



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 6, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 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 Councilwoman Hambrick opened in prayer and 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 Charles Webster

Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: Councilman L. B. Feemster Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 16, 2012.

Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of July 16, 2012, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson 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 agenda 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 Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie introduced Ginger Barbee, Candidate for Probate Judge Place 2. Mrs. Barbee explained that she had been a teacher at Clay Chalkville High School for 15 years, that she was an advocate for special needs children in Jefferson County, and attended Birmingham School of Law evening classes. She stated that she practiced law for 15 years and has worked with cases consisting of substance abuse, indigents, and the mentally ill. She stated that she has served on the Eastside Mental Health Board for the last 5 years and has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors for HUD projects which oversees 6 Birmingham and Bessemer Mental Health Facilities. Mrs. Barbee asked the residents of Clay to consider voting for her in November.

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 is doing well and library patrons enjoy the paved parking lot. She stated that the library still needs to add a sidewalk in the future.



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Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson reported that Pee Wee's Pawn Shop is interested in opening a pawn shop in Clay.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing at the next City Council meeting to amend the Business License Ordinance to remove Pawn Shops from Schedule "H" and assign it a new schedule titled "AD" and set the fee at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that schools are getting ready to reopen for the 2012-2013 school year.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to Clay Elementary School and to donate \$5,000.00 to Clay Chalkville Middle School to assist the schools, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson called on City Clerk Bobby Christmas to read a list of homes listed by the abatement board for abatement.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion for a resolution for the abatement of abandoned houses to be demolished at the locations read aloud by Bobby Christmas, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that all of the homeowners have been contacted about abatement and further once the Resolution has been passed only the City Council can vote to stop the abatement.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum on August 21 at the Grayson Valley Country Club. Councilwoman Johnson then introduced Erica and Preston Neel who represent Pee Wee's Pawn Shop.

Councilwoman Johnson then introduced Miss Skylar Wallace and presented her with a Certificate of Excellence for her musical accomplishments.

Under **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities** Councilman Small had a family medical emergency and he was not present to give a report.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He discussed the need to dispose of trees at the ball park.

Councilman Webster made a motion to put together a bid request for chipping the remaining vegetative tornado debris at the ball park. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster made a motion to put together a bid request for the installation of the splash pad, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster stated that grass carp have been delivered to Cosby Lake and that these fish should help keep the lake clean. He stated that the practice field is very nice now that the sod is installed.

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



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Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$67,474.91; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$146,863.72; Capital Improvement Fund = \$62,581.53; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$454,520.62; Library Fund = \$6,572.86; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,044.83.

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

Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 14, A Resolution Issuing a Certificate of Election for City Council – Place 2, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-14 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 15, A Resolution Issuing a Certificate of Election for City Council – Place 4, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-15 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012 – 16, A Resolution Appointing Election Officials, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-16 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

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

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

Nays: None.



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Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments** and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and recognized Councilman Webster who invited Skylar Wallace to sing at the Clay Community Singing. Councilman Webster asked for a spreadsheet of money spent on remodeling City Hall. He also requested a spreadsheet of labor spent on tornado cleanup and on city hall renovations.

Councilwoman Johnson asked for a list of all contractors who were paid to renovate the new City Hall. Councilwoman Johnson reminded attendees that yard signs for Ginger Barbee were available at the front of the Community Center.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be August 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk