

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 2008

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on May 5, 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 Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve minutes of the April 7, 2008, regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Linda Gibson to approve minutes of the April 15, 2008, Special Session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to approve paying the bills from the General Fund. Motion carried. Call opposed.

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

The mayor announced the Officers Jason Moore and T.J. Dillon will give a demonstration working with their K-9 partners Roman, Huck and Jake.

Sgt Moore informed those present that working with dogs is a full time job. The officers take care of their dogs on and off duty. He reported the statistics of arrest and the amount of drugs found by the dogs. The dogs have been used at the Middle and High Schools as well as the Civic Center and on cases for other police departments.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to recess to outside for the demonstration. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to purchase a bucket truck for the Street Department. City Manager Newhouse will negotiate a warranty. Motion carried. Chaney & Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Linda Gibson to purchase a dump truck for the Street Department. City Manager Newhouse will negotiate a warranty. Motion carried. Chaney & Call opposed.

Discussion on the acceptance of the streets of Victorian Place (Raines Estates). Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to table until the completion of the development. Motion carried.

Deron Wilkes gave a report on the grant received to purchase a Fire Safety Trailer for the Fire Department. The trailer will be used through out the county for demonstrations at schools, events, festivals and for training purposes.

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Captain Deron Wilkes reported that in April the Fire Department responded to 39 calls; 176 for the year. The mayor asked Capt. Wilkes to report on Workers Comp. Deron stated that Putnam County has a fire service fee to pay the \$8,000 for workers comp but not all departments in the state can pay the fee. The annual Fire Department carnival is June 10 -14 at the high school.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse stated that the Rebuilding Together program is moving forward. Sinclair College will be coming to Hurricane in June to assist with housing repairs for the elderly. Ben informed council that the Lions Club has formed and meeting regularly. The city is working on making the park more handicapped accessible.

Police Chief's Report

Mike Mullins, Police Chief reported that everything is going well with the police department.

Persons to Appear

Tom Henson - Thomasino's Car Wash - Mr. Henson reported nothing new at this time.

Persons from Sign in Sheet

Sally Holiday - Ms. Holiday gave the mayor and council an overview of the history of Hurricane Valley Community Center (see attached). She was involved from the beginning in 1989 along with Woman's Club members, City of Hurricane, volunteers and

businesses to make the Hurricane Valley Community Center a reality. Donations were made and bricks were mounted showing the person, family or business that donated to the project. These bricks were mounted on three large plaques and hung in the Community Center. Those that made donations were told their names would be there for their children and grandchildren to see. The bricks have been removed. Ms. Holiday was asking for support in getting these donation bricks replaced. The mayor and council agreed to support Ms. Holiday's effort by passing a resolution at the June council meeting. Councilman Billups thanked Ms. Holiday, Jim McGhee and Jean Allen for their commitments to the parks in Putnam County. Mr. McGhee thanked Sally Holiday for her years of determination and giving of her time to make the park system what it is today. Sally Holiday was also instrumental in establishing City Park in 1969.

Tina Chaney – 3301 Virginia Avenue – Stated that drivers are speeding on Virginia Avenue and not stopping at stop signs. She and others in the neighborhood are concerned that a young child will be hit. The mayor advised that the police department will be scheduling "target enforcement areas" and will concentrate there. Mr. Bob Harper, Luann Searls, Mr. & Mrs. Shirkey were present supporting Ms. Chaney's concerns.

John Ginn – Requested that barrels that were installed in the alley of Montana Ave be moved down the alley past his property. The mayor advised that Lee Campbell, Street Superintendent would check the situation on Tuesday.

Announcements

May is Spring Clean-up month for resident in city limits. Brenda Campbell, Planning Director stated that the dates for each area in town is published in the local papers and on the water bills.

The mayor read a letter from RC&D saying that Hurricane City Park received a \$1500 donation for shelter renovations.

The mayor read a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Oliver thanking Ronnie Woodall and his crew for retrieving his lost wedding band from a sewer manhole.

Ms. Shauina Vickers thank you to Clinton Berry, Street Department for returning her lost wallet.

The mayor read a letter from Governor Manchin's Office awarding the City of Hurricane \$5,000 grant for Main Street beautification.

Old Business

The mayor read a letter from Ryan Henry, 3402 Carpenter Avenue concerning moving his storage building. This was in reply to a complaint from Bill Thompson.

New Business

Councilwoman Call asked when Carpenter Avenue would be paved? Ben Newhouse stated that the estimate for paving was approximately \$9,000 and that street is on the paving list.

Senior Complex Development – Bill Turner showed pictures of a current complex that he currently owns and the proposed facility will be like it. The town homes are for those over 55 and will include one and two bedroom units. Mr. Turner requested that the city pay for paving of the street when the complex was complete. The mayor stated that it would be taken under advisement.

Councilman Billups asked if Grace Drive was on the list of streets to be paved? Ben stated that it is not clear if the street is a city street. The mayor asked Ben to meet with John Clay.

Councilwoman Hager reported pot holes that need repaired on Conner Street.

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

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date