



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 27th, 2018

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018, 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. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

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

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 13th, 2018. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 13th, 2018, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson 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 Don 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster
Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** reported Clay Chalkville Middle School has a new principle, Mr. Wilson. There have been positive changes and he is doing a great job. Dr Gallant and Mr. Lee also doing great jobs for our schools.

Councilor Don Baker welcomed all in attendance and thanks for coming, no further report.

Councilor Becky Johnson reported the Senior Center posted their calendar for March and welcomes anyone over sixty to join in the fun. Also the Center is getting new tables and chairs thanks in part to a grant provided by Commissioner Joe Knight.

Councilor Bo Johnson had no report but wanted to acknowledge the passing of Tom Bailey of Bailey Tire.

Councilor Dennis Locke introduced guest Dr. Susan Gallant. She spoke of how happy she was to have Mr. Wilson to be at Clay Chalkville Middle School. She introduced her fifth grade teacher, Casey Stith who thanked the council for the Leader in Me Program. Two of her students spoke on behalf of the program; Dakata Philon and Nicholes Youngblood.

Councilor Ben Thackerson reported on the new walking trail at Cosby Lake. It has been cleared and is ready for some gravel. Pipe was delivered on Friday. The Library rendering has been posted at the park.



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Under the **City Manager's Report**: Mr. Dixon introduced David Cork who presented his findings of the 2017 audit. He stated the audit went well and the city had another good year. The city had revenues that exceeded expenditures by \$547,000. Cork said that the city has a total debt of roughly \$5,250,000, but that the city repaid \$280,000 of it this year. Next year the city will be due to pay an additional \$295,000 toward the debt. The city's finances are divided into three funds: General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and Gas Tax Fund. All of the funds had revenues in excess of the expenditures except the Gas Tax Fund, The city did a lot of work on the roads this year and expenditures exceeded revenue by right at \$75,000. Even though the Gas Tax Fund expenditures exceeded its revenue, Cork said that the city still has a surplus of \$82,000 in the fund. Mr. Dixon stated we expect for that gas fund to be in the red because the state just doesn't give us enough money, so we're using general fund monies to pave roads. That's what we've accomplished. Dixon said that the city will likely spend more money this year due to a lot of money being put toward the library fund.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$577,343.22; Contractors Bond = \$152,038.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$492,991.74; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$99,561.29; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$54,934.34; Building Fund = \$791,333.50; Paving Supplement Fund = \$300,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$71,777.68; Ballpark Registration Income =23,885.00 and Ballpark Sports Expense = (12,837.44).

Mr. Dixon called for Council to consider a motion to sign over the title of the surplus grapple truck to Pinson. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve signing over the title which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mr. Dixon called for a motion allowing the Mayor to instruct Mr. Summers to begin proceedings to collect from Turner Foods. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to begin proceedings which was seconded by Don Baker and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Under Public Hearings, Mr. Dixon presented ALC-2018-01 which is a change of ownership for Chalkville Shell. Mayor Webster entertained a motion to approve ALC-18-01. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to begin approve ALC-2018-01 which was seconded by Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2018-02 which would amend ordinance 2005-56. This amendment "puts some teeth" into the ordinance which takes the procedure out of criminal court and into a more enforceable procedure. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-02 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None



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Mr. Dixon introduced Proclamation 2018-01 recognizing Sherry Frederick for her position in the Order of the Eastern Star Center Point chapter. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2018-01 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, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous consent.

Under Public Comments Mayor Webster recognized Mrs. Jessica Partain of 7474 Weems Road. Ms. Partain wished to convey her issues with 7511 Weems Lane and the ongoing problem with trash in the yard. A complaint has been issued previously and a letter has been sent to the address. The City is in the process of updating the junk ordinance as discussed earlier and hopefully the situation will be addressed quicker in the future. It is a long process but we are working on it.

The next City Council meeting will be March 13th. Mayor Webster called for a motion to adjourn. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.* The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager