

September 20, 2010

**MINUTES**

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. September 20, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

**The Invocation** was given by Alderman Charles Boyd.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Redus.

**Roll Call** – Answering present were, Alderwoman Holcomb, Aldermen Brumett, Easterly, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderman Stepps, Alderwoman Walker, Alderman Boyd. Alderman Glen Brown was absent.

**Approval of Minutes** – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Redus stated before the committee reports are given we would like to thank Mr. Steve Tole for bringing Troop 106 to the council meeting tonight. They are here to receive their Citizenship & Community Merit Badge and we welcome them.

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 has been pulled by the sponsor

Item No. 2 up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading but will be completed

Items No. 3 thru 11 will be heard and completed

Alderwoman Holcomb moved to read titles only on items 7-11 on tonight's agenda, seconded by Alderman Brumett and after a roll call the vote was 7-0.

Mayor Redus stated Alderman Brown is now present.

Alderman Brumett, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee reported: we have **four budget adjustments** to consider and the first one is from the Inspection & Zoning Department for \$4,000.00. The reason required is due to higher fuel cost and it is funded through the reduction in the salary and repair & maintenance auto accounts. Alderman Brumett moved for approval of the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

The next budget adjustment is also from the Inspection Department and it is for \$11,483. The reason required is for additional cost of mowing and lot clearance which will come from the salaries and overtime accounts.

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

The next budget adjustment is from the Civil Service Commission for \$6,500.00. The reason required is for additional cost of hiring Fireman & Police Officers and this will come from the undesignated fund balance.

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

The next budget adjustment is from the Street Department for \$25,000.00. The reason required is to budget additional Household Waste Grant funds received above the 2010 budget level. There are no additional funds needed, this amount will be moved from the grant revenue into the grant expense accounts. 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 Brown and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported: the Pine Bluff Downtown Entertainment District Update (Old Towne), The Bash on Barraque event was held September 18<sup>th</sup> with a Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The next Bash on Barraque

event will be Saturday, October 2, 2010. The event will be hosted by the Pine Bluff Image Campaign committee, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Court house parking lot.

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

Alderwoman Walker, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported: no report. Mr. Wayne Rathman and Mr. Richard Leary with Waste Management were allowed to speak in reference to implementing a Curbside Recycling Program.

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported: the committee met on September 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:30 p.m. Several citizens came forth in reference to their property and several permits have been purchased and we will deal with them when the resolution is presented.

Alderman Brown, Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee reported: no report, but asked that Lloyd Franklin with the Aviation Commission be allowed to speak in reference to the grant for the Airport.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported: no report and the committee will meet sometime this week, probably Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported: no report.

- (1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, REGARDING SIGNS PLACED ON CITY PROPERTY WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED MUTILATION OR DESTRUCTION OF SIGNS (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was pulled by the sponsor.
- (2) AN ORDINANCE SPECIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CITY OFFICIALS MAY PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY (up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading) was read by the City Attorney. Alderwoman moved to suspend the rule and place ordinance on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading, seconded by Alderman Stepps and after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0. Alderman Easterly moved for an amendment "An Ordinance specifying circumstances under which City Officials my purchase real property from the city." Seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and

after a roll call the vote was 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Stepps and after a roll call the vote was 7-1 with Alderman Brumett voting no.

- (3) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY TO HENSON MORTUARY, INC. (PARCEL NO. 931-19117-000) was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Holcomb abstaining.
- (4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE STEPHENS, INC. TO ACT AS UNDERWRITERS FOR BOND ISSUES OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.
- (5) A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DOROTHY OLIVER FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE PINE BLUFF AVIATION COMMISSION was heard.

Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(6) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOY RAMSEY BLANKENSHIP TO THE PINE BLUFF AVIATION COMMISSION was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND FOR THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(9) A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PINE BLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved

for adoption seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

(10) A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED AND PRESCRIBED BY LAW was heard. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 8-0.

(11) 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. During discussion Alderman Stepps moved for an amendment, and stated there is a list of five (7) properties to be removed from the resolution and you all have a copy of that list in front of you. Alderman Stepps stated there should be three more removed from the resolution and they are page 2, lines 30-32 and page 3 lines 1-6. Seconded by Alderman Brown and the motion carried 8-0. Alderwoman Holcomb moved for the original as amended, seconded by Alderman Brumett and the motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Redus requested that the City Clerk forward a copy of the ordinance in reference to campaign signs to all council members.

## Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Mixed Martial Arts & Amateur fights on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Bluff Convention Center, doors open at 6:00 p.m., tickets are \$20 - \$25. To be a competitor or for more information call Jason at 870-917-9650.

Annual Rodeo Parade will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> and begins at 4:45 p.m. downtown Pine Bluff. For more information please contact Dale Dixon at 541-0395.

Southeast Arkansas District Livestock Show, Fair & Rodeo on September 27<sup>th</sup> thru October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hestand Stadium – 420 N. Blake Street. For more information call 535-2900.

PBHS 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Harbor Oaks Golf Club and the Pine Bluff Country Club. For more information call 535-0682.

The Character Trait for the month of September is Diligence.

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

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments