

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. Charles Boyd, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

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

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Brown moved for approval of the minutes from the February 1, 2010 meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

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 2nd reading but will be completed

Item No. 2 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 3 through 5 will be heard and completed

Item No. 6 will be pulled as recommended by the sponsor

Alderwoman Holcomb stated we have one resolution to be added to the agenda and it requires unanimous consent of the council to do so. The item is "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION." If it is approved to be added it will become Item 7.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 7-0.

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and we have one budget adjustment to consider. The budget adjustment is from the Fire Department for \$50,000.00. The purpose is to set up the account within the Finance Department to receive and dispurse funds for an emergency management grant. 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 Holcomb and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: the committee met on February 4, 2010 and on February 11, 2010. Minutes for the meetings are quite lengthy but they are available for public review 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 was absent. Alderwoman Holcomb reported: the committee met on February 8, 2010 and the committee recommends a do pass on Item No. 4 on tonight's agenda.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: there was no meeting of the committee today but there is an

issue relating to Weed & Seed programs being taken out of all budgets nationwide. If that happens, by 2011 there will be no Weed & Seed programs and that will be detrimental to Pine Bluff. This program is one that is very valuable to our city and I feel that we should lobby our congressional leaders to try to keep Weed and Seed in the budget. Mayor Redus stated that the Weed and Seed Steering Committee is preparing information that the Council can use in contacting members of the administration regarding this matter.

Alderwoman Roberts requested that the Public Safety Committee look into the issue of mobile barbecue grills traveling to various locations through the city. She asked that the committee determine if any additional legislation is required to address the issue from a safety standpoint. Alderwoman Roberts also asked the Public Works Committee to address the issue of tree limbs left from the recent ice storm. Mayor Redus stated that the Street Department and Waste Management are working to address that issue.

The mayor presented a proclamation to the citizens of Pine Bluff recognizing Black History Month.

- (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 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on third and final reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett. After the roll call the vote was 7-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Brumett and the vote was 4-3 with Alderwoman Holcomb, Alderwoman Walker, and Alderwoman Roberts voting no. The Mayor voted aye and the motion carried 5-3.

- (2) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED POLICIES FOR THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and referred to the Public Safety Committee.
- (3) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT: REPLACEMENT OF STRUCTURE NO. 14314 OVER NEVINS CREEK ON NEVINS ROAD was heard. Alderwoman

Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

(4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CONTRACT WITH RUSSELL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO PROVIDE A TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND SERVICE TO THE CITY was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 7-0.

(5) A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR ABATEMENT was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brown. During discussion, Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment, and stated there is a list of six properties that should be removed from the resolution and each council member has a copy of the list. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 7-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THAT THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE YEARS 2005-2009 was pulled by the sponsor.

(7) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 6-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no.

Announcements

Mayor Redus made the following announcements:

- February 18-20, 2010 the Arkansas Christian Athletic Association Basketball Finals will be held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For additional information call 870-536-3375.
- On February 20, 2010 the UAPB Golden Lions Basketball Team will play Prairie View A&M at the UAPB HYPER Building. The

women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the men's game begins at

7:30 p.m.

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