

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005, 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 5, 2005, 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. Alderwoman Marie Riggs led in the invocation.

I. ADOPT:

A. AGENDA.

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion passed by four (4) votes in favor of and none opposed. Alderman Jim Pearce was not present.

B. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2005, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Levell Thurman, to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2005, Regular Council meeting. The motion passed by four (4) votes in favor of and none opposed. Alderman Jim Pearce arrived after the minutes were presented.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. PUBLIC HEARING:

Alderman Elmore Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to amend the ordinance changing the July 3, 2006, meeting date to Monday, July 10, 2006. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:36 p.m. Having no one from the audience to speak relative to the matter, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, PROVIDING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, 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 1477 OF 2005).

- C. APPOINT GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SR. TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 21, 2009.**

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to appoint George Schneider, Sr., to the Airport Authority Board to serve an unexpired term ending June 21, 2009, replacing retiring Chairman, Dale Sistrunk. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- D. PAY PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS (FYE 9/30/06).**

George Byrnside presented the Pay Plan recommendations for City employees based on a review of the 2000 Pay Plan and the completion of a pay study of similarly sized municipalities for the same positions and also State surveys. He said the implementation of this plan would make city employees more fairly compensated and competitive in the market place. Mr. Byrnside commended Pat Doane and Ed Pittman for many months of tireless effort in completing this study and preparation of the recommendation. After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to approve the Pay Plan recommendations. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- E. HEAR UPDATE FROM JOE WAGGONER WITH WAGGONER ENGINEERING REGARDING UNION LINCOLN REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY INITIATIVE.**

Joe Waggoner of Waggoner Engineering provided an update on the Lincoln Union Regional Water Supply Initiative. He said the initiative study involved the reasonable utilization of Lake D'Arbonne, not upsetting the composition and determining the treatability of the Lake and possible means of delivery. No action was taken.

- F. AUTHORIZE CITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #6 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA AND WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC.**

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis, to authorize Amendment #6 to the Professional Services Agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- G. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2005, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I OF I-20 SERVICE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.**

Lewis Love was present to answer the Council's questions. He said that two bids had been received. 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. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 428 OF 2005)

III. LIGHT AND POWER:

- A. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2005, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A VEGETATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH WOLF TREE EXPERTS, INC., FOR TREE TRIMMING, TREE REMOVAL AND RELATED SERVICES.**

Zack Spivey and Claire Moxley were present to discuss the matter and answer the Council's questions. A motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 429 OF 2005)

IV. WATER UTILITIES:

- A. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2005, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES RELATED TO NORTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND EXPANSION PROJECT.**

Richard Aillet said that bids had been received with a low bid of \$14,900,000 from Max Foote Construction and that all required bid documents had been submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for review and approval. 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 on this project. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 430 OF 2005)

B. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, AUTHORIZING CITY TO GRANT TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., A SERVITUDE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION PURPOSES.

The Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jim Pearce.

V. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARING:

Lewis Love said that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Mr. Reg Shurling, applicant, commented on the use of his property. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, 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 #875: Review and consider for action on application to rezone a lot from R-10 One Family Residential to B-2 Light Business

Applicant: Reg Shurling

Location: 104 King Avenue

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

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Dennis Williams commented from the audience and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

D. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, 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 #880: Application for Rezoning from R-10 Single Family Residential to B-2 Light Business

Applicant: Miracle Temple of God in Christ

Location: 1405 South Farmerville

Lewis Love and Pat Doane were present to discuss the matter. 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 1478 OF 2005)

- E.** INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, 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 #884: Application for Zoning Amendment – From RED Residential Estates District to R-10 One Family Residential
Applicant: Dan O’Neal
Location: 1614 South Barnett Springs Street

The ordinance was introduced by Alderwoman Marie Riggs.

- F.** INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, 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 #886: Application for Zoning Amendment – From R-25 One Family Residential to R-10 One Family Residential
Applicant: Jean Grable
Location: 1700 Block of West Kentucky, Southside between Cooktown Road and Ashland Street

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jim Pearce.

- G.** ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2005, APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLAT OF CHAUTAUQUA ESTATES SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Case #883: Review and consider for action on application for preliminary plat approval for Chautauqua Estates Subdivision
Applicant: Pat and Jimmy Love
Location: 530 North Chautauqua Road

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION NO. 431 OF 2005)

- H.** INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2005, 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 #879: Application for Rezoning from RED Residential Estates District to D-1 Light Industrial District
Applicant: Beehive Wholesale Inc/Quarles Properties LLC
Location: North side of West Tennessee between Winona Drive and Tech Farm property.

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Levell Thurman.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business, the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR