



City of Clay

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 23rd, 2025

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 at Clay City Hall. Mayor Charles Webster presided over the meeting and Ronnie Dixon served as recorder.

Mayor Webster led in prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted as follows: Councilors Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of September 2nd, 2025. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of September 2nd, 2025, which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush and approved by a vote of unanimous voice.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve today's Meeting Agenda. The Mayor amended the agenda to remove some of the properties from the resolution for weeds. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve the amended Meeting Agenda as amended, which was seconded by Councilor Chris Nail and approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve today's Consent Agenda. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals and Communications there were none.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Dixon presented the 2025-2026 Budget. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve the budget which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Under Public Hearings: ALC-2025-06 License for Spike Liquor store. The owner was present to answer questions from the Council. Citizen Deanna Hunt spoke against and requested change to the hours. Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve ALC-2025-06 which was seconded by Councilor Chris Nail. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, and Mayor Webster. Nays: Councilor Becky Johnson and Nathan Thompson*

ALC-2025-07 Chelsea Blues Liquor Store (owner change only) The owners were present to answer questions from the Council. There was no one present to speak against. Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve ALC-2025-07 which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the following result: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Weeds: 5902 Elizabeth Dr, 6511 Self Lane and 6512 Self Lane. The owner of 6512 Self Lane was present to speak against. The Mayor removed the property from the agenda to be reviewed at a later date.

Personal Property: 7112 Self Road. There was no one to speak for or against.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and other Business, Mayor Webster called for a motion to move to unanimous consent. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to move to unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas Councilors; Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Ordinance 2025-07. An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinances 2014-04 and 2015-19. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07 which was seconded by Councilor Chris Nail.* Under discussion Mr. Thompson confirmed with Mayor Webster that the General Fund budget could be covered without the income from the ad valorem tax.



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Mayor Webster confirmed. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Councilor Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster. Nays: Councilor Becky Johnson*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-36 A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of a Nuisance Upon Private Property (weeds). *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-36 which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, and Mayor Webster. Nays: Becky Johnson, Nathan Thompson*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-37 A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of a Nuisance Upon Private Property (personal Property). *Councilor Nathan Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-37 which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-38 A Resolution Declaring weeds to be a Public Nuisance. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-38 which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-39 A Resolution Declaring personal property to be a Public Nuisance. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-39 which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-40 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Advanced Sign. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-40 which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-41 A Resolution Establishing a Library Committee. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-41 which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner. Councilor Thompson verified with Mayor Webster that the Library Committee would not take any governing authority from the council. The committee is advisory only. Mayor Webster assented.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-42 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5300 Baggett Drive. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-42 which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-43 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5330 Old Springville Road. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-43 which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-44 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5555 Spanish Trace. *Councilor Dean Kirkner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-44 which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*



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Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-45 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5560 Woodcreek Dr. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-45 which was seconded by Councilor Dean Kirkner.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-46 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5904 Elizabeth Dr. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-46 which was seconded by Councilor Orletta Rush.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-47 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 5935 Shane Circle. *Councilor Nathan Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-47 which was seconded by Councilor Chris Nail.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-48 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 6467 Kathy Drive. *Councilor Orletta Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-48 which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Ronnie Dixon introduced Resolution 2025-49 A Resolution Abating Weeds at 8074 Lizmore Lane. *Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-49 which was seconded by Councilor Nathan Thompson.* The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows: *Yeas: Becky Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Chris Nail, Orletta Rush, Nathan Thompson and Mayor Webster.*

Under **the Mayor and Council Comments** Mayor Webster address Council. Thanks to Dr. Rush and Ronnie Dixon for the support for our Schools and thanked the Board of Education for the new Clay Chalkville High School. Mayor also addressed the DYS property and his vision for the future. There will be a town Hall meeting on Octboer 7th for DYS discussion. Will be emailing the new Council to set up a tour of the property on October 2nd.

Councilor Becky Johnson had no report. Ronnie Dixon updated the Council regarding food supplied to the Senior Center.

Councilor Dean Kirkner spoke of his time in Clay and as a Council member before introducing CPFD Chris Horn to update Council on the stats for the past two weeks.

Councilor Chris Nail announced the \$500.00 Grant winners; Clay Elementary School winner Dr. Finkley, Bryant Part Elementary winner Danielle Smith, Clay Chalkville Middle School winner Fredrika Fortune and Clay High School winner School Nurse Emily Brown.

Councilor Orletta Rush we will continue to move in a positive direction for the City.

Councilor Nathan mentioned the September 14th E1R1 ministries for a public baptism at Cosby lake.

Public Comments: Quiwintre Frye of 6206 Canterbury Road was present to address Council regarding Mayor Elect Jane Anderson's comments regarding Clay football program.

Deanna Hunt of 5748 Desoto Drive was present to address Council regarding garbage left from renters and debris in Paradise Valley.



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Drew Bieber of 7316 Weems Road was present to address Council regarding resolution 2025-41

Dale Gearhart of 125 Twin Lakes Road was present to address Council regarding resolution 2025-41 and the Library committee.

Monica Robinson of 5718 Bent Creek Drive was present to address Council regarding the November 11th Veterans Day Program planning.

Town Hall Meeting-Tuesday October 7th, 2025 at 6 pm at City Hall to discuss the DYS Property.

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon