

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 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.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2006, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2006, regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, PROVIDING CERTIFICATION FOR CITY OF RUSTON PARTICIPATION IN LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2006.

After discussion, a motion to adopt the resolution was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 489 OF 2006)

B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING THE STATE MINERAL BOARD TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, FOR THE ADVERTISING AND GRANTING OF AN OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION OF PRYME OIL & GAS, INC.

Bill Carter led in a discussion and answered the Council's questions pertaining to the resolution. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution authorizing the State Mineral Board to act on behalf of the City for the advertising and granting of an oil, gas and mineral lease pursuant to application of Pryme Oil & Gas, Inc., for a proposed well to be drilled south of Cook Park and east of Kavanaugh Road. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 490 OF 2006)

C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING LINCOLN PARISH TAX ASSESSOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES RELATING TO AD VALOREM REASSESSED VALUATION APPEAL.

Bill Carter was present to answer the Council's questions. After discussion, motion to amend the resolution was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and

seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
(RESOLUTION NO. 491 OF 2006)

III. LIGHT AND POWER:

- A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, AUTHORIZING SALE OF DAMAGED TRANSFORMERS AS SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY.**

Darrell Caraway was present to answer the Council's questions. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman to authorize the sale of damaged transformers as surplus movable property. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
(RESOLUTION NO. 492 OF 2006)

IV. CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING.**

After a brief discussion, 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 SECTION 8-235 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA RELATING TO BUILDING ABATEMENT.**

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. 1509 OF 2006)

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

1700 Corley St.	Jacqueline R. Cochran
815 Cooktown Rd.	J. R. Fowler
2614/2616 Kavanaugh	Alice O. Danner

Jim Hays was present to answer the Council's questions. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to approve the request for listed properties to be condemned, removed or improved to meet current building codes and that the condemnation process begin on structures. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:47 p.m. Steve Grayson, property owner, agreed to the Zoning Commission's recommendations for conditional use but requested that the hours of access not be restricted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:50 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, AND CONSIDER ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE.

Case #913: Application to rezone and conditional use
Applicant: Steven and Jacqueline Grayson
Location: The North side of Farmerville Highway between Ponder Street and Barksdale Street

Jim Hays said that the Zoning Commission recommends approval of the conditional use with the following stipulations: 1) Compliance with the recommendations of the Zoning Commission; 2) Restriction of hours of access to the facilities from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After discussion, Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion to approve the application without any time restrictions. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, to approve the application with opening and closing time restrictions as recommended by the Zoning Commission. The title of the ordinance was read, a roll call vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: ALDERMAN JEDD LEWIS
ALDERMAN JIM PEARCE
ALDERWOMAN MARIE RIGGS

NAY: ALDERMAN ELMORE MAYFIELD
ALDERMAN LEVELL THURMAN

ABSENT: NONE

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (ORDINANCE NO. 1510 OF 2006)

C. PUBLIC HEARING.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Evelyn Cooper, property owner, made a brief comment pursuant to the matter and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m., calling 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, RELATING TO ZONING OF THE CITY OF RUSTON.

Case #919: Application to rezone
Applicant: Dennis and Evelyn Cooper
Location: The Southwest corner of Groveland Avenue and Bonita Street

Alderman Levell Thurman 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. 1511 OF 2006)

E. PUBLIC HEARING

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Having no one from the audience to come forward, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:04 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

Case #922: Application for Rezoning and Amendment of Future Land Use Plan

Applicant: City of Ruston

Location: The old landfill property lying North of Beacon Light Road

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. 1512 OF 2006)

G. PUBLIC HEARING.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Having no one from the audience to come forward, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

H. 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

Case #923: Application for Rezoning and Amendment of Future Land Use Plan

Applicant: City of Ruston

Location: The abandoned airport property on the East side of South Farmerville Street

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. 1513 OF 2006)

I. PUBLIC HEARING.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:07 p.m. Wayne Evans, Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, gave a comment pursuant to the matter. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

J. CONSIDER ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CONDITION USE

Case #931: Application to consider Conditional Use
Applicant: Grace United Methodist Church
Location: 3401 North Trenton Street

Following discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to approve the application. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

K. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2006, APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF BEAUREGARD COURT SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

Case #928: Application for Final Plat approval
Applicant: E.J.B. Developments, LLC
Location: East Kentucky at Commerce Street extension

Motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Riggs and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the resolution approving the final plat of Beauregard Court Subdivision. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 493 OF 2006)

L. PUBLIC HEARING.

Pat Doane discussed the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance which was introduced in November. Alderman Jedd Lewis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce, that the ordinance be amended. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment pursuant to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

M. 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 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 1024 OF 1989.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, 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. 1514 OF 2006)

- N.** 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.

Case #927: Application to rezone
Applicant: John and Nellie Harvey
Location: The Northwest corner of Quitman Street and Highway 80

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

- O.** 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.

Case #929: Application to rezone
Applicant: James A. Garcia
Location: 1817, 1819, and 1821 West Alabama Avenue

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderwoman Marie Riggs.

VI. FINANCE:

- A.** PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

- B.** CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2006, PROVIDING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

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. 1515 OF 2006)

- C.** ADOPT THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR BUDGET YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007:

1.	From:	General Fund – RPD Misc. 13 4215	5,277
	To:	General Fund – Police Dept. Equip to be Acc'd For 130116 5286	5,277
2.	From:	General Fund – Fund Balance	<244,657>
		Parks & Recreation – Fund Balance	<5,129>
		Electric Fund – Fund Balance	<53,372>
		Water Fund – Fund Balance	<9,801>
		Sewer Fund – Fund Balance	<16,870>
		Ambulance Fund – Fund Balance	<6,937>
		Purch./Warehouse Fund – Fund Balance	<7,070>
		Section 8 Vouchers Fund – Fund Balance	<2,564>

To: (See Attached)

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the listed budget amendments. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VII. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR