



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### *December 21, 2015*

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015, 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. Mr. Christian Crawford 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 Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Small, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 7, 2015.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 7, 2015, 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 Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson 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 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

**Under Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Webster**

**Councilor Baker** announced that the Public Safety Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Monday of the month.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** read a letter from the Jefferson County Board of Education outlining the way the Clay Schools spent the money donated by the City. Councilor Johnson



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also reported the winners of the monthly grant money: Ms. Hornsby at Clay Elementary School, Ms. Wood at Clay Chalkville Middle School, and Ms. Weems at Clay Chalkville High School.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** reported that the Christmas parade went well and that his committee hasn't met yet.

**Councilor Small** announced that he had nothing new to report for the Public Works or Library, but wanted to review the City's financial status. He stated that he has looked at old account balances and the City ended 2011 with \$144,000.00 in the bank. In 2012, the City finished the year with \$235,000 in the bank. The 2012 audit showed that the City had to repay the Capital Fund \$264,000.00 which was transferred to pay for the tornado cleanup. The City repaid that money in 2013 and still finished the 2013 year with \$85,000.00 in the bank. At the end of 2014, the City's account balance was \$317,000.00 in the general fund plus \$350,000.00 in the contingency funds. Today the City has \$825,000 in contingency funds. Councilor Small also highlighted that the City has hired three additional deputies, given \$350,000.00 to the schools this calendar year, and still has \$244,000.00 in the general fund. He applauded this administration's diligence and smart spending through an annual budget. He encouraged future administrations to use a budget.

**Councilor Thackerson** announced the Park and Recreation Committee will meet on January 11.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$244,284.13; Contractors Bond = \$190,769.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$389,393.84; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$158,331.34; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$86,650.81; Road Project Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$500,000.00; BBT Fund = \$69,213.84; Ballpark Revenue = \$16,994.00; and Ballpark Expense = (\$18,174.79).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatement at 5206 Yorkshire Drive and 7153 Cabin Lane. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against abatement at these properties and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for De-Annexing the property located at 7260 Cavern Road. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this



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de-annexation and recognized Mr. Lonnie Whisonant. Mr. Whisonant identified himself as the owner of the property and explained that he is interested in buying adjacent property that is not located in the City of Clay and does not want half of his property to be in the City and the other half to be unincorporated. Mayor Webster called for any other comments, there were none, and Mayor Webster closed the Public Hearing.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** 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 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2015-22, An Ordinance De-Annexing 7260 Cavern Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to deny Ordinance 2015-22, 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, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Ordinance 2015-22 was denied.

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-69, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Parks and Recreation Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-69, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-70, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Community Development Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-70, 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, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*



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Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-71, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the School Committee, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-67, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-72, A Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-72, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-73, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 5870 Brenda Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-73, 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-74, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 7224 Weems Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-74, 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 Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2015-75, A Resolution Abating Weeds on the Property Located at 7440 Lucky Circle, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-75, 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:*



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

*Nays: None*

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

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 6:30. Pre Council will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager