

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 2009

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on April 6, 2009, with the following members present:

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

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Mayor Scott Edwards presented State Champion -200 Meter Freestyle Swimmer, Kayle Gregory with a certificate for her accomplishments.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to approve minutes of the March 2, 2009 regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009, Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009, Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to approve the minutes of the March, 16, 2009, Emergency Meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to approve the General Fund Budget Revision and submit to the State Tax Auditor. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to authorize the Mayor to sign a lease with Putnam County Solid Waste Authority for the recycling and chipper at the maintenance building. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call to have the first reading of AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 303 ENFORCEMENT, IMPOUNDING AND PENALTY, SECTION 303.16 TRAFFIC TEST. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to update the pay scale for Hurricane Police Department. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to change the insurance effective date on new employees probationary period. See attached. Motion carried

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to change the retirement insurance for eligible employees. See attached. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated that he would like to use the \$15,000 budgeted for Senior Citizens to go towards the purchase of a much needed van. Mr. Wilson at Putnam County Bank will assist with the funding also. Councilwoman Hager suggested checking with Putnam County Aging for assistance. The van would be used for meal on wheels and for Hurricane seniors.

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Captain Deron Wilkes reported that the Fire Department responded to a 10 acre brush fire on Water Tank Hill and was able to contain the fire. Hurricane Fire Dept. is sponsoring an annual fire training the first weekend in May at City Park. The Fire Dept had someone at the Civil War Reenactment last weekend. Everything went well. Two Emergency Service Specialist have been hired; Rob Savage and Keith Larson. They will begin work on April 27th. They will assist other departments when needed and also visit schools and attend events. Councilwomen Call ask if the helping other department how will they respond to an emergency call? Captain Wilkes informed her that their first priority is Emergency Services and that they would respond.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse reported that REACH program is on target and going well and have received the \$5,000 in donations. Will need to change the Water Tariff to include the ability to pay water/sewer bills on line for a 25 cent charge. Waste Management will be including recycling with their curbside service beginning April 13th. Willow Tree Senior Development and Sheetz have submitted plans for review. 250,000 Federal money has been secured to close the railroad crossing on Virginia Ave to Hale Street. Residents will be exiting on Linda and Hale Streets instead of Virginia Avenue. Rain Barrel workshop

on April 16th at 6:00 at the Maintenance Building. The city will be using the statewide visa program that gives a 1% return.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Mullins stated that \$2,100 was spent last month for maintenance fees. One hundred incidents and 66 arrest with action taken on 13 and 12 inactive calls. Applied for a grant \$318,000 for three years for 100 % of two officers salaries.

Persons to Appear

Old Business

Announcements

Lay the Levy meeting on April 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Putnam County Clean-up at Valley Park from 8:00 to 1:00.

Upgrades and renovations at City Park are being made.

Run for the Wall is scheduled for May 20th . A plaque was presented to the City for their support in past years. Will give additional info at next months meeting.

The Mayor announced that the Hurricane Police Department are being and will continue to be hardcore on reducing the drug problems in Hurricane.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date