



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 16, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Mr. Michael Lee opened in prayer and Councilwoman 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:

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent: Councilman L. B. Feemster

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 2, 2012.

Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 2, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie announced that there were none.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was not present for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick announced that the library parking lot has been paved. Councilman Small asked if there are plans to close the two places in the center. Councilwoman answered affirmatively. She announced that the Seniors had nothing new to report.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon would be held on July 17 at 11:30 at the Grayson Valley Country Club.



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Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to purchase a \$600.00 Spirit Sponsor ad to support the Clay Chalkville High School's Athletic Boosters, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that the middle school needs help with their security cameras, and that there will be more information as it becomes available. Councilwoman Johnson asked Mayor McGuffie to introduce Mr. Michael Lee, the new principal of Clay Chalkville High School.

Mr. Lee announced that he was excited to be at Clay Chalkville High School and invited everyone to come to the school to see the work in progress.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Kevin Small announced that paving projects are on the agenda under Unanimous Consent. Councilman Small discussed the City's need for a water truck.

Councilman Small made a motion to purchase a 10,000 gallon water truck for \$7,375.00 from the 7 cent gas tax fund, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small made a motion to set aside \$5,000.00 from the General Fund for Deputy Scott to use for targeted shifts to assist with enforcing the City's curfew Ordinance and extra patrol as necessary for a period of six weeks, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He discussed the practice field progress. He stated that 45,000 square feet of sod has already been purchased, but the field requires maintenance before the sod can be applied.

Councilman Webster made a motion to pay Pure Turf \$7,375.00 from the Capital Improvements' Concession Stand Budget fund to lay sod and map, stake, and grade the fields, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster announced that the Singing will be Saturday July 21 from 6-8 pm.

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

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$69,474.95; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$147,371.28; Capital Improvement Fund = \$98,042.74; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$568,680.99; Library Fund = \$11,119.68; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$8,668.48.

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: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.



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Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 - 13, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Resurfacing Keith Drive and Pannell road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 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: Councilmembers Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster, and Mayor McGuffie.

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. George Post who identified himself as living at 6927 Mountain View Drive. Mr. Post announced that he has been a resident of Clay for 39 years and has always been proud of his city. Mr. Post discussed the recent article in the Birmingham News about Clay's Mayoral race. He stated that he believes there is no reason for the news of this event to be spread beyond the City of Clay.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Joe Gilliland. Mr. Gilliland stated that many people on the consent agenda are not licensed in the city. He questioned why the city contracts business with people who are breaking a city ordinance. Mr. Gilliland further stated that many political signs are illegal. Mayor McGuffie asked Mr. Gilliland not to use this meeting as a political platform, and agreed that businesses should have a license. Councilwoman Johnson asked if someone on City Hall staff would address the businesses on the consent agenda that do not have a license in Clay. Mayor McGuffie assured Councilwoman Johnson and Mr. Gilliland that someone at City Hall will review the list for businesses without a license.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilman Small who stated that although there have been times of disagreement; this council has gotten along well. He stated that he has noticed that there have been some issues with political signs for this election year. Councilman Small asked that the Council encourage everyone to do the right thing. Councilman Webster stated that he has distributed 80% of his own signs and that when he issues his signs he also issues copies of the sign ordinance. He promised that he would personally make sure that all of his signs are legal.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be August 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk