



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9th, 2018

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018, 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. Ronnie Dixon opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

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

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 19th, 2017. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 19th, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Ben 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 Don Baker.

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

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** discussed the new Clay Library. The ground breaking will be held at 4:00 pm on January 17th. The city will work to stay in budget and save money at every stage. The Septic tank found on the property has been pumped and filled. Current gas and water lines will be used. Proposed opening date would be before summer reading program.

There are two openings on the Library board. Polly McClure and Kenyonia Wright were recommended.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the new members, which was seconded by Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Don Baker had nothing new to report, just happy holidays and Roll Tide Roll.

Councilor Becky Johnson welcomed Martha and announced the Senior Center will be closed on January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Councilor Bo Johnson had nothing new to report.

Councilor Locke announced the grant winners for December:

Clay Elementary was Lisa Williams who will purchase books for the classroom

Clay Chalkville Middle School was Jordan Tyler who will purchase 2 chrome books

Clay Chalkville High School was Melanie Gaines who will purchase books for her class

Ronnie Dixon discussed new schools in the area. There is approval for a new elementary school. Of the three elementary schools, one will be setup as a STEM school and one of the existing schools will be a fine



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arts school and the other to be a regular elementary school. Jefferson County Board of Education has the budget and is awaiting a Federal Judge decision.

Councilor Thackerson had no report. Mayor Webster stated that he and Dennis Locke had marked the new walking trail, adding approximately three quarters of a mile to trail

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 = \$465,444.50; Contractors Bond = \$152,044.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$471,431.75; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$77,028.36; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$33,924.15; Building Fund = \$700,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$300,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$59,277.68; Ballpark Registration Income =11,245.00 and Ballpark Sports Expense = (9,220.17).

Mr. Dixon announced that the City had 40 more basketball signups over last year. Baseball registration begins January 15th. The City is interviewing new concessionaires. April 7th will be opening day for baseball and softball. We will be part of a new football league with 10 cities participating.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business**, Mayor called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Dennis Locke made a motion to move to unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote*

Ordinance 2018-01 for zoning which will replace ordinance 2006-07. The planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-01 which was seconded by Councilor Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for **Public Comments** and recognized Ms. Jane Anderton of 5434 White Oak Road, Pinson, AL 35126 requested that the large cedar tree on the new Library property remain. Mayor Webster answered that the tree has been inspected; there is irreparable damage to the tree from years of lights.

Senior Center Co Director, Ms. Linda Plummer, thanked the City Council for the support given to the Senior Center. The Co-Directors welcomed anyone over 60 years of age living in Jefferson County to sign up and be a member.

The next City Council meeting will be January 23rd.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to adjourn. *Councilor Ben Thackerson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.*

The City Council adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager