

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

January 4, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. George Stepps.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

Roll Call – Answering present were, Alderwoman Holcomb,

Aldermen Brumett and Easterly, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderman Stepps,

Alderwoman Walker, Aldermen Boyd and Brown.

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Stepps moved for approval of the

minutes from the December 21, 2009 meeting, seconded by Alderman

Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Ordinances and

Resolutions Committee reported: the committee met prior to the Pine Bluff

City Council meeting and recommended taking the following actions on

the agenda:

Item No. 1 will be heard and completed.

ADD TO AGENDA Alderman Holcomb stated we have two items to add to the agenda that were recommended by the committee and it requires unanimous consent for them to be placed on the agenda tonight. They are **“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ANDREW CARR III FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION”** and **“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREW CARR IV TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION”**.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved to add both items to tonight’s agenda, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met prior to the meeting tonight.

Alderman Brumett moved to **pay the bills** owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: there have been no new activities pertaining to the Downtown Entertainment District since the last update of December 21, 2009. Also each council member has a packet of information relating to the Downtown and University Park Revolving Loan Fund. Plans are underway for marketing the joint venture between the City of Pine Bluff and the

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff . Official marketing of the loan fund will begin on January 18, 2010 and applications from businesses to make loans will be taken beginning January 20, 2010. A copy of the report will be on file with the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported: no report

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported: the committee met this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's conference room with two members present. The committee discussed the resolutions which have been added to tonight's agenda regarding the appointment to the Wastewater Utility Commission which replaces Mr. Andrew Carr III, who is ill and no longer able to serve. The committee recommends a do pass on both resolutions.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: no report.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: no report

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: no report but he expressed concern about flooding in the city which occurred on Christmas Eve. He suggested that Public Safety and

Wastewater should get together regarding how to handle such situations in the future. Mayor Redus stated that he will coordinate a meeting with the Street Department and Police Department regarding the issue and report back to the council.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: no report but the Fire Department has a presentation. Fire Chief Dannie Smith addressed the Council and reported on a fire that occurred on Main Street at the Clement's Office Center building. Lt. David Curlin was seriously injured on the scene and is presently in the hospital in Little Rock. A fund has been set up for donations on behalf of Lt. Curlin and his family. A blood drive has been organized for him on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1 and the City of Little Rock has also organized a blood drive.

- (1) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF COSTS OF CORRECTING CERTAIN NUISANCES ON TAX BOOKS AS DELINQUENT TAXES AND COLLECTED AS SUCH was read by the City Attorney. Alderman Easterly moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ANDREW CARR III FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(3) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREW CARR IV TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

The Arkansas Special Olympics invites everyone to take the Polar Bear Plunge at Regional Park on January 16, 2010. Registration begins at 12:00 noon. The plunge begins at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Paula Calhoun at 501-425-8343 or at paulacalhoun@cablelynx.com.

The Character Trait for January is Punctuality vs. tardiness – showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time. There

are five key punctuality concepts: Begin early. Keep track of time.

Prioritize your day. Respect others' time. And finish on time.

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments