

**MINUTES**

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

November 2, 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, Aldermen Boyd and Brown.

**Approval of Minutes** – Alderman Stepps moved for approval of the

minutes from the October 19, 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:

Items No. 1 thru 3 up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading

Items 4 & 5 up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Item No. 6 up for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Alderman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development

Committee reported: Donald Sampson, Director of the Economic and Community Development Department was asked to give an update of the University Park area. Alderman Roberts stated that the Economic and Community Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at 716 Georgia Street. There has been no activity with the Pine Bluff Downtown Entertainment District since the last report in October.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee

reported: no report

Alderman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee

reported: no report, however Alderman Walker inquired as to the purchase of new chairs for council members and was told that issue was being checked into by the Maintenance Department.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning

Committee reported: no report but the committee will meet on November 12, 2009 in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported: no report

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: no report but the committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on November 4, 2009 to discuss item number four on tonight's agenda.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: the committee met at 4:00 p.m. today with all committee members present.

District Court Division I had no report.

District Court Division II had no report.

Animal Control and Weed and Seed had no report.

The Police Department provided their monthly report and reported that crime in the city is down, which is reflected in the statistics in the report. The committee recommended a do pass on Ordinance No. 7 on tonight's agenda, which will be read three times and completed. The committee also unanimously recommended providing \$8000 for the Civil Service Commission to be used to complete their work for this year regarding filling vacancies in the Police Department. The funds will be used for pre-hiring physicals and psychological testing. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to allocate \$8000 to the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Holcomb moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The motion carried 8-0 and the Council then moved into executive session at 6:10 p.m. When the council returned, Alderman Holcomb stated that there was no action taken during the session.

(1) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (6713 SHERIDAN ROAD) (up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (Mobile Homes) (up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett. During discussion Alderman Roberts moved for the ordinance to return to the Planning and Development Committee for discussion and review; seconded by Alderman Walker and after lengthy discussion, both motions were withdrawn and Alderman Holcomb stated the ordinance

will be referred to Planning & Development Committee.

Alderman Stepps stated that committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on November 12, 2009.

- (3) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (Commercial Uses/Non-Profit) (up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.
- (4) AN ORDINANCE REPLACING SECTION 2-161 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney and referred to the Administration Committee and placed on the calendar.
- (5) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, CONCERNING AUTOMOBILE SALVAGE YARDS, DECLARING SUCH YARDS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY CODE TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PENALTIES FOR SALVAGE YARDS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF CITY

CODE; FOR RELATED PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was ready by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar. Alderwoman Roberts asked that this ordinance be placed on the agenda for the Planning and Development Committee meeting on November 12, 2009.

(6) AN ORDINANCES ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, 2008 EDITION, AND AMENDING SECTION 7-161 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(7) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A "SICK LEAVE" BANK FOR THE UNIFORMED DIVISIONS OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and after a roll call the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved to further suspend the rule and place the ordinance on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading, seconded by

Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption of the Emergency Clause, seconded by Alderman Easterly and after a roll call the vote was 8-0.

- (8) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF COSTS OF CORRECTING CERTAIN NUISANCES ON TAX BOOKS AS DELINQUENT TAXES AND COLLECTED AS SUCH was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman Roberts moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Brumett, during discussion Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment and stated there is a list of six properties that need to be removed from the list because payment has been made, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

- (9) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH

HOUSTON-GALVESTON (TX) AREA COUNCIL AND TO  
MAKE PURCHASES THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE  
WHEN MOST COST EFFECTIVE TO THE CITY was read by  
the City Attorney. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption,  
seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

### **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

November 4, 2009 the Pine Bluff Jefferson County Historical  
Museum Guild is sponsoring a fundraiser featuring Corky's BBQ from  
11:00 to 2:00 at the museum, located 201 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For more  
information call 541-5402

November 6, 2009 Live @5 after work monthly music series  
presented by the Arts & Science Center, will feature The Messengers from  
5:00 – 7:00 at 501 Main Street. The cost is \$10.00 and includes light  
refreshments. For more information call 536-3375

November 7, 2009 the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff vs.  
Grambling State University will be held at War Memorial Stadium in Little  
Rock. The game will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

The Character Trait for November is Initiative vs. Idleness

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments