

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 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 Jim Pearce led in the invocation.

I. ADOPT:

A. AGENDA.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs, to add a resolution to the agenda in Section III-B, Water Utilities. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to adopt the Agenda, as amended. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2006, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2006, regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. PUBLIC HEARING:

Lewis Love was present to answer the Council's questions. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:33 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, 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.1503 OF 2006)

C. AUTHORIZE CITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY, LINCOLN PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT, LINCOLN PARISH TAX ASSESSOR, LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF AND

THE LINCOLN PARISH CLERK OF COURT FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE
LINCOLN PARISH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2007, TO DECEMBER 31, 2007.

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

D. HEAR A REPORT FROM LARRY BLACKMAN ON CONDITION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to increase the employee health premiums by 20 percent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

III. WATER UTILITIES:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RUSTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE.

Richard Aillet was present to discuss the matter. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the resolution authorizing the City of Ruston to participate in the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and other relative matters. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 475 OF 2006)

B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO CEDAR CREEK ROAD LIFT STATION PROJECT.

Richard Aillet was present to discuss the matter. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution authorizing the City to enter into contract for construction phase services related to Cedar Creek Road Lift Station Project. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 476 OF 2006)

IV. PUBLIC WORKS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Ed Pittman 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 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON RELATING TO SIGNS.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Riggs, 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. 1504 OF 2006)

C. PUBLIC HEARING.

Pat Doane was present to discuss the ordinance. 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.

D. CONSIDER 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs, 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.1505 OF 2006)

E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING CITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST KENTUCKY AVENUE AND NORTH CHAUTAUQUA ROAD FROM INTERSECTION WITH COOKTOWN ROAD TO INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 167.

Lewis Love was present to discuss the matter and answer the Council's questions. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the resolution, approving the purchase of property from the intersection with Cooktown Road to intersection with Highway 167. The motion passed with three (3) votes in favor of and two (2) opposed, being Aldermen Elmore Mayfield and Levell Thurman. (RESOLUTION NO. 477 OF 2006)

V. CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

701 Third Street	Mr. Hudson Lewis
1506 South Trenton Street	Mr. John Willie Wilson
615 Second Street	Mr. Edward L. Hill

Jim Hays was presented and requested that the property condemnation process begin on listed properties. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to approve the request. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the application for rezoning. After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03 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 #917: Application for rezoning
Applicant: Wilnora Harris
Location: 1500 Martin Luther King Drive

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. 1506 OF 2006)

C. PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the application for rezoning. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 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 #918: Application for rezoning
Applicant: Greg and Scott Freeman
Location: 605 Center Street

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, 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. 1507 OF 2006)

E. PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays reported that Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the application by Grace United Methodist Church with the condition that evergreen trees be planted on the West side of the property. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:08 p.m. JoAnne Rainey, Chairperson of the Administrative Council at Grace United Methodist Church, and speaking on behalf of Grace Church, came forward to

submit a Screening Plan for the Council's consideration. She further stated that Grace Church will comply with the conditions set forth in the recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Commission and that a sufficient number of Loblolly Pines and Eastern Red Cedars will be planted to provide adequate screening on the west side of the property. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

F. CONSIDER ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE.

Case #920: Application for conditional use
Applicant: Grace United Methodist Church
Location: 3401 North Trenton Street

After discussion of the proposed Screening Plan, a motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to accept the plan and approve the application. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF STREET DEDICATIONS.

Applicant: The Morrison Companies, LLC
Location: Celebrity Drive

Jim Hays was present to answer the Council's questions. Motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to adopt the resolution approving the acceptance of street dedications on a portion of Celebrity Drive. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 478 OF 2006)

H. CONSIDER FOR ACTION CASE 921 – APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY MOBILE HOME/MODULAR BUILDING PERMIT.

Case #921: Application for Temporary Mobile Home/Modular Building permit
Applicant: Lincoln Medical Group, LLC
Location: North of 1923 Farmerville Hwy.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to approve the application. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VII. FINANCE:

A. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jim Pearce.

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR