

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 7, 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 Monday, August 7, 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 Jedd Lewis to adopt the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2006, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2006, Regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. APPOINT MARK RICHARDSON TO RUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. APPOINT BOBBY WILLIAMS TO RUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2009.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO GRANT TO PALMER PETROLEUM, INC., A PETROLEUM PIPELINE SERVITUDE.

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

D. AUTHORIZE CITY TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA AND WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC., RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND TO INSTITUTE EXPROPRIATION ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF INTERSTATE 20 SERVICE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to adopt the Resolution to authorize acquisition of property and institute expropriation actions necessary for construction and completion of Interstate 20 Service Road Improvements. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 463 OF 2006)

- F.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COORDINATING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

After a brief discussion, Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion which was seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding with Coordinating and Development Corporation. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 464 OF 2006)

- G.** COUNCIL ACTION ON NOMINEES FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mayor Hollingsworth read a list of nominees recommended as board members for the Downtown Development District Commission. Nominees are Trott Hunt (Mayor's appointee, Rusty Woodard (Main Street list), Kelly Hogan and Jay Melancon (Banking list) and Rosy Bromell (Chamber of Commerce list). Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to approve the nominations. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

III. AIRPORT:

- A.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RUSTON REGIONAL AIRPORT.

A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with the FAA. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 465 OF 2006)

IV. PURCHASING:

- A.** REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW ON A YEARLY BASIS BUT AT NO TIME TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) YEARS.

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| 1. Fire Hydrants | 9. Wood Poles |
| 2. 1/0 Cable | 10. Concrete |
| 3. Chlorine | 11. Gasoline and Diesel Products |
| 4. Concrete Meter Boxes | 12. Iron Ore |
| 5. Sulphur Dioxide (SO-2) | 13. Polyethylene Pipe |
| 6. Roadway Lighting | 14. SB-2 Granite Rock |
| 7. Roadway Luminaires | 15. Uniforms for Ruston Fire Department |
| 8. Transformers | 16. Uniforms for Departments, excluding Fire and Police |

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- B.** REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2007, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW ON A SIX-MONTH BASIS BUT AT NO TIME TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS:

1. Hot Mix Asphalt, Laid in Place
2. Hot Mix Asphalt

Motion was made by Alderman Levell Thurman and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. WATER UTILITIES:

- A.** CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE RILEY COMPANY OF LOUISIANA, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN, SURVEY, PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO I-20 SERVICE ROAD SOUTH WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Richard Aillet was present to answer the Council's questions. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Riggs and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the Resolution and authorize the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 466 OF 2006)

VI. PUBLIC WORKS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter. He said that the Ordinance had been amended to add the dollar amounts for each structure. Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to amend the Ordinance and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:42 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF STRUCTURES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to adopt the Ordinance, as amended. 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. 1497 OF 2006).

C. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY.

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Elmore Mayfield.

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF UNIT III OF CREEKWOOD SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Case #916 Review and consider for action on application for a final plat approval for Unit 3 of Creekwood Subdivision
Applicant: Bryan and Freeman Development
Location: North of W. Kentucky Ave. between Chautauqua Creek and Kavanaugh Road

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter saying that the Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the Resolution approving the final plat of Unit III Creekwood Subdivision. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 467 OF 2006)

B. INTRODUCE 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.

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderwoman Marie Riggs.

C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF STREET DEDICATION.

Applicant: The Morrison Companies, LLC
Location: Celebrity Drive

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the Resolution approving the acceptance of a portion of Celebrity Drive. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 468 OF 2006)

D. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RUSTON

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF COLLEGE STATION AT RUSTON SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

Case #915: Review and consider for action on application for a final plat approval for College Station at Ruston Subdivision
Applicant: The Shane Morrison Companies, LLC
Location: Northeast corner of West Alabama Avenue and Goyne Street

Jim Hays was present to discuss the matter. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the Resolution approving the final plat for College Station at Ruston Subdivision. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 469 OF 2006)

VIII. FINANCE:

A. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR BUDGET YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2005, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006:

1.	From:	General Fund – RPAR	<27,745>
		Capital Assets 1551510 5810	
	To:	General Fund -- RPAR	
		Supplies 1551510 5280	2,500
		Gas, Oil & Diesel 1551510 5530	1,000
		Equip to be Accounted For 1551510 5286	3,300
		Contract Labor 1551510 5114	20,945
2.	From:	General Fund – Executive	<905,000>
		Capital Assets 120110 5810	
		General Fund – Street Improvements	<1,266,634>
		Capital Assets 140121 5812	
	To:	General Fund – Fund Balance	2,171,366
3.	From:	General Fund – Fire Grant	<68,600>
		13 4325	
	To:	General Fund – Fire	68,600
		Capital Assets 130117 5810	
4.	From:	General Fund – Fire	<64,000>
		Fire Retirement 130117 5124	
	To:	General Fund – Fire	
		Overtime 130117 5112	37,000
		Supplies 130117 5280	10,000
		Legal Services 130117 5630	5,000

	Utilities 130117 5410	7,000
	Gas, Oil, & Diesel 130117 5530	5,000
5. From:	General Fund – PW Admin.	
	Consulting 140120 5650	<4,000>
	General Fund – Streets	
	Salaries 140121 5110	<22,000>
	Capital 140121 5810	<15,000>
	General Fund – Solid Waste	
	Salaries 140122 5110	<45,000>
	Employee Insurance 140122 5130	<20,000>
	Capital 140122 5810	<5,000>
	General Fund – Planning & Zoning	
	Salaries 120126 5110	<30,000>
	General Fund – Inspections	
	Auto & Truck Rep. 120127 5520	<1,000>
	General Fund – Animal Control	
	Employee Insurance 140125 5130	<1,000>
To:	General Fund – PW Admin.	
	Salaries 140120 5110	3,000
	Retirement 140120 5120	1,000
	General Fund – Streets	
	Overtime 140121 5112	7,000
	Gas, Oil, & Diesel 140121 5530	30,000
	General Fund – Solid Waste	
	Auto & Truck Rep. 140122 5520	35,000
	Gas, Oil, & Diesel 140122 5530	35,000
	General Fund – Planning & Zoning	
	Consulting 120126 5650	30,000
	General Fund – Inspections	
	Salaries 120127 5110	1,000
	General Fund – Animal Control	
	Salaries 140125 5110	1,000

Emmett Gibbs was present to discuss each of the budget amendments. Following a discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the listed budget amendments. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, Mayor Hollingsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

August 19, 2006

APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR