,3580.92; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$97,909.56.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for deannexation of 5534 Brewer Lane and 5544 Brewer Lane. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for annexation of 812 Mildred Ann Drive. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for annexation of 2363 Carraway Street. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this case and there was no response.



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Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatement at 6837 Sanmoore Drive. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-08, An Ordinance De-Annexing 5534 Brewer Lane and 5544 Brewer Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

The ordinance fails for lack of a motion.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-09, An Ordinance Annexing 812 Mildred Ann Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-09, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-10, An Ordinance Annexing 2363 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10, 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 Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: Councilor Baker

The ordinance passes four to one.

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-36, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 8077 Lizmore Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-36, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-37, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-36, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the



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results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and introduced the bid opening for demolition of the structure located at 5909 Elizabeth Drive. City Manager Ronnie Dixon opened the submitted bids, which were as follows:

Jones & Jones - \$15,000.00

TUC Pipeline - \$14,000.00

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Joe Gilliland who criticized the Council for their financial decisions.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 20, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager