



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 5, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center with Mayor Ed McGuffie presiding and City Clerk Bobby Christmas serving as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Bobby Christmas opened in prayer.

City Clerk Bobby Christmas led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster

Councilwoman Becky Johnson

Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick

Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the pre-council minutes of March 15, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the pre-council minutes, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the regular council minutes of March 15, 2010. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the regular council minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. City Clerk Bobby Christmas corrected the meeting agenda under item 7 – Scheduled Public Comments – Teacher of the Month Recognitions to remove Jennifer Sizemore's name and add Dr. Chris Walker. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as corrected which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Carol Foster and Dr. Chris Walker for the Teacher of the Month Recognitions for March. The following teachers were recognized: Ms. Gina Hitt was nominated by Nally DeMent as the Clay Elementary School Teacher of the Month. Ms. Wallace was nominated by Lauren Wright as the Chalkville Elementary School Teacher of the Month. Ms. Ward was nominated by Brandon Baker as the Clay Chalkville Middle School Teacher of the Month.



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Mr. Jason Bartley was nominated by Karlee Howell as the Clay Chalkville High School Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Carol Foster announced that each teacher received a \$25 gift certificate from Cracker Barrel and a gift from 'All About Ts', a business in the city of clay.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Slade Blackwell, candidate for State Senate District 15, who introduced himself and talked about his background and purpose for running for this position.

Mr. Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior River Keeper, was recognized and gave a presentation on the waterways of the Black Warrior River system. Mr. Brooke's focus was on the pollution in the waterways of Alabama. He announced that the biggest problem concerned erosion control from developments throughout the state.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster announced that the Radar Speed Signs were up and working well. He stated some advantages to these signs included reminding people of their speed and the capability of getting traffic counts and other data from these machines.

Councilman Feemster reported that he had talked with Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Traffic Engineer, who told him that the last property at Clay Palmerdale and Old Springville Road had been located and they should be able to tie down the right-of-way for installing the traffic light there.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick reported on the following: (1) She recognized Mr. Guy Scott for a report from the Senior Citizens. Mr. Scott stated everything was going well and it was business as usual at this time. (2) She announced the new Library Director was Ms. Karen Moody who was on the Library Board. The Library Board recommends that Ms. Lisa Halstead be appointed to the Library Board to take Ms. Moody's place. Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick made a motion that Ms. Lisa Halstead be appointed to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (3) Councilwoman Hambrick announced that the City had received a check from Alabama Power Company in the amount of \$15,229 toward the construction of the 'Welcome to Clay' sign on Deerfoot Parkway. She stated that this project would cost an additional \$3,700 and made a motion that the City pay \$3,700 toward completing the 'Welcome to Clay' sign on Deerfoot Parkway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (4) Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion for landscaping at the 'Welcome to Clay' sign on Deerfoot Parkway in the amount of \$2,420. The motion included a two year agreement with Keith's Landscaping for maintaining the shrubs and flowers around the sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (5) Councilwoman Hambrick thanked everyone for their participation at the unveiling of the historic marker at City Hall and the grand opening of the Library on Saturday March 27. She announced that videos of these events can be purchased for \$6.00.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and reported on the following: (1) She encouraged everyone to send in their Census forms and announced that 56% of the citizens of the city of Clay had returned their Census forms. (2) Thursday April 8 there will be a candidate forum at the Gardendale Community Center for the candidates running for Jefferson County Commission in District 4. (3) She announced that



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she and Councilman Webster attend the National Honor Society recognitions at the high school. (4) She recognized Dr. Chris Walker, Clay Chalkville Middle School, for a report on the schools. (5) Councilwoman Johnson apologized for the bad quality of the sound system used for the City Council meetings.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported on the following: (1) He stated that Councilwoman Johnson, Building Inspector Lynn Burch and he would be attending the Highland Meadows Homeowners Association meeting Tuesday April 13 at Taylor Memorial Methodist Church. He requested other Homeowners Associations contact us so someone from the City can attend their meetings. (2) He stated that Lynn Burch and he were working on roads to be paved next. (3) Councilman Small thanked the Council for being good stewards of the city funds so that roads have been able to be paved and patched.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. Councilman Webster reported on the following: (1) Opening Day at the Park was last Saturday. Councilman Webster reported that everything turned out great. He stated the Concession Stand was doing great and the kids were having a good time. He stated he talked to 50 or 60 parents and no one had a complaint. He invited everyone to visit the ballpark, enjoy some good food from the Concession Stand and watch some good baseball. (2) He stated the Park Board met with a representative from Southern States Company to discuss the fertilization and maintenance of the ball fields. Southern States put together a package for maintaining the fields which was a part of the Mayor and Councils correspondence for tonight's meeting. Councilman Webster made a motion to bid out the maintenance for the baseball and football/soccer fields. The motion was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote. (3) Councilman Webster stated he was working on getting information for bridges for the walking trail at Cosby Lake.

Under the **Committee on Finance and Ordinance**, Mayor McGuffie announced that there would not be a Finance Committee meeting next Monday April 12.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported on the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$245,512.82; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$132,635.42; AmFund Account = \$1,052,366.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$172,646.44; Contractors Bond = \$43,233.22; General Fund = \$763,221.48; Library Fund = \$2,942.99; Park and Recreation Fund = \$8,692.84; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$4,482.37.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Small made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None



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Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 10, A Resolution Declaring 6375 Kimberly Loop to be in Violation of the Weed Ordinance which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 10 which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 11, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Construction of a Parking Lot at Cosby Lake which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 11 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 12, A Resolution to Appoint Members of the Housing Abatement Board which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 12 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

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

Candidate Slade Blackwell was recognized and announced that he was a Conservative Republican.

Mr. Nelson Brooke, Black Water River Keeper, asks if anyone had looked at the dam behind Cosby Lake and stated there was some major erosion there.



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Mr. Jim Watkins, 5649 Old Springville Road, was recognized and stated that he had received a weed abatement notice from the city. He stated he wanted to apologize for the problem and appreciated the cities cooperation in letting him fix it. Also, he stated that he would appreciate the cities cooperation when the economy improved and he decided to develop this property.

Mayor McGuffie re-appointed Robert Thompson to the Planning and Zoning Commission through May 6, 2015, and Steve Sebastian to the Planning and Zoning Commission through May 6, 2016.

Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Monday April 19 and would be held at the Bryant Park Civic Club. Councilman Feemster asks and Mayor McGuffie responded that the Pre-Council and Council meeting would be at Bryant Park that night.

Councilman Webster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer