



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 22nd, 2019

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Dennis Locke opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Don Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Dennis Locke, Councilor Ben Thackerson and Mayor Webster.

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 8th, 2019. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 8th, 2019 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Don Baker 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 and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Mayor and Council** comments, Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2019-01, a Proclamation to recognize Mike Hale. After Mr. Dixon read the proclamation to council, *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-01 which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2019-02, a Proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Jr. League representative, Kala Blakely was present to accept the Proclamation. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-02 which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

**Councilor Don Baker recognized** the camera that was moved to the Moon tower area and commented it would help deter traffic in that area.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** had no report but asked Mr. Dixon about the Senior Center food situation. Mr. Dixon reported that the seniors are still happy with the food that is being provided and mentioned how accommodating Taco Bell was to them at their recent outing.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** had no report but did ask about the Hardees in Clay since the one in Pinson had closed. Mr. Dixon reported that the Hardees in Clay had no plans to close.

**Councilor Dennis Locke** spoke of the great resource we have in Clay in the Boy's and Girl's Club. The Club can always use volunteers and donations. The Council members are invited to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Youth of the Year on February 28<sup>th</sup> at The Club.



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**Councilor Ben Thackerson** asked for an update on the new pole ordered for Cosby Lake. Mr. Dixon reported it had been ordered but is on back order. Also, the garbage can issue at Cosby Lake will be addressed with the new bid for contract in February.

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

Under the **City Manager's report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$350,736.39; Contractors Bond = \$152,005.08; Capital Improvement Fund = \$268,136.27; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$59,929.35; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$31,902.31; Building Fund = \$200,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$260,357.05; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$65,991.52; Ballpark Registration Income=18,232.30; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (15,255.17).

**Under Public Hearings**, Mr. Dixon presented the proposal for demolition at 7153 Cabin Lane. If voted to demolish the property, the home owner has 30 days to come back to council with a contractor showing he is in good faith going to repair/rebuild the home to code. The Council can then extend the home owner more time to come into compliance. There was no one present to speak for or against the proposal.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Ben 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, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

*Nays: None*

Mayor Webster. Mr. Dixon read resolution 2019-02. A resolution to condemn and authorize demolition of unsafe buildings located at 7153 Cabin Lane. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 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, Locke, Thackerson and Mayor Webster*

*Nays: None*

End Unanimous Consent.

**Mayor Webster** called for public comments.

Ms. Joyce Vallance of Sterling Glen was present to speak. Ms. Vallance thanked the City for the street signs and the information given to her to assist fixing the landscaping in the neighborhood.

Mr. Harvey Watwood of 7110 Cabin Lane addresses council concerning 7153 Cabin Lane and was very excited to see that the Council was moving toward correcting the problem.



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The next City Council meeting will be held on February 12th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon