

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 Monday, May 1, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers/Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Following the invocation led by Alderman Jedd Lewis, the Mayor welcomed to the audience a class from Louisiana Tech University.

**I. ADOPT:**

**A. AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**B. MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2006, REGULAR MEETING.**

Alderman Levell Thurman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2006, Regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**II. ADMINISTRATION:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ray Watson led in a brief discussion of the sale of surplus timber in the Beacon Light Road area. After discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:32 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:32 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

**B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TIMBER AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

Alderman Elmore Mayfield 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. 1485 OF 2006)

**C. AUTHORIZE CITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE MEN OF VISION AND ENLIGHTENMENT, INC.**

Jerry Baldwin, Director of the M.O.V.E. organization, was present to answer the Council's questions. Mr. Baldwin requested the amount of support be increased from \$10,200 to \$20,000 for 2006. After a discussion, motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to authorize the agreement, increasing the amount to \$20,000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- D.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, ADOPTING THE LINCOLN PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 444 OF 2006)

- E.** AUTHORIZE CITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH RUSTON-LINCOLN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO LOUISIANA PEACH FESTIVAL.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to authorize the agreement with Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce relative to the 2006 Louisiana Peach Festival. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**III. PUBLIC WORKS:**

- A.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO FARMERVILLE STREET/MISSISSIPPI AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 445 OF 2006)

**IV. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- A.** PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:40 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 #890: Application for rezoning  
Applicant: Mitchell Maxwell  
Location: 1604 North Trenton

Alderman Jedd Lewis 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. 1486 OF 2006)

- C.** PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the

Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:45 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 #891: Application for rezoning  
Applicant: Benson A. Grigsby  
Location: 2902 North Trenton

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. 1487 OF 2006)

**E.** PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:48 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

**F.** CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, RELATING TO ZONING OF THE CITY OF RUSTON.

Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, 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. 1488 OF 2006)

**G.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, REVOKING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF ROBERT STREET IN WADE PLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

Case #898: Consider resolution approving street revocation  
Applicant: Bruce Richardson and Jack Beard  
Location: Portion of Robert Street located in Unit 1, Wade Place Subdivision

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Jim Pearce to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 446 OF 2006)

**H. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF STREET DEDICATIONS.**

Case #900: Consider accepting street dedications  
Applicant: Morrison Company, LLC  
Location: Morrison Drive, Eagle Drive and a portion of Celebrity Drive

Jim Hays and Pat Doane were present to answer the Council's questions. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 447 OF 2006)

**I. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF UNIT II OF CREEKWOOD SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.**

Case #901: Consider approving final plat of Unit Two of Creekwood Subdivision  
Applicant: Bryan and Freeman Development  
Location: North of West Kentucky Ave. between Chautauqua Creek and Kavanaugh Road

Jim Hays and Pat Doane were present to answer the Council's questions. A motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 448 OF 2006)

**J. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, AMENDING SECTION 29-5 AND ADDING SECTION 29-23.2 OF CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA RELATING TO ZONING OF THE CITY OF RUSTON.**

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

**K. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TIPTON ASSOCIATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TECH VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT PROJECT.**

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Riggs and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 449 OF 2006)

**V. FINANCE:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Emmett Gibbs was present to answer the Council's questions. After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:58 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:58 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

**B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2006, ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2005, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006, TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2005, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.**

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. 1489 OF 2006)

**C. SELECT AUDITORS FOR FYE 9/30/06.**

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce that Douglas L. Brewer, LLC, Certified Public Accountant, be retained as auditors for FYE 9/30/06. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**VI. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Mayor Hollingsworth spoke publicly to Ray Watson, expressing regrets that he will be leaving his position as Economic Development Director for the City of Ruston to take a job in Texas. The Mayor commended Watson for dedicated service to Lincoln Parish and the City of Ruston in the area of economic development and wished him well in his new endeavors.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman and the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

**June 5, 2006**  
**APPROVED**

**ATTEST:**

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**EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK**

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**DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR**