

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. February 19, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. H. C. Curry of St. Peter's Rock Missionary Baptist Church.

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 Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Alderman Stepps 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 2nd reading but will be completed.

Item No. 2 up for the 1st reading

Item No. 3 up for the 1st reading but will be completed.

Item No. 4 up for the 1st reading but will be completed.

Item No. 5 up for the 1st reading but will be completed.

Items No. 6 & 7 will be completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. with all members present. There were two items reviewed. One was the financing arrangement for the new fire truck which is item number three. We recommended, the \$200,000.00 which has been set aside, be applied to this and the balance be financed over five years. We also discussed the Chamber of Commerce to assist the Pine Bluff Poultry Company with the development of their facility. That will be presented to the full council at the next council meeting, involving assistance through taxes incoming financing and that will be presented to the Ways & Means Committee at our next meeting.

Alderman Brumett moved to **pay the bills** owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of the Community Development Committee reported: the Community Development Committee met on

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in the Mayor's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Alderwoman Janice Roberts at 4:40 p.m., with one additional item added to the agenda which was Community Enterprise Development Corporation. Mr. Sampson presented the agenda. The meeting was very lengthy a copy of the minutes were provided to all council members, a copy is available here tonight to the public and a copy will be filed in the City Clerk's Office. The Pine Bluff

Downtown Entertainment district Update:

There will be a meeting to discuss existing infrastructure in the Downtown area on February 25, 2008. Representatives from Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility and United Water Arkansas will be invited to attend. We will review aerial maps of the proposed Downtown Entertainment District to determine any known changes and boundary considerations. A copy has been provided to council members, the mayor and is available to the public.

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson of the Public Health & Welfare Committee reported: no report.

Alderman Smith, Chairman for the Public Works Committee reported: No report.

Alderman Steps, Chairman of the Development and Planning Committee reported: The committee met February 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in reference to the Grider Field Road project. There were several speakers who spoke for and against the project. We had two committee members that recommended sending this back to the Planning Commission but I was against that recommendation due to the fact that it was brought out that mistakes were made by the Inspection & Zoning Department; signs were not posted properly and the applicant should not be punished because of the city's mistakes.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: Alderman Boyd stated he has a budget request from the Aviation Commission that needs to go to the Ways & Means Committee for their review.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: no report

Alderman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all members present. We took action on the following: from the Police Department we decided to complete ordinance numbers 4, 5 and 7. There was discussion on the Sam Taylor School for the police and it is under advisement. Relative to

the Fire Departments ordinance number 3 which will be completed. The

Public Safety Committee will meet on March 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

- (1) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN CIMARRON DRIVE AND SHERIDAN ROAD (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 Smith and the motion carried 8-0.
- (2) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (within the 100 block of Grider Field Road) (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb stated the recommendation from the committee was to send this back to the Planning Commission.
- (3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACQUIRE A "QUINT" FIRE TRUCK FOR THE PINE BLUFF FIRE DEPARTMENT BY INSTALLMENT FINANCING (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City

Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 2nd reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 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 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 vote was 8-0.

- (4) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 202.1 OF THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (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 Smith and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on 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 Smith and

the motion carried 6-2 with Alderwoman Roberts and Alderwoman Walker voting no.

- (5) AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE RECORDKEEPING BY SCRAP METAL DEALERS IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF AND REQUIRING ACCESS TO SUCH RECORDS BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Alderman Easterly and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Easterly 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.
- (6) A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET TO ADD FUNDS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMISSION TO FUND SALARY INCREASES was pulled by the sponsor.

- (7) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

Mayor Redus made the following announcements:

On February 23, 2008 a six part series on Fire & Safety Awareness will be provided to the public at no cost. To register for this event go to FIRESAFEPB@YAHOO.COM or contact Kadijah Miller, Fire & Life Safety Educator, at 543-5151.

On February 25, 2008 Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni will present a political involvement workshop which will take place at the Kappa Education Complex, 1911 North University Drive; this event will start at 6:30 p.m.

On February 27, 2008 the Ebony Fashion Show will take place at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. For additional information you may contact James Horton at 879-4793.

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments