

MINUTES

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

February 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Boyd, Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

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

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Stepps moved for approval of the minutes from the January 20, 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 up for the 1st reading will be read three times and completed

Items No. 2 and 3 up for the 1st reading

~~Item No. 4 up for the 1st reading will be read three times and completed~~

Items No. 5 and 6 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 7 thru 9 will be heard and completed.

Aldерwoman Holcomb stated we have two resolutions to add to the agenda and it takes unanimous consent from the council to do so. The first one is resolution No. 10 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PINES MALL PARTNERS".

Aldерwoman Holcomb moved to add this item to tonight's agenda, seconded by Alderman Easterly and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

Aldерwoman Holcomb stated the other item is resolution No. 11 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PATROL DIVISION FACILITIES". Aldерwoman Holcomb moved to add this item 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 this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and we have two budget adjustments to consider, **Budget adjustment (1)** is for \$58,200.00

from the Jefferson County Health Department Grant. This will be taken from undesignated funds, and this is normal procedures. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

Budget adjustment (2) is a proposal from the Police Department for \$23,385 to move the east precinct to a new facility. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

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: the city submitted a total of 43 projects through the U. S. Conference of Mayors in order to provide input for the newly proposed economic stimulus package. Fourteen of the projects submitted would support revitalization efforts in downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods. These 14 projects totaled \$28,590,000 and related to housing, infrastructure and public facilities. The city will continue to monitor developments pertaining to the stimulus package and prepare to apply for any upcoming grants related to downtown development. There is not a report on the Downtown Entertainment District.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee

reported: no report

Alderman 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: the committee met today at 3:30 p.m. in reference to a position at the Fire Department, the Emergency Management Coordinator which was passed on to the council. The other issue was the financial officer position at the Police Department and it was tabled until the next meeting along with the issue of the City Attorney not getting her 3% increase.

Alderman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all committee members present. From the Police Department the Curfew ordinance was discussed and the committee gave it a do pass. It was passed on to the Ordinance & Resolution Committee/Full Council. It will be read when I present the Ordinance & Resolutions and it was recommended that it be

read three times. The next thing was the precinct proposal and it was readily accepted by the committee and a do pass, it moves on to the full council. The Fire Department gave a power point presentation on future projects, an update on the handbook and they would like to see the updated handbook ordinance completed tonight. They also gave a presentation as to repairs needed to different fire substations. A Life Saving Award was presented to Aaron Henderson for an incident that happened at Saracen Landing on 1/26/2009.

(1) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ADDITIONAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE PINE BLUFF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (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 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved to further suspend the rule and place the ordinance on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved

for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Brumett. Before the roll call, City Attorney Billings stated there's not an emergency clause attached. At that time Alderwoman Holcomb withdrew her motion, and Alderman Brumett withdrew his second.

(2) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION CODE FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar and will be sent to the Planning & Development committee which will meet on 2/11/09 at 4:00 p.m.

(4) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-121 THROUGH
~~14-126 OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS~~
RESPECTING THE JUVENILE CURFEW (up for the 1st
reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb
moved to suspend the rule and place ordinance on second
reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the
vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule
and place ordinance on 3rd and final reading, seconded by
Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.
Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by
Alderman Easterly 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.

(5) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE 75 FEET OF EAST 13TH
AVENUE AND OF AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY
LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 13TH AVENUE, BOTH BEING
LOCATED 550 FEET EAST OF INDIANA STREET IN
LEROY'S ADDITION (up for the 1st reading) was read by the
City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(6) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW HD-1 5TH AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS TO SAID HD-1 ZONE (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar. This ordinance will be sent to the Planning and Development Committee which will meet on 2/11/09 at 4:00 p.m.

(7) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, JEFFERSON COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT: UPGRADE AND REHABILITATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS HIGHWAY 65B/WALNUT; HIGHWAY 65B/CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE; AND HIGHWAY 190 HARDING/OHIO was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE JEFFERSON REGIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR USE IN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

AND DEMOLITION OF THE OLD DAVIS HOSPITAL AND
~~NURSING HOME; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF~~
CONTRACTS WITH THE LOWEST, MOST RESPONSIBLE
BIDDER TO PERFORM THE DEMOLITION; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb
moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the
motion carried 8-0.

(9) 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 Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(10) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PINE BLUFF
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PINES MALL PARTNERS was
heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by
Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(11) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PINE BLUFF POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT
FOR PATROL DIVISION FACILITIES was heard.

Alderman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by

~~Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.~~

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Mayor Redus issued an Executive Order, which he read in its entirety.

The Arts & Science Center will hold its annual Taste of the Wildlife Fundraiser at 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2009 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. This event will feature wild game prepared by Chef Jaime McAfee, a duck calling contest, the Matt Webb Band and a draw down. The cost is \$35 per person.

The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in Jefferson County will hold a financial workshop at the Jefferson County Extension office located at 500 Idaho Street from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The fee is \$10 per person, to register call 534-1033.

The Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra is presenting "Give My Regards to Broadway" on February 8th. Music begins at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Pine Bluff Convention Center.

Friday Family Films will be held at the Arts & Science Center on February 13, 2009 in honor of Black History month. "To Kill A Mockingbird" will be the featured film. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

The character trait for the month of February is forgiveness.

~~Alderman Easterly moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by~~

Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments