MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. August 3, 2009 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, Easterly, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderwoman Walker, Aldermen Boyd and Brown. Alderman Stepps was absent.

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the July 20, 2009 meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett 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 5 will be heard and completed

Chancellor, Lawrence A. Davis Jr. and the Athletic Director, Louis Perkins were allowed to speak in reference to funds needed for the University Of Pine Bluff Athletic Department.

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

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: no report, however everyone should have received a copy of the American Recovery Act of 2009 Stimulus Package from the Economic and Community Development Department. Alderwoman Roberts also asked the council for a do pass on item number four on tonight's agenda.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported: no report, but we are waiting for information from Waste Management in reference to their contact then we will be able to schedule a meeting.

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported: no report.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: In Alderman Stepps' absent, Alderwoman Roberts reported no report.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: no report but invited everyone to visit the restaurant at the Airport on Griderfield Road between the hours of 11:00 and 2:00.

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

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all committee members present. From the Police Department we had a report on the Basketball Camp and it was reported that between 275 to 300 youngsters, ages 7-14 attend the camp and it was very successful. They are taking a look at it and evaluating it and it will be even better next year with some modifications. There were lots of participation, volunteers, coaches and the food, they served breakfast as well as lunch and that was donated. It was just a big success and hopefully it will get bigger and bigger.

The next thing is we have a resolution tonight about the grant and we're asking for a do pass on that, and its resolution number two. A monthly report will be provided at a later date.

The Fire Department provided a monthly report and it has some vital statistics and each council member should have a copy. There was no report from District Court I or II, but we have advised by the Mayor to

invite them to the next Public Safety Meeting to discuss some issues. Under Animal Control there is a revised edition of the Pit Bull Ordinance that will appear on the next council meeting. Weed & Seed provided a report and Rev. Turner's main focus was the boarded up houses in the Weed & Seed areas and he will make a presentation to the Planning & Development Commission after he receive more information.

(1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY TO YONAS HABTE (205 S. BLAKE STREET, PARCEL NO. 930-44862-000) was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 7-0.

(2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF TO THE UNITED STAES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMITTING THE CITY TO FUND ITS SHARE OF A COPS HIRING GRANT was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(3) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DARNELL F. HAWKINS TO THE PINE BLUFF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION was

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

(4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE JEFFERSON, LONOKE AND PULASKI COUNTY HOUSING COALITION was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-0.

(5) 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.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Wal-Mart Re-Grand Opening will be on August 5th at 8:00 a.m. at 5501 South Olive Street.

Southeast Arkansas Chapter American Red Cross invites everyone to a Wine & Cheese Reception on Thursday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the Reynolds Building. Please bring your donation and help the American Red Cross.

August 7th is the Live @ 5 – This "after work" monthly music series presented by the Arts & Science Center will feature Joe Marks and NTO from 5 to 7 p.m. at 701 Main Street. Cost is $10 and includes light refreshments.

August 8th – Hunter Education Part I – Safety course to be offered from 8 – 12:00 noon at the Delta Rivers Nature Center and August 9th Part II – Safety course to be offered from 1-5 p.m. at the Delta Rivers Nature Center, for more information call the center at 534-0011.

The 26th Annual National Night Out celebration will be held Tuesday, August 04, 2009 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. everyone is invited to attend this family event.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments