

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. July 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. LeArthur Shelton of Lampkin Chapel 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 July 2, 2007 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:

Item No. 1 up for the 3rd and final reading

Item No. 2 up for the 1st reading but will be read for the 3rd and final time and an emergency clause will be added.

Alderman Brumett, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and we discussed looking into ways to find funding for employees to get a raise and we will be discussing that at the next meeting which will be on August 6, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Redus read his explanation of veto stating in part: pursuant to authority granted by AS 14-43-504, I hereby veto Ordinance No. 6126 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS SHALL HAVE LATITUDE TO HIRE EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" adopted January 3, 2005. As required by law, a written statement of my reasons for this action will be filed with the City Clerk prior to the next regular City Council meeting. Mayor Redus read the explanation of veto in its entirety. **NOTE: a copy of the Explanation Of Veto was filed for record in the City Clerk's Office on July 16, 2007 at approximately 4:10 p.m.**

Alderman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development

Committee reported: the committee met on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers conference room. Those in attendance were: Chairperson Alderman Roberts, Alderman Walker, Alderman Charles Boyd, Donald Sampson, Ricky Duke with the Pine Bluff Commercial and Arianna Whitaker, City Youth Worker. The chairperson called the meeting to order with two items on the agenda for discussion. The first item was a RFP for Youth Services. There was a draft of the proposal for the RFP Youth Services and it will be placed in the Pine Bluff Commercial for advertisement. The proposal outlines contents required by law along with additional items of youth services K-12. The next item was the Westside Memorial Park and Mr. Sampson passed out copies of proposals pertaining to the Westside Memorial Park including cost estimates for services being proposed.

Alderman Roberts asked Mr. Sampson to come up and give a report on the Downtown Entertainment project. Mr. Sampson passed out a report on the project. **NOTE: A copy of the report will be filed in the City Clerk's Office.**

Alderman Walker, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare

Committee reported: no report

Alderman Smith, Chairperson for Public Works Committee

reported: no report

Alderman Steps, Chairman of Development and Planning

Committee reported: no report

Alderman Boyd Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported: no report

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of Administration Committee

reported: no report

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: no report

(1) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK OF "H" OF JAMES AND SIMPSON'S ADDITION (BETWEEN 4TH & 5TH AND MAPLE AND Spruce) (up for the 3rd and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ELECTRONIC RESTRAINT DEVICE-TASER POLICY FOR PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place ordinance on second reading, seconded by Alderman Smith and after a roll call the vote was 8-

0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to further suspend the rule and place on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no. Alderman Brumett moved for an amendment to add an emergency clause to the ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and after a roll call the vote was 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 7-1 with Alderwoman Walker voting no.

Mayor Redus presented a proclamation to Kelven “K.J.” Hadley for his outstanding performance in the 2007 Songham Taekwondo competition. Kelven became a World Champion in his division and earned a first degree black belt.

Announcements

Mayor Redus announced the Green Meadows Baptist Church would like to thank the Pine Bluff Fire Department for their participation in the Flag Dedication Ceremony on July 4, 2007.

The City would like to thank all workers for their participation in the 2007 SEAEDD Summer Internship Program.

We are still asking citizens of the community to join a Goal Team as

part of the 20/20 visioning process.

Alderwoman Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments