

April 19, 2010

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 19, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

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

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 Aldermen Boyd and Brown.

Approval of Minutes – Alderman Brown moved for approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2010 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:

Items No. 1 thru 6 up for the 2nd reading

Item No. 7 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 8 & 9 will be heard and completed.

ADD TO AGENDA Alderwoman Holcomb stated that there is one (1) item to add to the agenda that was recommended by the committee and it requires unanimous consent of the council to be placed on the agenda tonight. That item is "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WANDA NEAL TO THE PINE BLUFF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION". Alderwoman Holcomb moved to add this resolution to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Easterly and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb stated that this will be Item 10 on the agenda.

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met prior to the meeting tonight and we have **five budget adjustments** that were in the packet. The **first budget adjustment** is from Capital Projects, Transit and Community Development Departments for \$37,713.66. The reason required is for additional software and hardware required to achieve full productivity gains from the New World System, funded through allocation of New World acquisition cost to Transit, Community Development and from Capital Projects Fund balance. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment,

seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Roberts voting no.

The **second budget adjustment** is from the Grants and Transfers Department for \$14,933.33; the reason required is to fund reserve for Kelvin Hadley lawsuit settlement; fund city match and grant writing fees for SAFER and AFG grant awards to the Fire Department; reserve for 3rd year commitment to employ 6 fire fighters funded in year 1 and 2 through the SAFER grant; and budget revenue for change to Centerpoint Energy Franchise Grant payment from annually-in-arrears to monthly payment. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

The **third budget adjustment** is from the Grants Department for \$12,481.00; reason required is to budget the Internet Crimes Against Children grant. There is no impact to the general fund. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

The **fourth budget adjustment** is from the City Attorney's office for \$6,000.00 for legal fees; reason required is due to high number of lawsuits filed this year the budget for Legal Fees is depleted. The additional monies will be taken from Undesignated Funds. Alderman

Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0

The **fifth budget adjustment** from the Grants Department in the amount of \$160,125.32; reason required is to budget Convention Center portion of bond payment and payment to city under Continuing Funding Agreement. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett stated that there is one additional budget adjustment which has been referred to the Public Safety Committee and will be brought before the council at the next city council meeting.

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

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: no report but there will be a meeting of the committee on May 4, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the conference room in the Economic and Community Development office at 716 Georgia Street.

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

