On November 17, 2008 of the at approximately 5:30 p.m. a public hearing was heard in reference to an appeal of Pine Bluff Planning Commission's Denial of UPOR request by Hope Academy Charter School located at 1021 East 2nd Avenue to place a portable building for classrooms. During the hearing speaking for were Rev. Earl Glass and Theo Dickerson. No one was there to speak against this issue. After discussion from council members the hearing was closed.

November 17, 2008

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. November 17, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Johnny Smith Jr., Pastor of the Shiloh M. B. 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 November 3, 2008 meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

A Mayoral Citation was presented to Lt. Terry Hopson with the Pine Bluff Police Department, for his bravery and heroic service which was displayed on November 11, 2008.

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 2nd reading

Item No. 4 up for the 1st reading

Item No. 5 will be heard and completed

Item No. 6 will be heard but referred back to committee

Item No. 7 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 have three budget adjustments to consider:

Budget adjustment (1) is from the City Attorney's Office and reason required is for additional funds required for dues & subscriptions due to large number updates to codes from 2007 Legislative Session. There will be no additional funds required; $4,000.00 will be taken from Legal Defense Fund and added to the Dues & Subscriptions fund. Alderman

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

Budget adjustment (2) is from District Court I and the reason required to provide for ADSI Training for court I personnel. There will be no additional funds required; $1,100.00 will be taken from the office supplies account and added to the Conventions & Conferences account. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Budget adjustment (3) is from the Transit Department, reason required is to provide funding for annual comprehensive transportation coordination planning study. This expense is reimbursed by the FTA and Regional Planning. There will be no additional funds required; $24,000.00 will be taken from UMTA Grant account and $6,000.00 will be taken from Miscellaneous Revenue account for a total of $30,000.00 to be added to the FTA Coordinator account. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the 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 Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: There has been no activity pertaining to the Downtown Entertainment District since the last update dated November 3, 2008. A copy of this report has been filed in the City Clerk's Office. Alderwoman Roberts stated we should recognize today as Sammie Daniels Day, who will be 100 years of age.

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

Alderman Smith, Chairman for Public Works Committee reported: Alderman Smith allowed Gloria Sumner with Clean & Beautiful to speak. He also announced the committee will meet for their budget hearings November 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Alderwoman Walker requested that the committee would meet at 4:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: the committee met for its budget hearings on November 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., we also met in reference to the item that has been sent back to the committee and we will go back and deal with that. On November 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. we will meet in reference to the Hope Academy at their location. Item number four on tonight's agenda

was also review by the committee and we recommended it to the full council.

Alderman Boyd, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: the Aviation Commission Committee will meet in reference to their budget review November 19, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Redus requested that Doug Hale would make a presentation on the design work of the airport. Mayor Redus asked Alderman Boyd to cancel the design report request until the next meeting.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: the committee will meet November 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. for its budget review.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: there will be a budget review meeting for Public Safety November 19, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The committee met today at 4:00 p.m. with all members present. Assistant Chief Hipp was allowed to speak on the handout he presented at the meeting. Chief Howell reported that he was given $10,000 from an anonymous donor for more tazers. The Sam Taylor School project was discussed but no decision was made.

(1) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE EAST HALF OF LOUISIANA STREET LOCATED BETWEEN EAST 10TH

AND EAST 12TH AVENUES (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(2) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF EAST 13TH AVENUE AND A PORTION OF AN ALLEY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 13TH AVENUE, BOTH LOCATED IN LEROY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(3) AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE WEST 7TH AVENUE BETWEEN PINE STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (up for the 2nd reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(4) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, REGARDING RUMMAGE SALES (up for the 1st reading) was read by the City Attorney and placed on the calendar.

(5) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY (801 W. SCULL

STREET) was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION RENAMING JEAN STREET, GWEN BUCKINGHAM DRIVE was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb stated this will be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review.

(7) 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.

The mayor presented a proclamation to Cheryl Henderson on behalf of Cynthia Rainey, the director of CASA. November 17, 2008 was declared as National Adoption Day.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

The Grand Opening of the 12th annual Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Regional Park. The light display will be available for viewing immediately after the special activities, which will feature the Dollarway High School Band and

an opportunity to walk through the display. The lights will be available for viewing from 6 to 9 each evening through December 31st.

The world-renowned African Children's Choir will perform at the First Baptist Church at Pine Bluff at 7 p.m., Friday November 21st. Through their voice and music, the children of the choir are taking Africa to the rest of the world. For more than 21 years, the African Children's Choir has been performing throughout North America and the United Kingdom. For more information call 535-9000.

A dedication of the St. Andrew's Historical Marker will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 22nd at the amphitheater at Saracen Landing with remarks from civic leaders and the dedication committee.

In recognition of National Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Whispering Knoll Assisted Living, 6812 S. Hazel Street, will offer free memory screenings. The event scheduled from 9 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, is in partnership with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the Southeast Arkansas Center on aging. Details call 534-1583.

Early voting begins tomorrow for the runoff election November 25th to decide races for Pine Bluff Mayor, City Treasurer, Aldermen in the 3rd and 4th wards of Pine Bluff and a Redfield Alderman seat. Early voting

will be held at the Jefferson County Courthouse starting tomorrow 11/18/08 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The John McLinn Ross players of the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff will open the theatrical season with "Home" by Samm-Art Williams. The play will be on stage in the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with student matinees available Tuesday through Thursday. For more information call 575-8428.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments