



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES October 13, 2020

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted as follows:

Present: Councilors Becky Johnson, Bo Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Dennis Locke, Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Councilor Bo Johnson led the prayer. Mayor Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 22, 2020. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of September 22, 2020 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda with Resolution 2020-34 stricken from the agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson 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 Dennis Locke.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson, Mayor Webster*

Under the **City Manager's report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported on the following:

Fund Balances: General Fund \$474,036.12; Vehicle Fund \$38,350.24; Contractor Bonds \$155,989.16; Capital Funds \$413,389.55; 4/5 Cent Gas Fund \$157,256.90; 7 Cent Gas Fund \$90,083.42; Rebuild Alabama (10 Cent) Gas Fund \$42,853.08; Building Fund \$235,516.93; Paving Supplement Fund \$256,840.98; Reserve Fund \$1,300,000.00; BBT Fund \$41,919.20; Ballpark Sports Income \$60.00; Ballpark Sports Expenses (\$0.00).

There were no **Public Hearings**.

**Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other Business**, Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Dean Kirkner a motion to move into unanimous consent 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, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster.*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-27, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5209 Baggett Drive. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-27 which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-28, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5370 Scott Drive. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-28 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-29, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5870 Brenda Drive. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-29 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, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-30, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5904 Elizabeth Drive. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-30 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, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-31, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6892 Pannell Road. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-31 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-32, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 6996 Mountain View Drive. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-32 which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2020-33, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Annexation Agreement between the City of Clay and Walker Family Holdings, Ltd. The Resolution died for lack of a motion.

End Unanimous Consent

**Under Mayor and council comments** Mayor Webster introduced Chief Coleman who reviewed record monthly statistics with the Council and attendees. He promoted some of the free services the fire district offers as well as recent fundraising events hosted by the Center Point Fire District.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** discussed the Seniors Center director's plan to hold limited, socially distant, monthly birthday parties for members.



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**Councilor Bo Johnson** announced the City sponsored trunk or treat event being held on October 31 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Clay Chalkville High School, the Refuge Church has resumed food distributions on Thursdays, and that Little Caesar's Pizza is making progress.

**Councilor Dean Kirkner** had no report.

**Councilor Dennis Locke** made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget that has been reviewed by the Council over the month of September, which was seconded by Dean Kirkner. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Johnson, Kirkner, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

**Councilor Ben Thackerson** had no report.

Under **Public Comments** Mayor Webster recognized:

Emily Strauss, Diane Wilder, Robert Davis, and Melisaa Walker who all spoke about their opposition to the quarry and plans to attend the October 15 Planning and Zoning hearing.

Lynn Hillman and Jim Copeland who both expressed concerns about the houses being built on Satin James Drive. Their main concerns are the houses being rental homes and accepting Section 8 housing vouchers as well as the builder constructing houses with three sides sided after the commission and council required four sided brick structures. Mr. Dixon and City Attorney Alan Summers explained that there is ongoing litigation about the exterior of the existing properties and that the City cannot and does not discriminate against renters.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon