

City of Clay P.O. Box 345 Clay, Al 35048-0345

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES May 22, 2013

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 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 Halstead 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 Halstead Councilor Johnson
Councilor Small Councilor Thackerson Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 6, 2013. Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 6, 2013, 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 tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor Webster introduced Proclamation 2013-06, A Proclamation to Declare May 19-25, 2013, as Emergency Medical Services Week, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2013-06 which was seconded by Councilor Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster then presented a copy of Proclamation 2013-06 to Captain Brad Appleton of the Center Point Fire Department. Captain Appleton thanked the Council for passing the proclamation.

Mayor Webster called on Mr. Greg Wiggins who was not present to speak.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2013-03, annexation of properties at Shadow Lake. Mr. Dixon explained the annexation case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has unanimously recommended annexation and zoning as a PUD. The properties include 5251 Willow Ridge Drive, 5590 Shadow Lake Drive, 5856 Old Springville Road, 5862 Old Springville Road, and 6101 Shadow Lake Road.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Mayor Webster reported for the **Finance Committee.** He stated that the next Finance Committee meeting has not been scheduled yet, but that the City has been following the budget.



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Councilor Baker was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilor Baker announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 at Clay City Hall. The Mayor and Councilor Baker discussed obtaining cars, the robbery of the Freds store on Deerfoot Parkway, and the need for cameras at city intersections.

Councilor Halstead was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development and Annexations and the Building Inspections Department**. Councilor Halstead updated the Council on the opening of the Barbecue Stop and the progress of McEnally's Mercantile and Embroidery Plus. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting Clay May Days. He announced that the Annexation Committee will meet at 5:30 on the first Monday of the month. The Business Development will meet on the third Monday of the month at 5:30. Both committee meetings will take place in the Clay City Hall conference room.

Under Committee on Schools, Seniors Advisory Board Liaison and Planning and Zoning Councilor Ex-Officio, Councilor Johnson announced that the High School graduation will take place at 2:00 on May 23. The School Committee will hold a special meeting on the 23rd at 6:00 to discuss beginning a foundation. Councilor Johnson called on Senior Center Co-Director Beth Petty who announced the Senior Center Open House to be held on May 29 from 9am-1pm. She encouraged all seniors to attend.

Councilor Small was recognized for a report from the **Public Works Department and Library Board** and thanked the Public Works Department for all of their hard work during the recent storm. He announced that the Library Board will meet on May 28. Councilor Small discussed the problems on Roe Chandler Road and asked if the city could close the road.

Councilor Small made a motion to appoint Dean Kirkner to the Planning and Zoning Commission which was seconded by Councilor Halstead.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Councilor Thackerson was recognized for a report on the **Parks and Recreation Board.** He discussed the results of a poll taken at Clay May Days. The majority of the people polled answered that they would like restrooms at Clay May Days. Councilor Thackerson then reviewed the status of the disc golf course.

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 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$136,437.59; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$162,137.97; Capital Improvement Fund = \$285,862.30; General Fund = \$309,451.66; Library Fund = \$2,061.78; Senior Citizens Fund = \$2,020.94; Ballpark Revenue = \$57,611.69; Contractors Bond = \$53,302.96; General Fund Contingency Fund = \$50,000.00; General Fund Road Paving Projects = \$50,000.00; and BBT AMFUND Payment Fund = \$12,500.00.

Mr. Dixon pointed out the three new funds on which he will continue to report. He explained that the AMFUND Payment Fund will include monthly installments for the City's annual repayment for City Hall.



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Mr. Dixon then discussed the updated rental agreements included in the council packets. The new agreements reflect the changes requested at the previous Council meeting.

Under Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business 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 Small.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2013-11, An Ordinance Annexing Shadow Lake Properties, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-11, which was seconded by Councilor Halstead.

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

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Halstead, Johnson, Small, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

Mayor Webster called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for Public Comments.

Mayor Webster recognized Ms. Gail Kohser who identified herself as living at 7090 Goodner Mountain Road. Ms. Kohser asked how much money has been spent on the park. Mr. Dixon answered that the city has spent \$5.5 million according to the most recent audit. She then stated that she believed that the city needs an emergency fund. The Council answered that the contingency fund is the city's emergency fund and it now has \$50,000.00. She then expressed concern over the city's spending, to which the Council answered that the City has followed a strict budget passed in January.

Mayor Webster called for any **Mayor** / **Council comments** and recognized Councilor Halstead. Councilor Halstead asked if the Council should consider putting custodial services out for bid. Mr. Dixon answered that he has checked into prices, but our current custodian not only cleans city facilities but also assists at the Senior Center when needed.

Mayor Webster announced that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Halstead made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon City Manager