

May 19, 2008

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

May 19, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Boyd of the First 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 May 5, 2008 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 4 will be read for the 2nd time*

Item No. 5 will be read for the 1st time

Item No. 6 has been pulled

Items 7 and 8 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met prior to this meeting and we have one budget adjustment from the Finance Department. Reason required is due to productivity gains from outsourcing payroll, the payroll assistant & Finance Secretary Positions can be combined. Request to add Internal Auditor-Accountant position to Finance Department to perform Internal Control Assessment/Audits & Assist department during peak periods; month end close, year end & annual budget. This was also reviewed by the Administration Committee with a do pass recommendation. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no.

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: the committee met on May 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. with

three items on the agenda. CASA Women's Shelter has requested \$150,000.00 from the city to be spread out over three years at \$50,000.00 each year, for the upkeep of the building. The second item on the agenda was a request for proposal – CHDO and the last was a request from Parks & Recreation and that request was forwarded to the Public Works Committee. Alderwoman Roberts reported on the Downtown Entertainment District update, which was read in it's entirety and a copy of the report filed in the City Clerk's Office.

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

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

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: the committee met on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers and there were several citizens to come forth and speak on the J.D. Smith wrecking yard. We did have Ms. Maxine Nelson and about three other people to come forth to talk about the wrecking yard and one of the things she requested was a copy of the old ordinance and the new ordinance and she asked for a delay on the vote of this ordinance.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported: the Traffic Operations Committee met on May 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. We have three items that require council's approval: Alderman Boyd moved for the following to be approved:

1. Fir Street between 34th Avenue & 36th Avenue: recommend the City Council approve installing "No Parking" signs on both sides of Fir Street.
2. Intersection of Walnut Street & 2nd Avenue: recommend the City Council approve the removal of the traffic controller at the intersection and install "Stop" signs on Walnut Street at the intersections thus making 2nd Avenue a through Street.
3. Intersection of 27th Avenue & Magnolia Street: recommend the City Council approve changing the stop signs at the intersection so 27th Avenue traffic will have to stop for Magnolia Street traffic at the intersection.

Seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: the committee met on May 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference room. One item discussed was the switch of checks in the Finance Department. Also discussed was the wording that needed to be changed in one ordinance which is item #1 on tonight's agenda.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee did not have a meeting today however we have a report from the Fire Department. Skipper Hipp reported on the UAPB fire, Pine Bluff Transit fire, the boating incident at Regional Park and the fire at Burger King on Olive Street. Shawn Howell reported on a program the Fire Department is offering at each of the Fire Stations and that is a Blood Pressure Check which is free of charge.

- (1) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6240 AND 6242 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 202.1 AND 202.4 OF THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (2) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (1224-1230 N. Willow Street) (up for the 2nd reading), was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.
- (3) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF,

ARKANSAS (4001 W. 9th Ave.) (up for the 2nd reading), was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(4) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN 8TH AND 11TH AVENUES AND BLAKE AND FIG STREETS (up for the 2nd reading), was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 29-37 (a) (4), 29-37 (a) (6-B), 29-37 (b) AND 29-37 (b) (7b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(6) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE FOR POLICE VEHICLE.
This item was pulled by the sponsor.

(7) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ADP, INC., REGARDING CITY PAYROLL MANAGEMENT was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR ABATEMENT was heard. Alderman Easterly moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and during discussion Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment stating we have a list of properties that needed to be removed from the list and a copy of that list is attached to the original resolution, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

Mayor Redus made the following announcements:

The Black Pilots of America Memorial Day Fly-In "Operation Skyhook" will be held Thursday, May 22nd thru Sunday May 25th at Griderfield Airport. Flying competitions, military displays, youth aviation challenge and free aircraft rides are a few of the many activities planned.

Heart & Sole 5K race for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) will be held Saturday, May 31st at the JRMC Wellness Center. There is a \$20 registration fee. Money raised will benefit ALS research.

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn* the meeting, seconded by

Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments