MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. July 2, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Alderman George Stepps.

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 – Alderman Stepps moved for approval of the minutes from the July 7 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 recommend taking the following actions on the agenda:

Item No. 1 up for the 3rd and final reading will be sent back to the committee for further consideration.

Item No. 2 up for the 2nd reading

Items Nos. 3 and 4 are up for the 1st reading

Item No. 5 will be completed

Item No. 6 will be completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: We have two budget adjustments that the committee has reviewed and recommends a do pass to the Council. The first is from Grants, transferring $126,000 from State Property Tax Relief Fund Turnback and $34,000 from Administration of Justice Fund that will be moved to account 18-4880; $160,000 to the State Highway Match. Reason required is Imbeau Bayou Bridge Project-City match. Revenue received for property tax turn-back and Administration of Justice reimbursement for court personnel from 2007. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

The second budget adjustment is from the Street Fund; carryover funds from 2007 distribution to 2008 budget. The $160,000 from the State Highway Match is transferred to the General Fund to account 10-4880. There is $498,169.07 for overlays, $52,401.07 out of salaries with a total of $263,818 carryover committed to balance 2008 budget and $100,000 Street Fund reserve beginning balance. This is to allow them to max out on the

amount of overlays that can be done. An attachment to the budget adjustment outlines the projects that are scheduled for overlays. The cost of the hot mix that is used for overlays has gone from $47 per ton to $77 per ton, which has necessitated these adjustments. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

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 the Community Development Committee reported: no report but the committee will schedule a meeting later this week or early next week.

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

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

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee reported: no report

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of the Traffic & Aviation Committee reported: no report.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: no report.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: no report, but the Public Safety Committee will meet on August 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

(1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF SECTION 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (up for the 3rd and final reading) was referred back to the committee for further discussion.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HOUSE COUNT PROVISIONS IN GARBAGE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 10, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(4) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PINE BLUFF FIRE AND

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE SELECTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH REED ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place 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 the roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after the roll call the vote was 8-0.

(6) 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 the motion carried 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Redus made the following announcements:

"Guys and Dolls", a musical performance, will be held at the Arts and Science Center, July 24-27. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday in the Catherine M. Bellamy Theater at the Arts and Science Center, 701 Main Street. Tickets are $22 for Center members and $24 for non-members for opening night and $18 for members and $20 for non-members for all other shows.

A Pine Bluff 20/20 town hall meeting will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. July 22, 2008 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update of the actions taken to date on the 12 priority goals of the citizen-generated Pine Bluff 20/20 Strategic Plan. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments