

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES June 27, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27, 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. Mr. Kevin Small 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 June 13, 2017.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the Pre and Regular Council meeting minutes of June 13, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Locke and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda amended to remove Resolution 2017-18, which was seconded by Councilor Baker 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 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

Under **Mayor and Council Comments**, **Mayor Webster** informed the Council that they will wait to hear Proclamation 2017-03 at a later date.

Councilor Baker applauded the deputies for their hard work, commented on the low crime reported in Clay, and encouraged everyone to be safe during the July 4th holiday. Mr. Dixon reported that Deputy Singh will be replacing Deputy Lowe while Deputy Lowe is on overseas duty.

**Councilor Becky Johnson** announced that the Seniors Center will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. They will have a lunch outing on June 28.

**Councilor Bo Johnson** publicized the next movie night on July 14.

**Councilor Locke** announced that the grants will go to the principals of each school: Dr. Gallant, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Lee. Mayor Webster reported that Coach Gilmer is overseeing community service projects for the high school football team.

**Councilor Thackerson** reported on the success of the disc golf tournament. People from 11 states competed in the tournament. The Council discussed the seawall progress.



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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 = \$537,702.08; Contractors Bond = \$145,064.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$558,974.71; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$98,038.65; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$69,638.35; Building Fund = \$600,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund= \$21,727.68; Ballpark Registration Income = \$76,826.21; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$80,599.09).

Under the **Public Hearing**, Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2017-03, annexing 5502 Jeremiah Lane. Mr. Dixon summarized the case and informed the Council that this comes from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2017-04, annexing 5506 Jeremiah Lane. Mr. Dixon summarized the case and informed the Council that this comes from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the case and there was no response.

Mayor Webster introduced the Public Hearing for A-2017-05, annexing 5916 Dewey Heights Road. Mr. Dixon summarized the case and informed the Council that this comes from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Mayor Webster asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the case and there was no response.

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 Bo 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

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2017-05, An Ordinance Annexing 5502 Jeremiah Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2017-06, An Ordinance Annexing 5506 Jeremiah Lane, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Mayor Webster introduced Ordinance 2017-07, An Ordinance Annexing 5916 Dewey Heights Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-05, Ordinance 2017-06, and Ordinance 2017-07 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 introduced Resolution 2017-19, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures at 6884 Elliott Road, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon. *Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-19, 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:



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Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster Nays: None

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-20, A Resolution to Award a Bid for Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and/or Structures at 7778 Taylor Shop Road (or 7929 Saint James Drive), which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Locke made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-20, 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

Mayor Webster introduced Resolution 2017-21, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance, which was read by City Manager Ronnie Dixon.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21, which was seconded by Councilor Bo 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

Mayor Webster called and end to unanimous consent and called for **Public Comments** and recognized Mr. Jack Hamm who again stated that he had not received notification that his property would be condemned until after the vote took place. He told the Council that he had hired Attorney Carl Chamblee to sue for a stay.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to declare the listed items (list included) surplus.

Councilor Baker made a motion to declare the listed out of use electronic items surplus which was seconded by Councilor Becky Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Kevin Small of 6839 Charles Drive. Mr. Small commended library employee Sara Johnson who organized a Dr. Who Night at the library and asked about the overgrown grass at McAnnally's. Mr. Dixon told Mr. Small that he had spoken to Renasant Bank who owns McAnnally's property and they said they would send a crew soon.

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

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

The City Council adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Dixon City Manager