MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. January 20, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus was absent

Alderwoman Holcomb acted as chairperson and called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Jesse Turner

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Holcomb.

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

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Ordinances and Resolutions Committee reported: Alderman Brumett will give the report for this committee. Alderman Brumett reported, the committee met prior

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

Items No. 1 & 2 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met prior to the meeting tonight and we have **four** budget adjustments that were in the packet and the first one is from the Transit Department and there is no method of financing required because they are moving funds from one account to another to balance the 2008 budget. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

The **second** budget adjustment is from the Street Department, again no new funds are required because funds are being moved from one line item to another to help balance the budget. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

The **third** budget adjustment is from the Community Development Department and you all should have gotten a copy in your packet. There are several line items where funds are being moved to help balance the 2008 year end budget. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the

budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

The **fourth** budget adjustment is from the General Fund which included several departments, once again no additional funds are required because each department transferred funds to balance each department's budget. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

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

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: the Pine Bluff Downtown Entertainment District Update report states in part: the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has a matching grant program available for properties located in the commercial historic district for downtown Pine Bluff. Two Historic Preservation Restoration Grant options are available for rehabilitation of historic structures in Arkansas. Alderwoman Roberts stated a copy of this report is available to the public and will be filed in the City Clerk's office.

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

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported: no report

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, there will be a committee meeting some time next week.

Alderman Brumett, committee member of the Public Safety Committee reported: no report

(1) RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE PRESIDENT, ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM WHICH BENEFITS ALL AMERICANS was heard. Alderman Brumett moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(2) A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR ABATEMENT was heard. Alderman Easterly moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Mayor Redus will deliver his State of the City address at 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 26, 2009 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center in Banquet Hall One. Mayor Redus invited all interested citizens to attend.

"One Ninth" a production about the events surrounding the nine Little Rock students who integrated Central High School in 1957 – 58 is showing at the Arts & Science Center January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Redus will be speaking to the Pine Bluff Rotary Club on at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Pine Bluff Country Club

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments