

**MINUTES**

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

June 1, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

**The Invocation** was given by Rev. Mike Tinker, Chaplain with the

Pine Bluff Police Department.

**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 Stepps moved for approval of the

minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman

Roberts 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:

**ADD TO AGENDA** Alderwoman Holcomb stated there is one item that needs to be added to the agenda which was recommended by the committee and it takes unanimous consent to be placed on the agenda tonight. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE CITY OF ALTHEIMER, ARKANSAS".

Alderwoman Holcomb moved to add this item on tonight's agenda, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb stated this resolution will be item no. 1 on tonight's agenda and no. 1 on the agenda will become 1-A.

Item No. 1 will be read and completed

Item No. 1-A up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading

Item No. 2 up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

Item No. 3 up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Item No. 4 up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Item No. 5 up for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Items No. 6 & 7 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met prior to the meeting tonight and we discussed additional funds that the Civil Service Commission needs for their budget which will be considered at the next council meeting.

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

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: The Olde Town Subcommittee of Pine Bluff Downtown Development will host their Paint the Town event on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 8:00 a. m. During this event volunteers will paint the facia of selected buildings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Alderwoman Walker then recognized Mr. David Steinmetz of Waste Management to make a presentation on behalf of the summer youth program. Mr. Steinmetz presented a check for \$10,000 for the youth program. Mrs. Holcomb reported that Mr. Calvin Booker was instrumental in helping to secure this donation. Mayor Redus stated that this is the second year that Waste Management has donated to the summer program. The program provides summer employment for youth aged 16-21.

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

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson 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 but the Black Pilots Association Fly-In was a success.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee

reported: no report

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: the committee met at 4:00p.m. with all committee members present. The Civil Service Commission made a request for a budget adjustment which will be reviewed by the Mayor and the Police Chief and it will be acted upon at the next council meeting. The Police Department presented their monthly report. Mr. Mike Barbarotto made an appeal to the Police Department to speed up patrols for the summer months because of so many people out walking around in the neighborhoods. The committee recommends a do pass on the resolution conveying two cars to the City of Altheimer. The Fire Department provided their monthly report.

- (1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF TWO MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF ALTHEIMER, ARKANSAS was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly. During discussion

Alderman Easterly stated it should have been two vehicles instead of one and made that in the form of a motion, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(1-A) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE BRYANT STREET BETWEEN WEBB AND SMART STREETS (up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (1303 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue) (up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(3) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR ENGINEERING STUDY (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(4) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6083 TO INCREASE FINES FOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES AND VIOLATIONS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF INCARCERATING PRISONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ALABAMA STREET LOCATED NORTH OF EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (up for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(6) A RESOLUTION RENAMING JEAN STREET, GWEN BUCKINGHAM DRIVE was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF LEVERT BLUNT JR., IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF AND RENAMING A PORTION OF FIG STREET "LEVERT BLUNT JR. DRIVE", was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

## Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Arts & Science Center will have Theatre Camp June 1<sup>st</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>; workshop Wednesday (includes chemistry workshop) June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru August 12<sup>th</sup>; Live @ 5, June 5<sup>th</sup> featuring guitarist Joe Pitts. For more information call 536-3375.

Caleb Initiative, Inc. invites youth, ages 12 through 18, to participate in its 2009 Summer boot camp program to be held June 1<sup>st</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>. The four week camp has a one-time nonrefundable registration fee of \$30.

June Character Trait is "Justice"

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments