



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES January 8th, 2019

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer. Mayor Webster led everyone in the Pledge.

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

Absent: none

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 18th, 2018. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve the Pre-Council and Regular Council meeting minutes of December 18th, 2018 which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

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

Councilor Don 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 Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Under **Mayor and Council** comments, Mayor Webster introduced the new Fire Chief, Gene Coleman, of the Center Point Fire Department. Chief Coleman has been a resident of Clay for 50 years and announced that the Fire Department answered over 9000 calls last year and had 4 fatalities. Smoke detectors are very important and can be installed by Center Point Fire Department at no cost. Mayor Webster informed Council that there needs to be a vote to reinstate P & Z members as well as appointing one new member. Mayor Webster called for a motion to reinstate Charles Agnew (6 year term) and Robert Thompson (4 year term). *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to re-instate Commissioner Agnew and Commissioner Thompson which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to appoint LaWayne Allen as the new P&Z Commissioner. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to appoint LaWayne Allen to the P&Z Committee which was seconded by Councilor Dennis Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Councilor Don Baker had no report but did want to thank the Center Point Fire Department for their work and congratulate Chief Coleman on his appointment.

Councilor Becky Johnson introduced Senior Center Director, Beth Petty. Ms. Petty addressed Council and expressed gratitude to the Mayor, Mr. Dixon and Council members for the Food Service provided by the City of Clay in replacement of GA foods sub-standard food deliveries. Ms. Petty announced the Seniors were very happy and grateful as well and attendance is up at the Senior Center. Ms. Petty credits this increase to the new food provided the Center.

Councilor Bo Johnson commented that it was good to see the needs of the Senior Center being met.



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Councilor Dennis Locke did not attend the Technology Fair the previous Friday and asked Mayor Webster to give an update. Mr. Webster said there were teachers from across the county, over 300 in attendance from Middle School through 12th grade for the Fair which was for the new STEM program. The Principals are very excited.

Councilor Locke announced the school grant winners:

Clay Elementary School winner was Kisha Smith who is going to purchase Anti-Bullying materials.

Clay Chalkville Middle School winner was Amber Norris who will be purchasing Rechargeable batteries.

Clay Chalkville High School winner was Chris Peg who will use the grant money for Chrome Book and Fahrenheit 451 and Lord of the Flies for his classroom.

Councilor Ben Thackerson thanked Chief Coleman and Ms. Petty for addressing Council.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.**, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

Under the **City Manager's report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$334,907.46; Contractors Bond = \$152,008.08; Capital Improvement Fund = \$291,549.63; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$59,932.35; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$31,393.15; Building Fund = \$200,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$260,357.05; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$59,741.52; Ballpark Registration Income=10,665.00; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (13,977.47).

Under **Public Hearings**, Mayor Webster there were none.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to move into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Ben Thackerson.* 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

Mayor Webster introduced resolution 2019-01, A Resolution abating weeds on the property located at 5124 Rick Drive. *Councilor Don Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson.* 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

End Unanimous Consent

Mayor Webster called for public comments.

LeAngela Young of 6605 Tucker Circle expressed her concerns regarding "Moon Tower Road". There is a problem of vehicles driving through her yard and coming and going all hours of the night. Recently someone killed her baby goats that were in her yard. Unfortunately, there is little the city can do to prevent driving up the road since there is no legal title to the land and the city has no one to contact regarding this matter. Police do patrol this area regularly.



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Jeri Christian of 5040 Abbey Lane presented a question to council regarding camera's in each subdivision. Mr. Webster says there is money in the 2019 Budget for an additional camera that JCSO can monitor, and that each subdivision HOA can purchase their own cameras.

Francis Lemon of 5116 Alex Way had a question regarding a traffic light on Sweeney Hollow Road coming out of Highland Meadows. Mr. Dixon told her that is a county road and there are no plans for a light there, however there had been plans to widen the road and it may be back on the table again with the new school coming this year. She also asked about the property lines for the new school and was assured the new building would be at least 120' feet from the property lines.

The next City Council meeting will be held on January 22nd at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon