

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009, 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, May 4, 2009, 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 Jim Pearce led in the invocation.

I. ADOPT:

A. AGENDA.

Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to adopt the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Alderman Thurman joined the meeting.

B. MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2009, REGULAR MEETING.

Alderman Jim Pearce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield, to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2009, Regular Council meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

II. ADMINISTRATION:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2009, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC., RELATED TO ENTERPRISE CAMPUS PROJECT.

Lewis Love reported that the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., and the City of Ruston have jointly applied to the Economic Development Administration for funding to develop the infrastructure of Louisiana Tech University's Enterprise Campus. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to adopt the resolution authorizing an agreement pursuant to the Enterprise Campus Project. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION 629 OF 2009)

III. PARKS AND RECREATION:

A. AUTHORIZE CITY TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH RUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Wes Barton explained that the agreement with Ruston Housing Authority will allow them (RHA) the use of City-owned Greenwood Recreation Center on Cornell Drive. The City will pay utility bills, provide all grounds maintenance and generally work with Ruston Housing Authority to ensure programming effectiveness. Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderman Jedd Lewis to authorize the cooperative endeavor agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. AIRPORT:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2009, AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER PARKING APRON AND ACCESS DRIVE.

Ben Humphries was present to discuss the helicopter parking project for the Pafford Ambulance helicopter and possibly a State Police helicopter based at the Ruston Regional Airport. Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Jedd Lewis and

seconded by Alderman Jim Pearce to adopt the resolution authorizing that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for all work described in the construction plans and specifications for the project. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (RESOLUTION 630 OF 2009)

V. INSPECTIONS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mark Joiner was present to discuss the ordinance amending Chapter 24 relating to flood damage prevention. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:42 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment, he closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2009, AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA, RELATING TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield 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 1577 OF 2009)

VI. CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

| <u>Address</u> | <u>Owner</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 100 North Hazel | W.S.Smoke Enterprises, L.L.C. |
| 1518 South Trenton | Troy Odum et al. |
| 1526 Sikes | Frances Edmonds |
| 109 South Hazel | Frank McElduff |
| 1427 Oakdale | Peggy Albritton |
| 1104 Martin Luther King | Virginia Garner |
| 1612 Allen | Mose Torbor |
| 603 Tech Drive | Helen Jones |
| 1505 Allen | Louis Mayfield |
| 1434 Mayberry | Henry Jones |
| 714 Kirkland | Mitchell Modest |
| 1104 Pecan | Irene Buggs |
| 1106 Pecan | Clara Moore/Brown and Sons |

Mitch Dufour recommended that the listed properties be demolished, removed or improved to meet current Building Code and also requested permission to start the property condemnation process on these structures. Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs to approve Dufour's requests. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2009, 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 No. 1027: Application to Rezone (from R-3 Multi Family to B-3 General Business)
Applicant: David and Lisa Trussell
Location: 704 Center Street

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

B. PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Hays was present to discuss the application for conditional use saying that based on the precedent established in 2008 by the Zoning Commission and the Board of Aldermen in the consideration of Case No. 990 (New Living Word Ministries at 215 West Texas), the standard policy considerations, as referred to in the packet, are pertinent for review of a rehabilitative, recovery care, or restoration center as a conditional use. He added that the Zoning Commission had reviewed each of the conditions on the standard policy form and added their recommendations in this case. Hays further stated that the Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the permit with the conditions itemized in the standard policy form and the City Staff recommends that approval is contingent upon all conditions imposed under policy review.

Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment, he closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

C. CONSIDER FOR ACTION CASE NO. 1029 – APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE.

Case No. 1029: Application for Conditional Use (to allow a Restoration Center in a B-2 Low intensity Commercial zoned area)
Applicant: Continuum of Care Ministry
Location: 405 South Farmerville Street

Motion was made by Alderman Elmore Mayfield and seconded by Alderwoman Marie Riggs to approve the application for conditional use pursuant to recommendations of the Zoning Commission and City Staff as outlined in the standard policy form. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2009, 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 No. 1030: Application to Rezone (from R-10 Single Family Residential to B-3 Low Intensity Commercial)
Applicant: Ruston Teen Challenge
Location: 411 East California

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Elmore Mayfield.

VIII. FINANCE:

A. PUBLIC HEARING.

Emmett Gibbs was present to explain the ordinance. Mayor Hollingsworth called for a public hearing at 5:48 p.m. Having no one from the audience to comment, he closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m., and called for final consideration by the Aldermen.

B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 209, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2008, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009, TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

OCTOBER 1, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON, LOUISIANA.

Alderman Elmore Mayfield 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 1578 OF 2009)

- C. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1574 OF 2009 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) OF UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009, OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; SELLING SAID BONDS TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The ordinance was introduced by Alderman Jedd Lewis.

- D. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BUDGET YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009:

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| 1. From: | General Fund – Fund Balance | <2,029,190> |
| | RPAR – Fund Balance | <7,737> |
| | Electric Fund – Fund Balance | <2,959,725> |
| | Water Fund – Fund Balance | <261,596> |
| | Sewer Fund – Fund Balance | <1,921,274> |
| | Airport Fund – Fund Balance | <13,934> |
| | Ambulance Fund – Fund Balance | <290> |
| To: | (See Attached) | |

Emmett Gibbs was present to answer questions. Motion was made by Alderman Jim Pearce and seconded by Alderman Elmore Mayfield to approve the budget amendment. 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 5:50 p.m.

June 1, 2009
APPROVED

ATTEST:

EMMETT GIBBS, CLERK

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH, MAYOR