

January 2, 2007

Swearing-In-Ceremony with Judge Kim Bridgforth, Judge Waymond Brown and Judge Berlin Jones presiding

City Attorney – Carol Billings
Alderman – Bill Brumett
Alderman – Wayne Easterly
Alderwoman – Janice L. Roberts
Alderwoman – Thelma Walker

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. January 2, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Robert Key

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

Roll Call – Answering present were Aldermen Brumett, Easterly, Smith, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderman Stepps, Alderwoman Walker, Alderman Boyd. Alderwoman Holcomb was absent.

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Stepps moved for approval of the minutes from the December 18, 2006 meeting, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Ordinances and Resolutions Committee was absent, Alderman Brumett reported; the

committee met prior to the Pine Bluff City Council meeting and recommended taking the following actions on the agenda:

Item No. 1 up for the 3rd and final reading

Item No. 2 up for the 2nd reading

Items No. 3 thru 6 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 7 & 8 will be completed

Alderman Brumett Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported; we have one budget adjustment from the Fire Department and City Attorney's Office to move amounts between line items in order to balance each of their budgets. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-0. Alderman Brumett thanked all department heads and council members for working jointly on the 2007 budget and asked for a due pass on item number seven on tonight's agenda, which is a resolution for approval of the 2007 budget.

Alderman Brumett moved to pay the bills owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of the Community Development Committee reported; no report

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported; no report

Alderswoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported; no report, but commended the Black Pilots Association for their accomplishments printed in a magazine, Operation Sky Watch.

Alderman Smith, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported; no report

Alderman Boyd Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported; no report

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of Administration Committee reported; Alderman Easterly presented a memorandum in reference to the CRC Consulting Company. It was suggested that the City Attorney's office along with the Mayor's Office set a date and time to meet with representative, Don Campbell in order to establish what savings can be found for the city.

Mayor Redus introduced Steve Miller as the new Finance Director.

Alderswoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee was absent, Alderman Brumett reported; no report.

(1) AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT ALL ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND OTHER PERSONAL MOBILITY VEHICLES HAVE SAFETY REFLECTORS WHEN USING THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS, STREETS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAYS (up for the 3rd and final reading) Alderman Brumett moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Smith, during

discussion Assistant City Attorney, Joe Childers stated there needs to be a correction made on page one, line 17. The words "to the rear" need to be removed. Alderman Brumett moved for amendment to remove those words as stated by Assistant City Attorney, Joe Childers, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-0. Alderman Brumett moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO ALLOW THE CITY TO ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR A MYRIAD OF COLLECTION SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney, placed on the calendar and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

(4) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6185, TO DISSOLVE THE WESTSIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 35 TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading)

was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE WESTSIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36 TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Assistant City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(6) AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 37 (EDWARDS STREET AREA) TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Assistant City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(7) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2007 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS was heard, Alderman Brumett moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF COSTS OF CORRECTING CERTAIN NUISANCES ON TAX BOOKS AS DELINQUENT TAXES AND COLLECTED AS SUCH, was heard Alderman Smith moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

Mayor Redus stated City Hall will be closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15, 2007, therefore the next council

meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The character trait for the month of January 2007 is "Enthusiasm". Mayor Redus also announced, the council will meet 1/16/07 at 5:00 p.m. in order to select Committee Assignments, he asked that all council members be here at 5:00 p.m. for this selection. The mayor also announced the Port City Players are requesting the City Council to be a part of the play, "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." which will be held 1/12/07 at the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center on the campus at UAPB.

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments