



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 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 Halstead 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 Halstead	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small	Councilor Thackerson	Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of August 19, 2013.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of August 19, 2013, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Amend the Agenda by removing Ordinance 2013-23 and adding Proclamation 2013-09

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda with changes, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council for a voice vote with the results as follows: Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster Nays: None*

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, there were no scheduled comments.

Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2013-09, A Proclamation Recognizing Nick Weldon, a wrestler at CCHS who has been invited to participate in a national competition, which was read by Mr. Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2013-07, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The Council then presented Nick Weldon with a signed copy of the proclamation. Mr. Weldon thanked the Council and the city for supporting school sports.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-22, Annexation of 2353 Carraway Street. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this



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annexation and there was no response. Mayor Webster explained that voting for this Ordinance will take place under Unanimous Consent.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-24, Annexation of 2347 Carraway Street. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this annexation and there was no response. Mayor Webster explained that voting for this Ordinance will take place under Unanimous Consent.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-25, Annexation of 2343 Carraway Street. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this annexation and there was no response. Mayor Webster explained that voting for this Ordinance will take place under Unanimous.

Under Reports from Standing Committees Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee**. He that we are working within our budget and working on our budget for 2014. The preliminary budget should be ready for review by 9/16/13.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker informed the council that the Public Safety Committee approved the addition of speed bumps on Yorkshire Drive. *Councilor Baker made a motion to place the speed bumps on Yorkshire Drive, motion seconded by Kevin Small, Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster*
Nays: None
approved

Mayor Webster updated everyone that they will be meeting on October 11, 2013 to discuss putting repeaters in the High School.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Annexations, Business Development, and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead reported that there are some new annexations being presented tonight for vote and explained that the annexation for Grayson Valley Country Club was on hold until Mr. Moore's wife' health improves.

Under Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio, Councilor Johnson congratulated the CCHS Football team for defeating Hewitt Trussville Friday night. She reported that the CCMS band has been invited to attend a national competition. The CCMS Dance Team has also been invited to attend competition. Mrs. Johnson congratulated Nick Weldon for his accomplishments in wrestling.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board**. Mr. Small called on Library Director, Karen Moody, for updates on the library. Karen invited everyone to join the Library Facebook Page to keep up with what's happening at the library.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. He announced that the Park and Recreation Board will meet next Monday night at Cosby Lake Building to discuss possible projects for next year.



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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 the account balances in the General Fund = \$183,923.91; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,910.19; Library Fund = \$3,266.71; Contractors Bond = \$124,035.55; Capital Improvement Fund = \$215,189.83; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$157,896.02; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$172,361.28; Ballpark Revenue = \$88,069.39; Ballpark Expense = -\$69,396.39; General Fund Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; General Fund Road Paving Projects = \$50,000.00; and BRT AMFUND Payment Fund = \$31,250.00.

Mr. Dixon informed the council that sales tax for August was \$101,000, a record high for the city.

Mr. Dixon told the council about a bid for a generator at City Hall. The bid is for \$ 39,811.00 with full warranty and installation. This generator will run City Hall completely including HVAC and was a suggestion of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Baker made a motion to purchase the generator for City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. Mayor Webster put the motion before the Council for a roll call vote and the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mr. Dixon request permission to sign a contract with Jefferson County Office of Senior Citizens for 2014. He stated that the only change to the contract was the 11c increase of the ineligible meals. *Councilor Johnson made a motion to allow Mr. Dixon to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilor Small. Mayor Webster put the motion before the Council for a roll call vote and the results as follows:*

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mr. Dixon updated the council on the Springville Road ATRIP project. He stated that we are in the fast track to getting a red light at Old Springville Road and Clay Palmerdale Road.

Mr. Dixon discussed becoming part of the Alabama Retirement System. He stated that in order to do this we must have an actuarial study done and requested direction of council to proceed. Cost is \$1,000 plus \$10 per employee, totaling \$1,180.00 *Councilor Thackerson made a motion to allow Mr. Dixon to proceed with the study. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Mayor Webster put the motion before the Council for a vote and the results as follows:*

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** 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 Small.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-22, An Ordinance Annexing 2353 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.



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Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-22, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-24, An Ordinance Annexing 2347 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-24, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-25, An Ordinance Annexing 2343 Carraway Street, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-25, 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 Halstead, Johnson, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: Councilors Baker and Small

The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

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

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor / Council comments**

Gale Kohser of 7090 Goodner Mountain Road, commended Councilman Small for his inquiries into spending of funds. She stated that she feels we are spending too much money on the upkeep of the ballpark and that off the Consent Agendas she has counted over \$500,000 since November of 2012 she believes was spent on the ballpark. She does not like how payroll is not included in the Consent Agenda and stated in her opinion that the council is not aware of how much money is being spent. She does not believe in taxing the people and she believes the council should be more concerned with bringing businesses into the area for revenue.

Mayor Webster responded and told everyone present that the Consent Agendas are available anytime, after they are approved by the City Council, at City Hall. Councilor Small and Halstead both commented that they are aware of all monies spent.

Mark Hughes of Taylor Shop Road thanked the Council for the cities involvement of school activities and funding. He thanked the Council for the tax increase so that more money could be spent on schools and safety. He asked if we could install a speed bump on Cougar Drive.



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Mayor Webster responded that we would check into installing speed bumps. He also stated he has spent time with the School Superintendent discussing possible vocational school programs for CCHS.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager