

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5, 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 5:35 p.m. Alderman Jedd Lewis led in the invocation.

I. ADOPT:

A. AGENDA.

Alderman Marie Riggs made a motion that Item II-C be removed from the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Jedd Lewis and passed by unanimous vote. Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion that the wording be changed in item II-D to read: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 1993, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 1993, RESOLUTION NO. 167 OF 2000, AND RESOLUTION NO. 214 OF 2002 RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF RUSTON. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce and 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 AUGUST 19, 2006, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2006, regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BELLSOUTH COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, LLC, TO PURCHASE, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A CENTRALIZED VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL PHONE SYSTEM.

Michelle Blackwell, Purchasing Agent, was present to discuss the proposed telephone system, saying that twenty packets were mailed out to potential companies and BellSouth Communication Systems, LLC, responded and had met all the City's criteria. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the resolution approving the system from BellSouth. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 470 OF 2006)

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

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Elmore Mayfield.

C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION OF RUSTON FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES IN THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

This item was removed from the Agenda by Council action.

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EXPANDED TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION.

By Council action, Item D was amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 1993, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 1993, RESOLUTION NO. 167 OF 2000, AND RESOLUTION NO. 214 OF 2002 RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF RUSTON

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce and passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 471 OF 2006)

III. LIGHT & POWER:

A. 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 TRENTON STREET INTERCONNECTION SUBSTATION.

Darrell Caraway was present to discuss the matter. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to adopt the resolution which authorizes the agreement with PCS 2000, LLC. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 472 OF 2006)

IV. AIRPORT:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RUSTON REGIONAL AIRPORT.

Ben Humphries reported that the Aviation Division of Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development has proposed the donation of a 60 KW/60 KVA capacity stationary type emergency diesel generator to serve Runway Lighting System for the Ruston Regional Airport. Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the resolution and authorize the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 473 OF 2006)

V. PUBLIC WORKS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Lewis Love said that the introduced ordinance had been amended to include that the City is authorized to sell the 1975 American LaFrance Pumper, VIN P-17-4219 (listed in the ordinance as Item A.1(i) in §2) to the Village of Choudrant for not less than the itemized price. After a discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to amend the ordinance to agree with the changes as shown on the redraft. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY.

A motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, 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. 1499 OF 2006)

- C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO WYNNWOOD AND FOREST CIRCLE AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter saying that they have reviewed with engineers and recommended the award with the low responsive bidder for all work described in the construction plans and specifications for the Project. Motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the resolution and authorize the contract. Motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 474 OF 2006)

- D. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON RELATING TO SIGNS.

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

- E. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON RELATING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON.

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Elmore Mayfield.

VI. CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO START THE PROPERTY CONDEMNATION PROCESS AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE FOR THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

1005 Howard	Ernest Spencer, Jr.
1010 Howard	Ernest Spencer, Jr.
1012 Howard	Ernest Spencer, Jr.
814 South Farmerville	Katherine Lester Smith

Jim Hays reported that complaints have been received on substandard structures located at the above addresses and recommended that these structures be demolished, removed or improved to meet City Code and also requested permission to begin the condemnation process. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Pat Doane was present and said this ordinance will change the zoning district for mini-warehouses and laundromats and make them a conditional use which means Council approval is required. She further stated that the Planning Commission voted unanimously that this be approved. After a brief discussion, 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.

B. 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 Elmore Mayfield 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. 1500 OF 2006)

C. PUBLIC HEARING.

Pat Doane was present to discuss the matter and said the annexation meets State requirements. 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.

D. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF 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. 1501 OF 2006)

E. INTRODUCE 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 #917: Application for rezoning
Applicant: Wilnora Harris
Location: 1500 Martin Luther King Drive

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Elmore Mayfield.

F. INTRODUCE 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 #918: Application for rezoning
Applicant: Greg and Scott Freeman
Location: 605 Center Street

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

VIII. FINANCE:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:50 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:50 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE ____ OF 2006, ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

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. 1502 OF 2006)

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

1.	From:	Electric System Fund – Revenues	<50,500>
		Interest 50 4810	
	To:	Electric System Fund	
		Administration	
		Interest Expense 5010 5750	8,000
		Steam Plant	
		Overtime 5011 5112	5,000
		Distribution	
		Overtime 5013 5112	8,000
		Mtce. of Right-of-Way 5013 5345	20,000
		Collection Office	
		Supplies 5015 5280	2,500
		Meter Readers	
		Overtime 5016 5112	3,000
		Gas, Oil, & Diesel 5016 5530	4,000
2.	From:	Electric System Fund – Revenues	
		Funds from State	<12,000>
	To:	Electric System Fund	
		Distribution	
		Contract Labor 5013 5114	12,000
3.	From:	General Fund – Fund Balance	<15,000>
	To:	General Fund – Street Lighting	

		Mtce. of Street Lighting 130118 5360	15,000
4.	From:	Medical Insurance Fund – Fund Balance	<400,000>
	To:	Medical Insurance Fund Med. Insurance Claims 61 5762	400,000
5.	From:	Airport Fund Federal Funds Received 54 4300	<338,937>
	To:	Airport Fund Capital Assets 5410 5810	338,937
6.	From:	Water System Fund Sales to Electric System 52 4521	<15,500>
	To:	Water System Fund Production Chemicals 5211 5210 Distribution Overtime 5212 5112 Gas, Oil & Diesel 5212 5530	2,000 2,000 11,500
7.	From:	General Fund – Fund Balance	<3,696>
	To:	General Fund – IT Dept. Salaries – Regular 120140 5110 General Fund – IT Dept. Retirement 120140 5120	3,136 560
8.	From:	General Fund – Civic Center Maint. of Bldg & Grnds 120113 5300	<1,800>
	To:	General Fund – Civic Center Supplies 120113 5280 Gas, Oil, & Diesel 120113 5530	1,500 300
9.	From:	Purchasing/Warehouse Fund Printing of Forms 6210 5260	<2,300>
	To:	Purchasing/Warehouse Fund Equip. to be Acct. For 6210 5286	2,300
10.	From:	General Fund – Police RPD Miscellaneous 13 4215	<24,990>
	To:	General Fund – Police Maint. of Equipment 130116 5305 Telephone 130116 5430 Equip to be Account For 130116 5286	11,200 8,259 5,531
11.	From:	General Fund – Police Insurance 130116 5745 Police Retirement 130116 5122 Employee Insurance 130116 5130	<15,000> <15,000> <35,130>
	To:	General Fund – Police Overtime 130116 5112 Telephone 130116 5430 Insurance-Auto Liability 130116 5749 Capital Assets 130116 5810 Equip. to be Acct. for 130116 5286	10,000 9,000 28,000 2,130 16,000

Emmett Gibbs discussed each budget amendment. There was a brief discussion about Steam Plant overtime and Alderman Mayfield suggested that when budget amendments are prepared, that justification be explained more clearly to save time. A motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the listed budget amendments. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

10-02-06
APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR