

MINUTES

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

February 1, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Henry “Hank” Wilkins IV, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church.

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 and Aldermen Boyd and Brown.

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

State Senator Henry H. “Hank” Wilkins IV made a special presentation to the City of Pine Bluff to assist the municipality in being prepared to handle emergencies that occur. Senator Wilkins stated that the award was the result of efforts by Lt. Ernest Jones on behalf of Fire Chief Dannie Smith and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The

Senator presented a check from the State Legislature in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Chief Smith and Mayor Redus and commended Chief Smith for the hard work and wonderful job he and his department are doing for the community.

Fire Chief Dannie Smith presented life savers awards to two citizens for their efforts in helping to rescue a 96-year old occupant of a house fire on January 25, 2010. Ms. Lakiesha Long and Ms. Tammy Chapman were both presented with awards.

Deputy Chief Danna Sue Powell asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Mr. Leonard Wall who was killed in the line of duty at the Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center last weekend.

Mayor Redus presented the 2010 State of the City Address.

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 1st reading will be read and sent to committee

Items No. 2 and 3 will be heard and completed.

Alderwoman Holcomb stated we have one ordinance to be added to the agenda and it requires unanimous consent of the council to do so. The

item is AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR

VIDEO SYSTEM. If it is approved to be added it will become Item 1-A.

Alderman Holcomb moved to add this item to the 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 this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and we have two

budget adjustments to consider. **Budget adjustment (1)** is for \$5000.00

to budget the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant. The purpose is to set

up the account within the Finance Department to receive and disburse

funds for the grant. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget

adjustment, seconded by Alderman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-

0.

Budget adjustment (2) is a request from the Finance Department in

the amount of \$87,104.54 for funds to pay the 2007-2008 tax liability to

the Internal Revenue Service. The amount will be taken from

Undesignated Funds. Alderman Brumett moved to accept this budget

adjustment, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett stated that the committee recommends to the

council a do pass on Resolution No. 2 on tonight's agenda confirming

approval of budget adjustments from 2009. This resolution is a result of the

legislative audit committee recommendation* to put all approved budget adjustments in one resolution confirming their passage to make it more efficient for the auditors to locate the adjustments at audit time.

Alderman Brumett 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 will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 1:30p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The proposed agenda for the meeting will be filed with the City Clerk's office and each council member will be given a copy of the agenda. Included on the agenda is the final action plan for disaster recovery and CDBG; programs, projects and plans for the Economic & Community Development Department and the American Recovery Act Program. Financial carryovers for each Economic and Community Development program for the last five years should be presented at the meeting. Alderwoman Roberts asked that the City Attorney attend the meeting. The meeting will last approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours and the public is invited to attend. If the council chamber is not available for the meeting, it will be held in the conference room of the Community Development offices at 716 Georgia Street. An announcement regarding the meeting will be published in the newspaper.

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.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all committee

members present. The Police Department presented its monthly report and

each council member has a copy of the report. The Fire Department

presented their monthly report. District Court Division II had no report.

District Court Division I will soon be under the auspices of the county, so

they were not included on the agenda. The Animal Control Department had

a question about the possible moving of their facility. Weed and Seed

made a presentation about the ShotSpotter Program and Rev. Turner stated

that he is in the process of applying for a \$1 million dollar grant. He has

emailed some information to council members. Rev. Smith spoke to the committee about a Black Men's Summit to be held April 16-17, 2010 and he is asking for support from the council.

- (1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ON INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF (1101 SOUTH MAIN STREET) (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and referred to the Economic & Community Development Committee.
- (1A) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR VIDEO SYSTEM (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on second 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 third and final reading, seconded by Alderman Brown 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.
- (2) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS ADOPTED IN 2009 was heard. Alderwoman

Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

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

Announcements

Mayor Redus made the following announcements:

- The Character Trait for February is Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness
- On February 3-4, 2010, Trinity Episcopal School will host their annual Chili Fundraiser. Lunch will be served from 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Delivery is available for orders of \$10.00 or more; cost of lunch is \$6.00. For more information call 534-7605.
- On February 5, 2010 at 6:00p.m. the Arts & Science Center invites you to “A Taste of the Wild Life” at the Pine Bluff Country Club. For additional information call the Arts & Science Center at 536-3375.

- February 1, 2010 the UAPB Men's Basketball team will play the Jackson State Tigers at UAPB at 8:00p.m.
- The City Council will tentatively meet at UAPB on February 16, 2010 at 5:30p.m. in recognition of Black History Month. Alderman Brown will confirm the date with UAPB and the Council will be notified prior to the meeting.

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