

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 5, 2012

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor Ed McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Hambrick opened in prayer and 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 Councilwoman Becky Johnson Mayor Ed McGuffie Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick Councilman Charles Webster

Absent: Councilman Kevin Small

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 20, 2012. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 20, 2012, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Called Council meeting minutes of February 26, 2012. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 26, 2012, which was seconded by Councilman Feemster and approved by a 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 Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Under Scheduled Public Comments, Mayor McGuffie announced that there were none.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. Councilman Feemster announced that the city has picked up approximately 50% of the vegetative debris from the tornado of January 23. He also announced that the Storm Recovery Center, located at City Hall, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Councilman Feemster called on Ms. Gail Kosher for a report from the Storm Recovery Center. Ms. Kosher reported that the Center has received several donations from as far away as Tennessee and Kentucky, but that there is still a need for size 3 diapers. She encouraged anyone affected by the tornado to get items. Anyone wishing to get items from the Center should bring photo identification and their FEMA number. Ms. Kosher also announced that the Center needs volunteers; and that anyone interested should call 205-680-1253.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors.** Councilwoman Hambrick reminded everyone that the library's monthly book club meeting and children's story time will continue as scheduled. She also reported that Linda Love is recovering well from her hand surgery. Councilwoman Hambrick announced the Clay Historical Society's plan for a dedication of the Wear Cemetery Fence in June 2012.

Under Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools, Councilwoman Johnson discussed the following items: (1) Gardendale will host a storm preparedness meeting from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on March 6; (2) The Chamber of Commerce lunch is scheduled for March 20; (3) The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is slated for May 3; (4) Clay May Days will be held May 19 at Cougar Drive; and (5) Thanked the city for storm debris cleanup.

Under Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities Kevin Small was not present to report.



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Councilman Webster was recognized for a report on the **Committee on Parks and Recreation**. He announced that the Clay Singing would be held Saturday March 10, and reminded everyone that it is held on the second Saturday of every month. Additionally, he reported that a lot of people are using the walking trail around Cosby Lake.

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc. there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$89,420.19; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$104,542.65; Capital Improvement Fund = \$282,744.73; Concession Stand = \$3,634.21; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$564,097.60; Library Fund = \$2,489.13; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$7,176.39.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into unanimous consent. Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into unanimous consent which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2012-04, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Acquire Property at 2441 Old Springville Road / 2255 Brewster Road, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-04 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for **Public Comments.** Ms. Kim Hartley was recognized and spoke on behalf of her brother, Lee Cleveland, who is running for Circuit Judge Place 6. She asked that citizens of Clay consider voting for him for District Judge Place 6.

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

Mayor McGuffie called for any **Mayor / Council comments** and there was no response. He reminded everyone that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. March 11. Mayor McGuffie announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be Monday, March 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The City Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Christmas City Clerk