

April 5, 2010

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 5, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Alderman George Stepps.

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 Alderman Boyd and Brown.

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Brown moved for approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2010 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:

Items No. 1 thru 6 up for the 1st reading

Item No. 7 will be pulled

Items No. 8 thru 11 will be heard and completed

Alderwoman Holcomb moved that the Asst. City Attorney would read titles of the items only as opposed to reading them in their entirety, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: no report. Alderman Brumett then moved to **pay the bills** owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Boyd and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported that the committee met on March 18, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Several issues were discussed and a copy of the minutes will be filed in the City Clerk's office and available to the public upon request.

Alderwoman Roberts invited Coach Leslie Byrd and the Lady Wildcats of Watson Chapel High School up for presentation of a proclamation from the mayor. They were joined by City Clerk Loretta Whitfield and Alderman Bill Brumett as Mayor Redus proclaimed April 5, 2010 as Watson Chapel Lady Wildcats Basketball Team Day in the City of Pine Bluff in recognition of their 2009-2010 6A State Championship.

Alderman Boyd, Chairperson of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported: no report

Alderswoman Walker, Chairman 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 but the committee will meet on April 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Alderswoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all members present.

The Police Department provided their monthly report and the council will receive a copy. The committee discussed several ordinances that appear on tonight's agenda for first reading. The committee recommends a do pass for Ordinance No 1; do not pass for Ordinance No 2; and do pass for Resolution No. 8.

The Fire Department gave their monthly report and the department has Ordinance No. 3 on tonight's agenda for the first reading.

District Court II had no business.

Animal Control has two pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight: Ordinance No. 6 and Resolution No. 10. The committee recommends a do pass for both.

- (1) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH PERMIT CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES (up for the 1ST reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, RESPECTING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF PRIVATE CLUBS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (3) AN ORDINANCE RE-DESIGNATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE OPERATIONS AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; EXCLUDING THE POSITION FROM CIVIL SERVICE COVERAGE; AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF THE

FIRE AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO APPOINT OR REMOVE THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AND AMENDING SECTION 10-28(a)(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

- (4) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REGULAR PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS TO BE CONDUCTED BY CITY GOVERNMENT (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (5) AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF POLICE UNITS TO OFFICERS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE CITY (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (6) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL (up for the 1st reading) was read by the Asst. City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

- (7) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED AND CLARIFYING AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was pulled by the sponsor.
- (8) A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR "SPECIAL EVENTS CENTERS", "RECREATION CENTERS" OR LIKE-TERMS WHILE THE CITY DEFINES SUCH USES AS A PART OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.
- (9) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS TO AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES CHARGED BY UNITED WATER OF ARKANSAS PENDING BEFORE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.
- (10) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY WAIVER OF THE PET ADOPTION FEE ASSESSED BY THE

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE PET ADOPTION was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 8-0.

- (11) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF NON-ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE AT-LARGE TO THE CITY RETIREMENT BOARD was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. The employee at-large is Mr. Jeff Gaston.

Mayor Redus introduced the new Interim Police Chief Collier Hill and invited Chief Hill to make brief comments.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

On April 9, 2010, "Neighbor to Neighbor" will host its 26th Annual fish fry and silent auction at St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Gallagher Hall – 6th and Laurel from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

On April 10, 2010, the 15th Annual Railroad Show & Sale activities will take place at the Arkansas Railroad Museum at 1700 Port Road from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 fee for adults and \$2.00 for children

ages 6-12. Admission is free for children under age 6. For additional information, call (870) 535-8819.

On April 17, 2010, the Earth Day Celebration and Environmental Fair is sponsored by the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Clean & Beautiful Commission. This event will take place at Saracen Landing from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Gloria Sumner at (870) 543-4901.

On April 17, 2010, the Junior League of Pine Bluff fundraiser will take place at Harbor Oaks Golf Club from 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit “Children’s Hunger/Nutrition” in Jefferson County. For additional information, call (870) 879-3366.

On April 10, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, the Full Council Church will sponsor the First Annual Community Walk to Rebuild, Renew and Restore Our Community. It will begin at the Pine Bluff Civic Center north steps on Convention Center Drive and proceed to the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Character Trait for the month of April is “Creativity vs. underachievement.”

Alderman Easterly moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments