

January 16, 2007

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. January 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Lorenzo Jones III

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

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

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Holcomb moved for approval of the minutes from the January 2, 2007 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 up for the 3rd and final reading

Item No. 2 up for the 2nd reading but will be read the third time.

Items No. 3 thru 5 up for the 2nd reading.

Item No. 6 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 7 thru 10 will be completed.

Alderwoman Holcomb stated we have three resolutions that needs council approval to be add to the agenda and that is #11 which is a resolution re-appointing Holcomb to the Wastewater Utility Commission, #12 the appointment of Carolyn Ferguson and #13 the appointment of Lafayette Woods, So Holcomb would be number 11, Ferguson #12 and Woods #13. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to place these items on the agenda, seconded by Alderman Stepps and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

Alderman Brumett Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee moved to pay the bills owed by the city, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported; the committee met, however, she was not able to attend, therefore she allowed her colleges to report on the meeting. Alderman Stepps stated the committee did meet, but it was suggested that we continue at the next meeting.

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

Alderwoman Walker Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported; the committee met on 1/10/2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference room. On the agenda were several appointments to the Wastewater Utility Commission. The committee voted to re-appoint Lloyd Holcomb Sr., and appoint Carolyn Ferguson to the commission. Lafayette Woods' name was submitted to the Mayor for his consideration with a do not pass from the committee.

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

Alderman Boyd Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported; the Aviation Commission has requested changing the tax dead line for auditing purposes. Alderman Boyd moved to extend the dead line from March 15th to June 30th, seconded by Alderman Brumett. During discussion it was brought out that there is an ordinance #3402, dated 1959 putting that deadline in place. The City Attorney advised you could not change the ordinance however; you could extend the dead line for this year and at a later date change the ordinance, maybe at the next council meeting. At that time Alderman Boyd rescinded his motion and moved to

extend the dead line from March 15th to June 30th for this year, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion 8-0. Alderman Boyd also reported the committee met 1/9/07 and there are three items that requires City Councils approval. Haverty Street & Jaycee Drive, the committee recommends that the streets be changed from one-way streets to two-way streets, 34th Avenue between Cherry Street and Linden Street “no parking” signs be installed on the north side of the street and the intersection of 4th & Alabama Street, removing the four way stop signs. Alderman Boyd moved to approve all three recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Easterly Chairman of Administration Committee reported; the committee met today at 4:30 p.m. today and there were a couple of items on the agenda, one is item #2 on tonight’s agenda and we’re asking for a due pass and recommend it be read twice tonight. The other item is the CRC Company; Alderman Easterly moved for a RFP (Request For Proposal) be put in place, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported; no report, however the committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2007. Alderwoman Holcomb commended Police Chief John

Howell for a job well done thus far. Alderman Brumett requested an update on the ADSI system at the next meeting.

Alderwoman Roberts moved to suspend the rule on agenda items number three, four and five and read for the third and final time, seconded by Alderman Stepps and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

Alderman Brumett moved to suspend the rule and read agenda item number six for the third and final time, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

(1) 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 3rd and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) 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 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance

on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Smith and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

(3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6185, TO DISSOLVE THE WESTSIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 35 TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and after a roll call the vote was 7-0-1, voting yes were Alderwoman Holcomb, Aldermen Brumett, Smith, Easterly, Steps, Alderwoman Walker and Alderman Boyd. Alderwoman Roberts abstained. Assistant City Attorney, Joe Childress stated there needs to be an amendment to change the title of this ordinance to read "An amendment to ordinance No. 6185 to dissolve the Westside Sewer Improvement District No. 35 to the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas". Alderman Brumett moved for the amendment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderwoman Roberts abstaining. Alderman Brumett moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderwoman

Holcomb and the motion carried 7-0-1, with Alderwoman Roberts abstaining.

(4) AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE WESTSIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36 TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. City Attorney, Carol Billings stated the title need to be changed on this ordinance. She stated it should read “The Watson Chapel West Sewer Improvement”, in stead of “The Westside Sewer Improvement”. Alderman Easterly moved for the change of title, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts, after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(5) AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 37 (EDWARDS STREET AREA) TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by

Alderwoman Roberts and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(6) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5950 AND DESIGNATING ALL STREETS WITHIN MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK AS TWO-WAY STREETS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on seconded reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to further suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the third and final reading, seconded by Alderman Smith, after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL CARLSON TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, there was not a seconded, after which the sponsor (Mayor Redus) withdrew Paul Carlson's name as an appointee.

(8) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL T. BENNETT TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was heard,

Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and after a roll call the vote was 4 yes, which were Aldermen Brumett, Smith, Easterly and Alderwoman Roberts, 4 voting no which were Alderwoman Holcomb, Alderman Stepps, Alderwoman Walker and Alderman Boyd. The Chairman, voted yes and the motion carried 5-yes, 4-no.

(9) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SALARY SURVEY PROVIDED BY THE JOHANSON GROUP was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(10) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES TO REHABILITATE IMBEAU BAYOU BRIDGE ON 11TH AVANUE was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(11) A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LLOYD HOLCOMB SR. TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was

heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-1, with Alderwoman Holcomb rescuing.

(12) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROLYN FERGUSON TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett. During discussion it was brought out that line one should be change to read “Whereas, the term of Anthony Craig as a member of Pine Bluff Wastewater has expired”, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderman Stepps voting no. Alderman Easterly moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderman Stepps voting no.

(13) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAFAYETTE WOODS SR. TO THE PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY COMMISSION, Alderwoman Holcomb stated the last resolution is a mute issue because there aren't any more vacancies.

Announcements

Mayor Redus acknowledged and wished Mrs. Jennie Lockett, farewell as she leave for Kansas City, Kansas to live with her son. She has been a faithful citizen attending the council meetings. Mayor Redus has

designated Mrs. Jennie Lockett as an Ambassador for the City of Pine Bluff.

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Boyd and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments