MINUTES

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

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Holcomb moved for approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2009 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 2nd reading

Item No. 3 up for the 1st reading but will be completed

Items No. 4 through 6 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 7 through 9 will be heard and completed

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: the committee met today prior to the council meeting and we have three budget adjustments to consider. The first one is from the Finance Department in reference to the Capital Projects. Reason required is to budget funds for projects from proceeds of Amendment 65 Franchise Revenue Bond Issue in the amount of $3,000,000.00. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is from the Street Department in the amount of $500,000.00; reason required is to budget grant from the General Fund to proceeds of Amendment 65 Franchise Revenue Bond Issue. This amount will be taken from the City Grant Overlay Funds account and placed in the Overlay Project account. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is from the Finance Department in reference to Capital Projects. This is basically to set up the accounts for various grants that the city has. Reason required is to budget funds for

2009 Police Grants and Federal Earmark Funds for sewer extension. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett stated that he would like to file a copy of the Regulatory Basis Financial Statement which was completed by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee with the City Clerk. This statement covers the year ending December 31, 2008 and will be available for public view in the City Clerk's office.

The mayor requested the City Collector, Albert Ridgell, to discuss the recommendations made by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in reference to their findings in the Collector's Office.

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

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Economic & Community Development Committee reported: no report, but Donald Sampson, Director of Economic & Community Development Department was allowed to report on the public hearing dealing with the CDBG fund for 2010, which was held September 29, 2009. Alderwoman Roberts stated there is no new update on the Downtown Entertainment District at this time.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported: no report.

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

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: no report.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: no report.

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

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee met today with Alderman Brumett and Alderwoman Holcomb present. The Police Department presented their monthly report and the committee discussed an ordinance that will be submitted establishing a sick leave bank for the uniformed divisions of the city of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The ordinance will be under advisement and will be submitted after the council has had an opportunity to review it.

The Fire Department gave their monthly report and fires are down.

Both District Courts were represented.

Animal Control had no report.

Weed and Seed had no report.

(1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES MANUAL OF THE PINE BLUFF FIRE DEPARTMENT (up for the 3rd and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 203 OF THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6290 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED $6,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FRANCHISE FEE REVENUE REFUNDING AND ACQUISITION BONDS, SERIES 2009; PLEDGING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (up for the 1st reading) was

read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 6-2 with Alderwomen Roberts and Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to further suspend the rule and place the ordinance on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 6-2 with Alderwomen Roberts and Walker voting no. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

(4) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (6713 SHERIDAN ROAD)(up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (Mobile Homes) (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney, placed on the

calendar and referred to the Planning & Development Committee for review.

(6) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (Commercial Uses/Non-profit) (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney, placed on the calendar and referred to the Planning & Development Committee for review.

(7) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND FORM ITS LIST OF ELIGIBLE TOWING SERVICES SMITH WRECKING COMPANY UNTIL THE COMPANY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE REGARDING ITS OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF OTHER TOWING SERVICES SIMILARLY SITUATED was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Walker and after lengthy discussion, and a roll call, the vote was 5-3. Voting no were Aldermen Brumett, Easterly and Stepps. Voting yes were Alderwomen Holcomb, Roberts and Walker and Aldermen Boyd and Brown. The motion carried 5-3.

(8) A RESOLUTION AUTHORING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

(9) 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 during discussion Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment and stated there is paperwork showing three properties that need to be removed from the list, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Skip Perkins, Athletic Director at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, was allowed to speak and make an appeal to the council for funds to assist with the new baseball complex.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

The Pine Bluff 2nd Annual Fire & Life Safety Day is October 7, 2009 at Saracen Landing form 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. For additional information call 543-5150.

On October 16, 2009, the Pine Bluff, Arkansas branch of the NAACP will host the 17th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet at the Pine Bluff Convention Center from 7:30 p.m until 10:30 p.m. For more information contact Lula Dickson at 879-3933.

On Saturday, October 10, 2009, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff vs. Jackson State University will be held at Mississippi Veteran's Memorial Stadium. The game will kick off at 4:00 p.m.

Citywide Revival will be held at Barraque Street Baptist Church this week.

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