MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. August 18, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. 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 – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the August 4, 2008 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:

Alderwoman Holcomb stated we have one item to add to the agenda, which takes unanimous consent to do so and if it's passed it will be item

No. 4 on tonight's agenda. It is "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES AGREEMENT". Alderwoman Holcomb moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Smith and after a roll call the vote was 6 yeas and 2 nays with Alderwomen Roberts and Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb stated this item will not be placed on tonight's agenda but it will go before the Public Safety Committee, which will meet September 2, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. and placed on the next City Council's agenda.

Item No. 1 up for the 1st reading will be read three times tonight.

Items No. 2 and 3 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and we considered three budget adjustments. The first adjustment is from the Fire Department. Reason required is to record grant from Simmons Bank and budget expense to purchase Safety Fire House; provide additional funds to fuel fire vehicles and gas for heating fire stations needed due to increases in oil prices. Simmons Safety Fire House Grant, $35,000.00 to be added to account #00-3421 and $37,500.00 from undesignated funds. Alderman

Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

The next adjustment is for the grant department to add $35,075.00 into account #00-3420. The reason required is to budget additional funds for the Summer Youth Program due to grants from Waste Management and the Jefferson County Quorum Court. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

The last adjustment is for the grant department for $26,000.00 for the construction of a walking trail around the pond at Martin Luther King Jr. Park which is the match portion of the city and method of funding is from Undesignated Funds Balance. 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 Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: the Community Development Committee met on July 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five items on the agenda including:

- Recommendation for background checks for CHDO board
- Recommendation for Downtown Entertainment District boundaries
- Ordinance increasing Emergency Rehabilitation Grant amount
- Resolution authorizing 716 Georgia Street acquisition
- Budget adjustment for 716 Georgia Street

Alderwoman Roberts gave a report of the Downtown Entertainment District update and moved for approval of the boundaries of the target area for the Downtown Entertainment District and seconded by Alderman Boyd. After discussion, Alderwoman Roberts withdrew her motion, Alderman Boyd withdrew his second and Alderwoman Roberts stated that the issue will be put in the form of a resolution to be presented to the council.

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

Alderman Smith, Chairman for Public Works Committee reported: no report

Alderman Stepps, 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 the Administration Committee reported: no report, but there will be a committee meeting soon and you will be notified of the date.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: no report, however, the Fire Department was allowed the opportunity to make a presentation.

(1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6247 TO CORRECT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 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 the ordinance on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Smith and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION CONCERNING A RECREATIONAL TRAIL FOR LAKE

SARACEN were heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0

(3) 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

The following announcements were made:

A "Stop the Violence March and Rally" will be held on August 23, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in North Pine Bluff. The march will start on Short Reeker Street behind St. James United Methodist Church and continue to Townsend Park. The community is encouraged to participate.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 5:30p.m. to discuss the feasibility of establishing a sewer improvement district for the Olive Street/Highway 63/Vontungeln Road area of Pine Bluff. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers. Aldermen Charles Boyd and Wayne Easterly represent this area. Alderman Easterly

will facilitate the meeting. All Pine Bluff residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

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