

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M. ON
SIMULTANEOUS DETACHMENT AND ANNEXATION FOR A PARCEL OF
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7010 SHERIDAN ROAD

The owner of 7010 Sheridan Road, Harvey Mize spoke during the hearing, stating he would appreciate the council approving detachment of this property so that the entire property would reside in White Hall, Arkansas.

No other speakers

The hearing was closed.

September 17, 2007

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

September 17, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Jesse Turner of Elm Grove

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 September 4, 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

Items No. 2, & 3 up for the 2nd reading

Items No. 4 thru 8 will be completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met at 5:00 o'clock this afternoon and we have five budget adjustments to consider. The first budget adjustment is for \$7,600.00 for the Inspection Department. Reason required is extra cost associated with ADEQ requirements and extra flyers added to violation notice mailings, PC and printer for Director. Alderman Brumett moved to accept budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is for \$7,000.00 for District Court I. Reason required is for case folder purchase, \$12k required to work backlog of cases, unserved warrants, depleted office supply budget leaving insufficient funds to meet needs for remainder of 2007. Alderman Brumett

moved to accept the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is for \$15,000.00 for Maintenance. Reason required is for repair of A/C unit in the Police/Fire building and 1/3 cost of repair of unit in Library building. Alderman Brumett moved to accept budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is for \$8,000.00 for the City Collector Department. Reason required is Collection Agency Fees must be budgeted as an expense instead of a revenue offset per contract. This treatment is consistent with direction from Legislative Audits. Alderman Brumett moved to accept the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is for \$2,250.00 for Animal Control Department. Reason required is an increase in natural gas energy costs for Animal Shelter. Alderman Brumett moved to accept budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts 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.

Alderman Brumett announced the Ways & Means Committee and the council as a whole will meet October 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: The committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with four items on the agenda. Number one was a Request For Proposal-Pitts Drainage Project, asking for a do pass tonight. Item number two is an Acquisition of 1101 Main Street. Number three is an Economic Development Specialist Progress Report and the 2008 budget request. Alderwoman Roberts reported on the Downtown Entertainment District update by stating: the Old Town Committee is preparing for the "Paint The Towne" event on October 13, 2007. Mr. Elvin Moon has committed to painting the facades of his properties located in the 100 and 200 blocks of West 2nd Avenue. The property addresses are 108 & 209 West 2nd Avenue. A copy of this entire report will be filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Alderwoman Walker, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare

Committee reported: no report

Alderman Smith, Chairperson for Public Works Committee

reported: no report

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning

Committee reported: no report

(2) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PROCEDURE TO CANCEL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF "UNLAWFUL EXPOSURE" (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and sent back to committee.

(4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM TRAIL FOR LIFE GRANT TO CONSTRUCT A TRAIL IN MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

(5) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCH FUNDS FOR THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION'S APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S TRAILS GRANT TO CONSTRUCT A TRAIL AROUND LAKE SARACEN was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported: Traffic Operations Committee met on September 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council meeting room. The committee took the following action that requires City Council action: Entrance to Deerfield Subdivision located north of 73rd Street. The committee recommends installing "No Parking" signs on both sides of the entrance. Alderman Boyd moved to accept the recommendation seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of Administration Committee

reported: no report

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported: no report but the committee will meet October 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference room and the public is invited to attend.

(1) AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FROM ANTICIPATED SURPLUS STATE TURNBACK FUNDS TO BE DEDICATED FOR USE IN FINANCING THE 2008 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (up for the 3rd and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REGIONAL PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PITTS DRAINAGE EXTENSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM EAST 20TH STREET FROM CHESTNUT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ALABAMA STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND / OR STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR ABATEMENT was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith. During discussion Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment, stating there is one property on the list that needed to be removed, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0. After further discussion, Alderman Easterly moved to amend, stating three other properties needed to be removed from the list

as follows: Lonnie B. Gant, 1301 W. 19th; Addie Hall, 1114 S. Kentucky;
and R & B Collectors, 1704 S. Hickory and the motion carried 8-0.
Alderman Easterly moved for the original as amended, seconded by
Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

Mayor Redus made no announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments