



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 21, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 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 Small led in prayer and Mayor Webster 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 April 7, 2014. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of April 7, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson 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 tonight's Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's amended Consent Agenda, 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

Under **Mayor and Council Comments** Mayor Webster stated that he had nothing new to report on the Finance Committee.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on April 28. The Council discussed Cosby Lake Estates.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report. Councilor Halstead had nothing new to report.

Councilor Johnson was recognized for a report. She offered her sympathy on the death of Clay Chalkville High School student Mekail Evans. Councilor Johnson called on Senior Center Co-Directors Beth Petty and Linda Plummer who presented Senior Center enrollment forms to Mayor Webster.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He discussed the paving on Old Springville Road.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He stated that the Park and Recreation Committee has discussed changes to their bylaws. Councilor Thackerson congratulated Elizabeth Wesson and Danny Self winning a Disc Golf Tournament in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



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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 on the status of the traffic light at the intersection of Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road. City Attorney Alan Summers and Mr. Roper have come to an agreement for the City to purchase the corner piece of right-of-way property which is currently delaying installation of the light. The purchase price for this property is \$8,800.00. Once this purchase has been executed, Ken Boozer has assured the City that installation will begin within 30 days. Mr. Dixon asked the Council to consider whether they would like to pursue condemnation or opt to purchase the property. Mr. Summers commented that \$8,800.00 is less than court costs and time associated with condemnation.

Councilor Small made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into agreement to purchase the corner right-of-way property at the intersection of Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road as described on the settlement sheet from Roger Roper for the price of \$8,800.00, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mr. Dixon then asked the Council for direction in dividing the extra sales tax revenue allocated for schools. The Council further discussed options and procedure for disbursement of the first six months' funds allocated to the schools.

Councilor Johnson made a motion for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County School Board for a one-time disbursement of previously allocated tax revenue as stated by City of Clay Ordinance 2013-20 to Clay Elementary School, Clay Chalkville Middle School, Clay Chalkville High School, to be distributed equally between the three schools, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$254,597.10; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,985.86; Library Fund = \$1,276.39; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$256,327.42; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$213,775.78; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$227,303.71; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$6,250.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$51,235.50; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$34,702.34.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for ALC-2014-02, Alcohol License for the Chalkville Shell Station located at 2143 Sweeney Hollow Road. Mr. Dixon explained that this is a change in ownership and the previous owners have had alcohol licenses. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve ALC-2014-02, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson. 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



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Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-02, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2006-07, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-02, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-07, A Resolution to Place Lien on 5904 Elizabeth Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-07, 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, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments**. Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Joe Freeman who introduced himself as a candidate for the Alabama House of Representatives in District 44. He discussed his qualifications and asked to be considered when voting in the State elections.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager