

March 5, 2007

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 5, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Larry Battles of Mt. Nebo 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 Steps, Alderwoman Walker and Alderman Boyd. Alderman Smith was absent.

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2007 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

Item No. 3 & 4 will be completed.

Alderman Holcomb stated we have four resolutions that need to be added to the agenda, I'll read all four and then we'll vote on all of them at one time. Number five will be a resolution authorizing a voluntary payroll deduction from the wages of police officers to reimburse the Police Department's Benevolent Fund. Number six is a resolution authorizing execution of a license agreement with Pines Mall partners for space in the Pines Mall. Number seven is a resolution requesting the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission to rename Lake Pine Bluff as Lake Saracen. Number eight is a resolution authorizing participation in the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program and also authorizing the Mayor and designated persons to make application for federal surplus property under the program. Alderman Holcomb moved to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Roberts and after a roll call the vote was 7-0.

Alderman Brumett, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee reported; Alderman Brumett stated we have two budget adjustments that the committee has reviewed and recommend to the council and the first one is to move money from undesignated fund balance to the 2007

budget and it's for \$30,000 in the general fund and the grants and transfers department, Account #18-4714, \$30,000.00 to complete construction for the Lakeshore Pavilion. Alderman Brumett moved to accept the budget adjustment for \$30,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 7-0. The next one is to move amounts between line items for the Community Development & Rehab department for \$76,511.59. Alderman Brumett moved to accept the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly 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; no report, but the committee will meet Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. The standard meeting date is the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Alderwoman Walker, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported; no report.

Alderman Smith, Chairperson for Public Works Committee was absent, Alderman Brumett reported; the committee met last week and two items were discussed, one was \$30,000 for the pavilion and the parks grant matching fund we also discuss appropriating funds to the Parks and

Recreation Commission as matching funds to secure a grant and we ask that the council approve that as well.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported; no report, but the committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2007. Mr. Thomas Gathen, Superintendent with the Dollarway School District was allowed to speak in reference to the proposed mileage increase.

Alderman Boyd Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported; no report but the committee will meet March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of Administration Committee reported; no report and the committee will meet one day week after next because he wanted Alderwoman Holcomb to be present.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported; the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor's conference room with two committee members present. We have three items discussed one was the lease agreement with the Pines Mall, discussed by Police Chief, John Howell. We also discussed permanent housing for the Police Department. And the third item was the abolishment of the Civil Service Commission and discussion was lead by Chief Parsley and there

was not a recommendation from the committee. We will read it for the first time tonight and we will have another committee meeting before the third reading and that meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2007.

(1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3402 TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT DUE FROM THE AVIATION COMMISSION (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place ordinance on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and after a roll call the vote was 7-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, AND RELATED PURPOSES (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney, placed on the calendar and referred back to committee.

(3) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DOLLARWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR SCHOOL MILLAGE INCREASE AND URGING THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT TO APPROVE THE

INCREASE was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(4) A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS MATCHING FUNDS TO SECURE A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

(5) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A VOLUNTARY PAYROLL DEDUCTION FROM THE WAGES OF POLICE OFFICERS TO REIMBURSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BENEVOLENT FUND was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PINES MALL PARTNERS FOR SPACE IN THE PINES MALL was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO RENAME LAKE PINE BLUFF AS LAKE SARACEN was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 7-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ARKANSAS FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM AND ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DESIGNATED PERSONS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY UNDER THE PROGRAM was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts. During questioning Alderman Brumett moved for an amendment seconded by Alderman Stepps. Alderman Brumett stated on line 13 instead of “any other person”, it should read “any other city employee” and the Police Department should be added to the list, by stating, “John Howell (Police Chief) and other officials of the Police Department designated by Chief Howell in writing and filed with the City Clerk”. And the motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

Announcements: None

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments