



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 18, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2013, 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 Becky 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
Councilor Small

Councilor Halstead
Councilor Thackerson

Councilor Johnson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 4, 2013. *Councilor Small made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 4, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He stated that the Finance Committee met last week and had a great meeting. He plans to have a monthly meeting.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced that he missed the last Public Safety meeting and asked Mayor Webster to relay the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Webster told the Council that the Public Safety Committee recommends hiring a second full time deputy for the remainder of the current deputy's contract. The Public Safety Committee also recommended installing speed bumps and stop signs in Steeplechase subdivision. Mayor Webster stated that he would like to speak with the Homeowner's Association of Steeplechase for a neighborhood consensus before the City undertakes installation. *Councilor Baker made a motion to contract with Jefferson County to hire a second deputy for the remainder of the current contract, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

City Manager Ronnie Dixon explained the Sheriff Department's process for selection of the second contract deputy.

Councilor Johnson stated that she would like to see the City hire more deputies. She believes this is what the City needs.

Mayor Webster discussed the status of acquiring vehicles for reserve deputies.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead announced that the



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committee held its first meeting. He discussed the division into two committees, Community Development and Annexations.

Under **Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio**, Councilor Johnson announced that this week is Spring Break for Clay schools. She discussed the Senior Center activities. The Senior Center is also hosting hearing and vision testing for seniors on March 20 at the Senior Center. Councilor Johnson congratulated five Clay Chalkville band members for being selected as All-County and All-State. She announced the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Tuesday, March 19 at Grayson Valley Country Club.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Work Department and Library Board** and announced that the library has many upcoming events in the next few weeks such as story time, craft nights, book club, egg hunt, and a “technology petting zoo.” The library sign should be installed as soon as weather cooperates. Councilor Small discussed grass cutting at Cosby Lake and Bryant Park and discussed the lowest quote for this work stating that it would save the city approximately \$10,000.00 to contract this. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during this afternoon’s storm.

Councilor Small made a motion to enter into a contract with BW & Sons for 16 grass cuttings at Cosby Lake and Bryant Park over the course of the spring and summer seasons for \$12,800.00, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that the Park Board is putting a proposal for a BMX track together for the Council’s review. He also stated that funding for the track is a problem. The park projects will be prioritized in the future. March 30 is the opening day at the ballpark. There will be inflatables and a parade. Mr. Dixon discussed the route for the parade, which will begin at 8:30 am. The games will begin at 10:00 am.

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

Under the **City Manager’s Report**, City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$126,198.12; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$147,250.32; Capital Improvement Fund = \$69,584.29; General Fund = \$548,037.51; Library Fund = \$2,914.33; Senior Citizens Fund = \$1,646.44; Ballpark Revenue = \$51,372.39; and Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96.

Mr. Dixon announced that the current audit has unveiled several thousand dollars in contractors bonds that have yet to be accounted for.

Mr. Dixon also stated that the city is required to reimburse the capital fund from the general fund for monies misused. He stated that when the audit is complete, he will present to the Council a timeframe for repayment.

Mr. Dixon also made a recommendation to replace the copier at City Hall to save money spent on buying printer ink. Mr. Dixon explained the terms of the lease for the new copier. He stated that the current copier at City Hall would be moved to the Senior Center.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to enter into contract to lease the color copier from Kyocera, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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Councilor Halstead inquired about the city equipment inventory. Mr. Dixon explained that it is almost complete and the inventory list will need to be reconciled with the audit list.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Small.

The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-06, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2005-59 and Create an Abatement Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. He explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to clear up the language.

Councilor Baker stated that once Ordinance 2005-59 has been repealed, the board cannot be repealed.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to table Ordinance 2013-06, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments**.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post who thanked the Mayor for checking on him after the last meeting. He also asked about power outages in the city.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilor Small who thanked Mr. Dixon for his work in having the potholes patched on Old Springville Road.

Mayor Webster announced that the City will begin mailing out newsletters and asked the Council to proofread their articles. Mayor Webster stated that some homeowners in Millington have expressed interest in annexing into Clay.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager