



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 1, 2010

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 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 Reverend Perry Macon opened in prayer.

Robert Greene, 9th grade student at Clay Chalkville High School, 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:

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent. Councilman L. B. Feemster

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

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

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson 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 Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2010-01, A Proclamation to Recognize the Clay Elementary School Science Olympiad Team, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2010-01 which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote. All of the students were recognized and came forward for a group photo with Mayor McGuffie.

Ms. Carol Foster and Ms. Jennifer Sizemore were recognized to announce the Teachers of the Month.



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Amy Greene, Clay Elementary School, was recognized and read her essay nominating Ms. Young-Kin as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Young-Kin came forward and received her certificate and gifts.

Ingrid Chavez and Danielle McDonald, Chalkville Elementary School, was recognized and read their essay nominating Ms. Gallien as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Gallien came forward and received her certificate and gifts.

Brooke Hardin, Clay Chalkville Middle School, was recognized and read her essay nominating Coach Matt Ryan as Teacher of the Month. Coach Ryan came forward and received his certificate and gifts.

Kayla Adams, Clay Chalkville High School, was recognized and read her essay nominating Ms. Cobb Teacher of the Month. Ms. Cobb came forward and received her certificate and gifts.

Ms. Sizemore announced that the gifts for the teachers for this month came from Applebee's and All About Ts.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor McGuffie announced that Councilman Feemster was not present for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. Councilwoman Hambrick called for a Seniors Center report but no one was present to speak. She stated she had talked with Ms. Linda Love, Seniors Center Director, and stated they had applied for a bus through Jefferson County that will require the City to pay 20% of the purchase price. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion that the City pay 20% of the cost of the bus when it is received. She stated that, if approved, it could be a year before it is received and we would have to make the payment at that time. Councilman Webster seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Hambrick announced that there are banners around the city in celebration of the Small Town and Down Town events that will be taking place throughout the year.

Councilwoman Hambrick introduced Ms. Karen Moody as the new Clay Library Director and recognized her to speak. Ms. Moody stated she had been working in the public libraries since 1980, was a resident of Clay and excited to be at the Clay Library. She gave some statistics on the library and stated she wanted to increase the hours and add some new programs in the near future. She also stated that she wanted it to be a place where everyone feels at home.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and called on Reverend Perry Macon from the Census Bureau to speak to the Council. Mr. Macon announced that the 2010 Census would be a short questionnaire for everyone to complete. He stressed the significance for everyone to complete this form and how important it is for the City of Clay to receive funding from government sources for the next ten years. He announced that the information submitted to the Census Bureau was strictly confidential and Census Bureau employees sign an oath of confidentiality and can receive very stiff penalties for divulging this information. Mr. George Post asks and Mr. Macon responded that social security numbers and other personal information would not be asked.



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Councilwoman Johnson announced that Dr. Walker, Clay Chalkville Middle School, could not be present tonight for a school report due to a band concert. She stated there was a great showing of people present for a speaker at the Middle School who spoke on how to help your child in Math.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that she was working hard on Clay May Days which will be May 8.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small announced that paving should begin this week on six roads that had previously been approved to be paved. He stated he was putting together a priority list of roads to be paved in the future.

Councilman Small made a motion that the City purchase a skid steer from the state bid list from the 7 Cent Gas Tax for \$29,960. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Small announced that building was increasing in the city and we were beginning to issue more Building and other permits.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. He recognized Mr. Don Baker, Director of Football, from the ballpark who gave a financial report from last year's finances. Mr. Baker thanked the city for the beautiful ballpark for our kids and stated he wanted to give this financial report in a public forum so everyone would know.

Councilman Webster reported that we were moving forward at Cosby Lake for the walking trail. He stated three bridges would have to be purchased to go over the water ways. He announced that a parking area was planned along Steeple Chase Drive and made a motion to bid out the construction of this parking area. He stated the bid would include removing curbing, excavate and add parking spaces at the bridge area on Steeple Chase Drive. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Webster announced that the building at Cosby Lake had some wind and storm damage and the roof needed replacing. He stated the insurance company has approved the repairs to the roof and made a motion that \$4,985 be spent to furnish materials and labor to repair the roof. Councilman Small stated that the City would only be responsible for the \$1,000 deductible which Councilman Webster agreed. Councilman Small seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 announced that there would be two citywide yard sales in April. The first on April 16 and 17 at the Seniors Center and the second one at Bryant Park on April 24. He explained that everyone would be responsible for their own items for sale to include their own tables etc. The City will furnish the location for the yard sale only and the seller keeps the money from what they sale. He stated reported the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$232,551.13; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$140,629.10; AmFund Account = \$1,052,366.00; Capital Improvement Fund = \$149,856.88; Contractors Bond = \$43,198.30; General Fund = \$811,926.87; Library Fund = \$6,699.98; Park and Recreation Fund = \$8,654.37; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,147.20.



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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 Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 08, A Resolution for the City to enter into a Contract for a Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Project which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 08 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2010 – 09, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Traffic Photo Enforcement, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 09 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Public Comments and recognized Mr. Hugh Davis who spoke about the problems with littering in the City. Mayor McGuffie agreed and reported that the City wanted to be proactive rather than reactive because being reactive cost the City over \$3,000 last month to get litter picked up in the City.



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Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Carol Foster who questioned how we would determine who could be in the yard sale. City Clerk Bobby Christmas stated there would be a sign up sheet in advance and we would try to accommodate everyone wishing to participate.

Mayor McGuffie called for any other Public Comments and there was no response.

Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor or Council comments and Councilman Webster reported on the community-wide singing held Saturday night February 28.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Webster which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Following the City Council meeting refreshments were served for Ms. Karen Moody, the new Clay Library Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk / Treasurer