

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 401 NORTH TRENTON, RUSTON, LOUISIANA

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ruston was held Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers/Courtroom, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 401 North Trenton, Ruston, Louisiana.

A quorum was present, notice having been duly served. Mayor Dan Hollingsworth, Aldermen Jedd Lewis, Elmore Mayfield, Jim Pearce, Levell Thurman and Alderwoman Marie Riggs were present.

Mayor Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Jedd Lewis led in the invocation.

I. ADOPT:

A. AGENDA.

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to remove from the Agenda Items VII-E & F (Public Hearing and Adopt Ordinance relative to amending Chapter 29/Case #879). The motion passed by unanimous vote. Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to adopt the Agenda, as amended. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2005, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2005, Regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

Bill Carter, City Attorney, explained that Cox Communications, Inc. has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 31, 2005, with Cebridge Acquisition Co., LLC, in which they propose to sell and assign to Cebridge certain assets. He explained that this action will show the City's approval of the Application and consent to the assignment of the Franchise and System to Cebridge. Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 432 OF 2006)

III. PARKS AND RECREATION:

A. AUTHORIZE CITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RELATIVE TO BOBBY JAMES GYM.

Wes Barton was present to answer the Council's questions saying that this formal agreement will give the City exclusive rights to the gym for ten years with the option to extend the agreement for two additional five-year terms. The City will assume full responsibility for the maintenance except for structural repairs and will use the gym for some recreational activities. Motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to authorize the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. HEAR A REPORT FROM WES BARTON REGARDING UPDATE ON PARK IN CYPRESS SPRINGS AREA.

Wes Barton gave an update on the future City park in Ward 5 located near Cypress Springs Elementary School. He said that several of Louisiana Tech's Architecture students have developed a conceptual plan which consists of five phases. Barton said that Phase 1 is currently underway and consists of building a parking area, assorted trails and signs. Barton added that the Park has not been formally named.

IV. LIGHT AND POWER:

- A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.**

Zack Spivey was present to answer the Council's questions. He explained that this resolution would authorize Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc., to take over the City's power supply from Duke Energy. A motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 433 OF 2006)

- B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PCS 2000, LLC FOR ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND FIELD ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO RELAY SYSTEMS AT CITY'S ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS.**

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 434 OF 2006)

V. WATER UTILITIES:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Richard Aillet was present to comment on the ordinance. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:49 p.m. Having no one from the audience to come forward for comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

- B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, AUTHORIZING CITY TO GRANT TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., A SERVITUDE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION PURPOSES.**

Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to adopt the ordinance. The title of the ordinance was read, a roll call vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: ALDERMAN JEDD LEWIS
ALDERMAN ELMORE MAYFIELD
ALDERMAN JIM PEARCE
ALDERWOMAN MARIE RIGGS
ALDERMAN LEVELL THURMAN

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (ORDINANCE NO 1479 OF 2006)

- C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY 33 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT.**

Motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 435 OF 2006)

- D. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006.**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Riggs and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 436 OF 2006)

VI. PUBLIC WORKS:

- A.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE RILEY COMPANY OF LOUISIANA, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO TRENTON PLACE SUBDIVISION STREET REPAIRS.

Lewis Love was present to answer the Council's questions. Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 437 OF 2006).

- B.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RILEY COMPANY OF LOUISIANA, INC., FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES RELATED TO PHASES I, II AND IV OF I-20 SERVICE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 438 OF 2006).

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- A.** PUBLIC HEARING:

Lewis Love said that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:55 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

- B.** CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA BY CHANGING CERTAIN OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES PROVIDED FOR THEREIN.

Case No. 884: Application for Zoning Amendment – From RED Residential Estates District to R-10 One Family Residential

Applicant: Dan O'Neal

Location: 1614 South Barnett Springs Street

Alderwoman Marie Riggs made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to adopt the ordinance. The title of the ordinance was read, a roll call vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: ALDERMAN JEDD LEWIS
ALDERMAN ELMORE MAYFIELD
ALDERMAN JIM PEARCE
ALDERWOMAN MARIE RIGGS
ALDERMAN LEVELL THURMAN

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (ORDINANCE NO 1480 OF 2006)

- C.** PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:58 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:58 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

D. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA BY CHANGING CERTAIN OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES PROVIDED FOR THEREIN.

Case No. 886: Application for Zoning Amendment – From R-25 One Family Residential to R-10 One Family Residential

Applicant: Jean Grable

Location: 1700 Block of West Kentucky, Southside between Cooktown Road and Ashland Street

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to adopt the ordinance. The title of the ordinance was read, a roll call vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: ALDERMAN JEDD LEWIS
ALDERMAN ELMORE MAYFIELD
ALDERMAN JIM PEARCE
ALDERWOMAN MARIE RIGGS
ALDERMAN LEVELL THURMAN

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (ORDINANCE NO 1481OF 2006)

E. PUBLIC HEARING

[This item was removed from the agenda by Council vote. Lewis Love said that the owners of the property had requested that the application for rezoning in connection with the captioned case be withdrawn and the case be removed from the Agenda. A letter dated December 29, 2005, stating the request was signed by Michael Quarles and Brent Bernard, a copy of which is attached hereto.]

F. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA BY CHANGING CERTAIN OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES PROVIDED FOR THEREIN.

Case No. 879: Application for Rezoning from RED Residential Estates District to D-1 Light Industrial District

Applicant: Beehive Wholesale Inc./Quarles Properties LLC

Location: North side of W. Tennessee between Winona Drive and Tech Farm property

[This item was removed from the agenda by Council vote.]

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR