



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 4, 2014

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2014, 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 Small 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 Johnson Councilor Small Councilor Thackerson
Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 21, 2014.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 21, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 21, 2014.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 21, 2014, which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Small made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. Councilor Johnson stated that she wanted to make a change to the agenda. Councilor Small and Councilor Thackerson withdrew their motion and second.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda amended to add Ordinance 2014-07 and Ordinance 2014-08 under unanimous consent, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. The motion was approved by Councilors Johnson and Thackerson and Mayor Webster voting yea. Councilor Baker and Small voted nay.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Small made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, 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 Baker, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, Mayor Webster reported on the following: (1) Jefferson County Board of Education Superintendent Craig Pouncey asked the City to give him a chance to accomplish requests from the City. (2) The City and Jefferson County Board



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of Education have signed an agreement which allows the City to use school facilities for 15 years. (3) All School Administrators met with active shooters August 4. (4) The Sheriff and Fire Departments are helping to put in place a plan that will address active shooters. (5) City Hall began processing car tag renewals.

Councilor Baker was recognized for a report. He announced that the Public Safety Committee is considering recommending acquiring a City of Clay drug dog and has determined that setting up traffic safety cameras will be too expensive for the City to undertake at this time.

Councilor Johnson announced that the high school will hold a ribbon cutting for their new turf field, Bailey's will celebrate their 30th anniversary on August 9, and encouraged everyone to support local businesses in Clay. Mayor Webster stated that tickets for the opening high school game will be available for purchase at Clay City Hall, Piggly Wiggly, and Clay Chalkville High School. Linda Plummer was recognized for a report from the Seniors. Ms. Plummer announced the 10th Anniversary celebration scheduled in September, highlighted future plans for the center, reported on the progress of the addition, and invited anyone over 60 to visit.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report. He reported on the changes in the library schedule and introduced the new library employees. He discussed striping on Old Springville Road near Chalkville Mountain Road.

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report. He announced that the Disc Golf Tournament has sold out and the course has had visitors from as far as Austria. He asked Mayor Webster if there was an update on the Cosby Lake plans. The Mayor answered that he was still waiting for more information from the architect.

Mayor Webster stated his desire to hire a fifth deputy after the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget is passed.

Mayor Webster informed the Council that he has completed candidate interviews and while they are all very good candidates he can only recommend one person. Mayor Webster recommended Mr. Bo Johnson to replace Councilor Halstead. Councilor Baker asked the Mayor to appoint a replacement. *Mayor Webster appointed Mr. Bo Johnson to fill Councilor Halstead's vacant Council position beginning at 8:00 am on August 5, 2014 and expiring November 5, 2016.*

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 = \$237,336.74; Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,949.23; Library Fund = \$8,878.81; Contractors Bond = \$168,721.92; Capital Improvement Fund = \$485,354.38; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$34,333.40; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$249,097.55; Road Project Fund = \$175,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$175,000.00; BBT Fund= \$31,250.00; Ballpark Revenue YTD= \$76,373.92; and Ballpark Expense YTD= -\$69,258.25.



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Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for weed abatement at 5224 Balboa Avenue and 6916 Eagle Ridge Lane. He asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the weed abatement and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing on A-2014-01, annexation of multiple properties on Mildred Ann Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing on A-2014-02, annexation of 6450 Freda Drive. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this case and there was no response.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-17, A Resolution to Eliminate a Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2014-18, A Resolution to Declare a Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18, 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 Baker, Johnson, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-05, An Ordinance Annexing Multiple Properties on Mildred Ann Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-05, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None



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Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-06, An Ordinance Annexing 6450 Freda Drive, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-06, 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, Small, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2014-07, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2014-04 Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Use and Support of Clay Public Safety and the Schools within the City Limits of the Clay-Chalkville High School Zone. Funds will support the contract for providing 5 Deputy Sheriffs and support through grants issued to the Clay Elementary School, Clay Chalkville Middle School, and Clay Chalkville High School., which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Baker objected to voting on this Ordinance. After deliberation, *Councilor Small made a motion to hold a work session on September 2 at 5:30 pm to discuss wording of Ordinance 2014-07 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 Baker, 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, August 18, at 6:30.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager