



# City of Clay

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES December 21, 2009

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2009, 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 City Clerk Bobby Christmas opened in prayer.

Councilman Small 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:

Councilman L. B. Feemster  
Councilman Kevin Small  
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick  
Councilman Charles Webster

Absent. None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009, City Council meeting. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009, City Council meeting. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie introduced Proclamation 2009-03, A Proclamation Recognizing the Chalkville Civic Club, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Proclamation 2009-03 which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie presented Chalkville Civic Club President Leonard Weaver and all members of the Club present copies of Proclamation 2009-03 and a plaque honoring them. Photos were taken with Mayor McGuffie and all members of the Chalkville Civic Club. President Weaver thanked the City for all the work that had been done cleaning and fixing up the building and park at the Chalkville Civic Club.



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Mr. Billy Wilson, a member of the Chalkville Civic Club, was recognized and gave a brief history of what had taken place at the park since the early 1960's.

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie recognized Ms. Jennifer Sizemore and Ms. Carol Foster who introduced the students who nominated their Teachers of the Month for November.

Ms. Sizemore read an essay by Jalen Hall, a student at Chalkville Elementary School, nominating Ms. Collins for teacher of the month. Ms. Collins was recognized and accepted her award.

Meghan Phillips read her essay nominating Ms. Davidson, teacher at Clay Elementary School. Ms. Davidson was recognized and accepted her award.

Hunter Henry read his essay nominating Mr. Putnal, teacher at Clay Chalkville Middle School. Mr. Putnal was recognized and accepted his award.

Emilee Harris read her essay nominating Mr. Randall Wallace for Clay Chalkville High School teacher of the month. Mr. Wallace was recognized and accepted his award.

Under Reports for Standing Committees Mayor McGuffie recognized Councilman Feemster for a report on Public Safety. Councilman Feemster thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him and Building Inspector Lynn Burch attend a Homeland Security Seminar the previous week. He reported on how beneficial this seminar was and how it would help prepare, declare and report on any disasters that may occur in the City. He stated the seminar was very informative and something he would be working on implementing for the City.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors. Councilwoman Hambrick recognized Mr. Guy Scott for a report from the Senior Citizens. Mr. Scott reported that there were over 60 people present for their Christmas Party today which were the most they have ever had.

Councilwoman Hambrick reported that the Christmas tree lighting and the Christmas Parade were a big success. She expressed appreciation to all who turned out for the parade with the cold and rainy weather being what it was.

Councilwoman Hambrick announced that the City Food Drive was continuing and Faith Baptist Church brought a truck load of food to contribute. She announced that the area food pantry was at Clay United Methodist Church and food can be donated there or at City Hall.

Councilman Hambrick announced the resignation of Library Director Wendy Evans and stated the City would be looking for a new Library Director. Also, she invited everyone to join the 'Friends of the Library'.

Under Committee on Annexation, Business, Planning & Zoning and Schools, there was no report.

Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities and stated he had nothing to report.



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Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He announced that Clearview Baptist Church had a food pantry.

Councilman Webster made a motion that Building Inspector Lynn Burch get heat installed in the Public Works Building at a price not to exceed \$5,000 or get bids if the price should exceed \$5,000. Councilman Feemster seconded the motion which was approved by 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 reported the balance in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$217,176.38; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$124,161.83; AmFund Account = \$1,111,891.09; Capital Improvement Fund = \$151,011.75; Contractors Bond = \$43,179.96; General Fund = \$362,272.01; Library Fund = \$7,084.02; Park and Recreation Fund = \$90,113.70; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$3,997.77.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business, 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 Feemster, Hambrick, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2009 – 26, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the City Council.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2009 – 26 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 Feemster, Hambrick, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2009 – 27, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Finance Committee.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2009 – 27 which was seconded by Councilman Webster.



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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2009 – 28, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the Park Board.

Councilman Webster made a motion to approve Resolution 2009 – 28 which was seconded by Councilman Small.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2009 – 29, A Resolution Designating Meeting Times for the School Committee.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2009 – 29 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 Feemster, Hambrick, 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. George Post. Mr. Post stated that former Councilman Chuck McGuffie had achieved many accomplishments as a Council member but failed to accomplish his attempts to get people to sit on the front row at Council meetings and tonight the front row was full.

Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. James Richeson of the Chalkville Civic Club who stated this Club had done a lot of good for this community. He stated they had brought water and telephone service to this community. He requested that the Chalkville area be included more as a part of Clay.

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



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Mayor McGuffie called for any Mayor or Council comments.

Mayor McGuffie thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next City Council meeting would be January 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Small made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Feemster.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas  
City Clerk / Treasurer