

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2008

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on January 7, 2008, with the following members present:

Mayor: Scott Edwards  
Recorder: Linda Gibson  
Council: Reggie Billups  
Lana Call  
Don Chaney  
Brian Ellis  
Patty Hager

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott Edwards

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to approve minutes of the December 3, 2007, regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Patty Hager to approve paying the bills from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to approve paying the bills from the Coal Severance Fund. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Police Officer Larry Angell II, graduated from the State Police Academy in December. Larry received top honors; Class Speaker, Valedictorian and graduated top of his class. Larry was the first graduate to receive all of the honors at the State Police Academy. Welcome to the Hurricane Police Department.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of an ORDINANCE ANNEXING 20.51 ACRES, LILLIAN BLACK PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF HURRICANE. Motion carried.  
Opposed - Call

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Don Chaney to have the second reading and adoption of an AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ARTICLE 729 BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX SECTION 729.04 MANUFACTURING, COMPOUNDING OR PREPARING PRODUCTS. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of an AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ARTICLE 729 BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX SECTION 729.03 PROCEDURES OF NATURAL RESOURCE PRODUCTS. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Patty Hager to have the second reading and adoption of an AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ARTICLE 729 BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX SECTION 729.07 ADDITIONAL CREDITS. Motion carried.

Letter from the Municipal Planning Commission – The Mayor read the recommendation of the Planning Commission to not allow the rezoning of Chase Park Phase II from an R-1 to B-3 to permit 317 unit storage buildings. The residents of South Brooke presented a petition against the storage facility. The following residents voiced concerns with safety and property de-evaluation; Billy Racer, David Myers, Al Howard, Roger Given, Henry Harmon and Dr. Tara Ray. Developer Mike Steorts stated that he did not try to sneak the storage unit facility in. He stated that Mayor and Council knew his plans for the property. Mr. Steorts said that he conducted a survey of what is needed in the community and there is a need for a storage facility. He was advised from his realtor that Townhouses were not marketable at that location due to the railroad tracks. After discussion motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to not allow the rezoning and storage facility. Motion carried.

Michael Griffith, CPA – Water Rate Increase – Mr. Griffith explained the need and showed comparison figures for council to review. Mr. Griffith stated that the increase would replace the existing surcharge billed to water costumers. Mr. Griffith will present this to Hurricane Water Board members and then compile an Ordinance for the February Council meeting.

Fire Department Purchase - Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the purchase of equipment and Jaws of Life for the Hurricane Volunteer Fire Department. Invoice attached, \$43,515.40 plus shipping. Motion carried.

#### **Department Head Reports**

- Ben Newhouse ( City Manager)
- Fredda Ray (Finance)
- Brenda Campbell ( Planning & Tourism Dir)
- Jmike Mullins (Chief)
- Ronnie Woodall (Water & Sewer Maintenance)
- Allen McCallister (Water Plant)
- Lee Campbell (Street Superintendent)
- John Thayer (Wastewater Treatment Plant)
- Jay Gibson (Code Enforcement)
- Dennis Carte (Treasurer)

**Hurricane Fire Department Report**

Nothing to report. The Mayor thanked the volunteer fireman for attending the meeting.

**Persons to Appear**

Tom Henson – Thomasino’s Car Wash – Mr. Henson stated that his court date is March 2008.

**Persons from Sign in Sheet**

Robert Blackburn – Voiced concerns with semi trucks running at the motel and with motel guest throwing litter across the fence into Mr. Blackburn’s yard. Chief Mullins will talk to the owner of the Motel.

Roy Vanater – Had a question on the water surcharge and rate increase. Mr. Vanater is concerned for the Senior Citizens in town with limited incomes. The Mayor invited Mr. Vanater to attend the Water Board meeting next Monday for additional information.

**Announcements**

**New Business**

Councilman Billups asked Brenda Campbell about one piece of equipment at the Skatepark. Brenda informed the Councilman that due to nails being in the equipment it was removed from the Skatepark.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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