



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES November 17, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2014, 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 and led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilor Baker                      Councilor Becky Johnson              Councilor Bo Johnson  
Councilor Thackerson              Mayor Webster

Absent:              Councilor Small

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of November 3, 2014.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre Council meeting minutes of November 3, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Baker and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** had nothing new to report.

**Councilor Baker** was recognized for a report. He informed the Council that the safety cameras have been ordered and that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, November 24, at 6:30 at Cosby Lake House.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** was recognized and reported the following: (1) Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her recovery. (2) The School Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 18, at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. (3) The Christmas Tree lighting will be held on November 30 at 5:30 at Cosby Lake House. (4) The Christmas Parade will be held on December 13, at 3:30 and applications are online. (5) Santa will be at the Senior Center on December 12 at 10:30 am.



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**Councilor Bo Johnson** was recognized for a report and announced that the Annexation Committee has begun meeting with Millington residents.

**Councilor Small** was not present for a report.

**Councilor Thackerson** was recognized for a report and stated that the Park Committee met Monday and discussed the bid opening and would like for Mr. Dixon to discuss with Millworks the details of their bid. Councilor Thackerson asked about the Eagle Scout candidates wishing to volunteer Cosby Lake. He asked for additional shredded bark on the playground by the library.

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 stated that he will contact Millworks to ensure that all requests are included in the price of their bid.

He recommended that the Council award the demolition bid for 5909 Elizabeth Drive to TUC Pipeline.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-50, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Bo Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

*Councilor Becky Johnson recused herself from this vote.*

Mr. Dixon highlighted the savings this administration has achieved. He explained that in December 2012, the City had \$480,000.00 in all accounts. Today, the City has \$1,540,000.00 in all accounts. Mr. Dixon credited the employees for working hard and shorthanded. He stated that in the last two years the Public Works Department has completed 250 projects and the Senior Center has doubled their daily attendance.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$302,907.16; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$468,763.48; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$56,647.43; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$234,685.46; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$50,000.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$114,139.46; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$111,296.28.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatement and Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this and there was no response.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

*Councilor Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote



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was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-48, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-48, 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, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-49, A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2014-36, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-49, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-50, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-50, which was seconded by Councilor Baker.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Bo Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

*Councilor Becky Johnson recused herself from this vote.*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-51, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Construction of Restrooms at Cosby Lake Park, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to table Resolution 2014-51 to allow Mr. Dixon to attain more information from the lowest responsible bidder. The motion was seconded by Councilor Baker.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

*Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

*Councilor Becky Johnson recused herself from this vote.*

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

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. George Post, of 6927 Mountainview Drive, who congratulated Sheriff Hale on his reelection and commented on Alabama's football record for this season.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 1, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.



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*Councilor Baker made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous vote.*

The City Council adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager