



**City of Clay**  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### January 24, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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 Johnson opened in prayer and Mayor Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 10, 2017.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of January 10, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by unanimous voice vote.*

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

*Councilor Locke made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson 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 Baker.* 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*

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** introduced Proclamation 2017-01, A Proclamation to Welcome Covenant Church International, which was read by Mr. Ronnie Dixon.

*Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2017-01, which was seconded by Councilor Locke.* 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*

The Council presented Proclamation 2017-01 to Pastor P. Ronald Wilder who thanked the Council.

Mayor Webster informed the Council that there is a vacant position on the Library Board and asked the Council to appoint Peggy Baxter.

*Councilor Baker made a motion to appoint Peggy Baxter to the Library Board until December 2020 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: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.*

*Nays: None*



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**Councilor Baker** had nothing new to report.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** announced that the Senior Center will have chair exercises on Wednesday, February 25, and that the roof on the new addition is leaking again. Mr. Dixon will contact the architect for roof repair.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** had nothing new to report.

**Councilor Locke** introduced Ms. Lisa Jenkins of 5848 Shane Circle. Ms. Jenkins was awarded the grant in November 2016, and reported that she used it to purchase small group items needed in her classroom. Councilor Locke announced the winners of the monthly school grants:

Clay Elementary School – William Montgomery

Clay Chalkville Middle School – Rebecca Bidwell

Clay Chalkville High School – Fara Bridges

Councilor Locke reminded everyone that the 23<sup>rd</sup> was the 5-year anniversary of the tornado and reviewed lessons he learned from that experience.

**Councilor Thackerson** asked Mr. Dixon for an update on the improvements at Bryant Park. Mr. Dixon informed the Council that the Public Works has begun measuring and planning a gravel walking track at Bryant Park. The trail should measure approximately 1.2 miles and include a variety of topography.

Mr. Dixon also informed the Council that the City has begun to measure the shoreline at Cosby Lake to request bids soon as well as identifying additional space to create parking.

Mayor Webster informed the Council that the Jefferson County School Board has approved funds for cosmetic work on Clay Chalkville High School.

The Council discussed the status of various Clay school upgrades.

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

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$428,653.72; Contractors Bond = \$147,080.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$352,616.08; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$130,352.44; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$70,752.03; Building Fund = \$200,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,000,000.00; BBT Fund = \$71,313.84; Ballpark Registration Income = \$9,087.33; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$22,085.04).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster announced there were none.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor Webster called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent.

*Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent, which was seconded by Councilor 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 2017-01, A Resolution Releasing the Lien for Abatement of Weeds on the Property Located at 5278 Balboa Avenue, Pinson, Alabama, 35126, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.



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*Councilor Thackerson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01, which was seconded by Councilor Locke. 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 called and end to unanimous consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Kevin Small of 6839 Charles Drive. Mr. Small requested more description on social media library events and encouraged the Council to purchase more cameras. He asked how much each school would receive in their bi-annual disbursement. Mr. Dixon answered \$20,000.00 each.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

*Councilor Locke made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous vote.*

The City Council adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon  
City Manager