

**MINUTES**

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. July 6, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

**The Invocation** was given by Rev. Henry Hellums, Sr.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Redus.

**Roll Call** – Answering present were, Alderwoman Holcomb, Aldermen Brumett, Easterly, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderwoman Walker, Aldermen Boyd and Brown. Alderman Stepps was absent.

**Approval of Minutes** – Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the minutes from the June 15, 2009 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts 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:

Items No. 1 thru 8 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee

reported: the committee met prior to the meeting tonight and we had five **budget adjustments** in our packet. One is from the City Collector's Department and the committee has recommended that we tabled this one until the next meeting. We have another one and it's from District Court Division I and II Administration Justice Fund and we'll deal with that one after the resolution is handled by the council. We have three others that we need to address one is from the Fire Department for \$2,400.00. The reason required is for required repairs to all SCBA Air Bottles have depleted funds available for repairs and maintenance. Method of Financing; none is required do to funds being moved from Conventions & Conferences account to Operating Expense account. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0

Alderman Brumett stated the next budget adjustment is from the Street Department for \$19,500.00 and the reason required is to fund initial deposit city match on highway 65B and highway 190 signalization projects. Method of financing; none is required because funds will be moved from the salaries account into the State Highway Match account.

Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Robert and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderman Brumett stated the next budget adjustment is from the Inspecting and Zoning Department for \$4,300.00. The reason required is because funds to purchase copy of G & M Minor Subdivision Hydraulic Study by Carter-Burgess Engineering Inc. Method of financing; none is required because funds will be moved from the salaried account into the operating expense account. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Boyd and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderman Brumett moved to **pay the bills** owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: the committee met on June 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Economic & Community Development Conference Room we had four items on the agenda and they were; 1- Davis Construction Concerns, 2 – Resolution to City Council, 3 – Rehab list / stimulus update and 4 – Westside memorial park. Due to the minutes being so lengthy a copy will be on file at the City Clerk's office if the public would like a copy. Alderwoman Roberts request a do pass from council member on resolutions number three and four on tonight's agenda.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee

reported: no report

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee

reported: no report but she acknowledged members from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission out of Little Rock; Mr. Deshawn Scarbo, Greg Raglon, and Mr. Mulligan. Alderwoman Walker stated they are here volunteering in our city from July 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup> and they were allowed to speak.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning

Committee reported: Mr. Stepps was absent.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported: the Aviation Commission met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and they have an architect that working on a plan and they did tell me that they are in the ninth year of a 20 year plan and we'll hear more about that soon and they are calling it the Airport Master Plan. The traffic committee met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and we have one item that needs council approval and it is the intersection of Center Street & Cambridge Drive and they want to change it from a yield sign to a stop sign. Alderman Brown stated he would like to put that in the form of a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee

reported: the committee met a little under three weeks ago on the hiring of a new person in the Inspection Department and it's covered with resolution number two. The committee recommended a do pass on number two as far as the salary adjustment, he's coming back into the department, he has several years of experience and several licenses. This came from the Inspection Department, Mitzi Ruth and Robert Tucker.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: The committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all members present. The Police Department presented their monthly report and the Fire Department presented their monthly report. Mr. Warrior, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the 20/20 vision committee had several concerns and they were addressed by Chief Howell with the Police Department and Shawn Howell with the Fire Department. Alderwoman Holcomb stated the committee recommended a do pass on resolutions number one and number five.

- (1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMBATING INTERNET

CRIMES was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 7-0.

(2) A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009 CITY BUDGET TO ALTER THE SALARY FOR THE COMBINED TECHNICAL INSPECTOR POSITION IN THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 6-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no.

(3) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY PARK AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO JOE ANN OWENS (2004 SOUTH HICKORY STREET) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(5) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES LEASE was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett. During discussion City Attorney, Carol Billings stated the title should read in part "Facilities Agreement/ Lease" and Alderwoman Walker stated section IV-C it should be deleted or changed due to the Collector's Office having a contact with Account Billing Services. Ms. Billing stated it could read *for as long as the City maintains these contractual relations with Account Billings Services.* Alderman Brumett moved for the amendment as stated by Attorney Billings, seconded by Alderman Boyd and the motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0. Alderman Brumett stated there is a budget adjustment associated with this

resolution and it is from District Court, Division 1 & 2. Reason required is to fund payment to Jefferson County for city of Pine Bluff share of construction to cost of new court building appended to the County Jail. Funding source is Division 1 & 2 Administration of Justice Funds. No method of financing is required do to funds being moved from Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 7-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINED AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR PRESERVE AMERICA was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 7-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF COSTS OF CORRECTING CERTAIN NUISANCES ON TAX BOOKS AS DELINQUENT TAXES AND COLLECTED AS SUCH was heard. Alderman Easterly moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3106 REGARDING PROPERTIES DECLARED NUISANCES was

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

### **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

On July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. all are invited to the unveiling of the Levert Blunt Jr. Street, located at 6<sup>th</sup> & Fig.

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual City of Pine Bluff Basketball Camp sponsored by the Pine Bluff Police Department and the University of Arkansas of Pine Bluff will be held July 27-31 2009 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon daily. This camp is for boys and girls age 7-14 and the registration fee is only \$5.00. For more information contact Sgt. Warrior at 543-5100.

The Economic Research and Development Center at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff presents Summer Biz Camp '09 for students in grades 9-12 who are interested in learning about business. The event will take place July 27 thru 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information please call 575-8030

The Arts and Science Center will be offering art and science workshops for all ages from July 1<sup>st</sup> thru December. For more information please call 536-3375.

All individuals are encouraged to sign up for the annual fall Jefferson County litter clean up event to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> and for more information please call the Clean & Beautiful office at 543-4901.

The State Little League Softball tournament will be held at Monroe Ryban Field out in the Watson Chapel area and it will be this weekend and next weekend.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments