

April 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council of the City of Clay Alabama met digitally, pursuant to Governor Ivey's Order, for a regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:30 pm on April 14, 2020.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order and roll call was conducted as follows:

Present: Councilors Becky Johnson, Bo Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Dennis Locke, Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: none

Councilor Bo Johnson led in prayer and Mayor Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Kirkner made a motion to approve the City Council minutes of March 19, 2020, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bo Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilor Locke and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson. The motion was put forth for a roll call vote which was answered as follows:

Yea: Councilors Becky Johnson, Bo Johnson, Dean Kirkner, Dennis Locke, Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Nays: None

City Manager Ronnie Dixon reported on the following:

1. Cameras should be mounted beginning April 20
2. Volkert has submitted the Cosby Lake dredging report to the Army Corp of Engineers for approval

3. Verizon/AT&T Firstnet phone system should be installed beginning next week
4. Sales tax was above average, but expected to be lower than normal over the next several months
5. Fund Balances: General Fund \$803,330.23; Vehicle Fund \$21,456.58; Contractor Bonds \$151,960.80; Capital Funds \$558,826.26; 4/5 Cent Gas Fund \$120,877.43; 7 Cent Gas Fund \$55,383.69; Rebuild Alabama (10 Cent Gas) Fund \$20,069.89; Building fund \$440, 173.96; Paving Supplement Fund \$253,840.98; Reserve Fund \$1,100,000.00; BBT fund \$4,419.20; Ballpark Sports Income \$28,788.95; Ballpark Sports Expenses (\$22,917.15)

Mayor Webster opened the public hearing for ALC-2020-01, alcohol license for the offsite consumption of beer and wine at Clay Chevron. Mr. Dixon explained that this is a requirement from the ABC Board because of the change in ownership at this location. Mayor Webster asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against this case and recognized Mr. Ferroz Ali, manager of this store. Mr. Ali assured Councilor Locke that the employees would be diligent in efforts to not sell alcohol or tobacco products to minors.

Councilor Kirkner made a motion to approve ALC-2020-01 which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The Mayor and Council reported on the following:

1. Urged citizens to be safe and stated there have been 2 cases of COVID-19 in Clay
2. Monthly school grants will be suspended until school resumes in the fall
3. Expressed their desire to reopen the parks when they feel it is safe to do so

Mayor Webster recognized Mr. Chris Horn and Gene Coleman of Center Point Fire District who gave a report and thanked the City for assistance in obtaining PPE.

There being no further business, Councilor Kirkner made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Thackerson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

