

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2009

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on December 7, 2009, 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.

The Mayor recognized the Hurricane High School Golf Team on their State Championship and presented them with certificates.

The Mayor recognized the Calvary Baptist Girls Volleyball Team on the MAC Championship and presented them with certificates.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Lana Call to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call to reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Special Meeting. Motion carried. nays; Chaney, Call and Hager; yeas; Billups, Ellis, Gibson and Edwards.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve paying the bills from the General Fund. Motion carried. Councilman Chaney opposed Applebees, Ron Flora and Herald Dispatch totaling \$750.15; Councilwoman Call opposed Applebees, CIS Internet, Netronom and Herald Dispatch; Councilwoman Hager opposed Herald Dispatch stating that the money should be used to advertise struggling Specialty Shops not the Mayor's advertisement. The Mayor stated that some of the money was donated to the Harvest Festival.

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

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the General Fund Budget Revision and submit to the State Auditor's Office. The Mayor read a letter from Michael Griffith, CPA.

Discussion on amendment to ORDINANCE 109 CONTACTS AND PURCHASES SECTION 109.01 ADVERTISEMENT OF BID'S GENERALLY; CONTRACTS. Councilwoman Call asked to reduce bid limit from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Ben Newhouse advised that State Code specifies \$10,000 and the City would incur additional legal cost. No further discussion.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Lana Call to appoint Steve Goff, Engineer to the Water Board for a three year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Lana Call to appoint Zack Spurlock to the Hurricane Development Authority for a Two year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to accept the list of election workers submitted by the Citizen's Party. Motion carried. A list from the People's Party has not been submitted. A Special Meeting will be called on December 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for the People's Party.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the Land and Water conservation Resolution to apply for a \$20,000 grant for the Spray Ground at City Park. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning employee pay and the annual 3% cost of living increase. After comments from the Mayor a motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Reggie Billups to give full-time employees a onetime enhancement pay of \$600. Motion carried.

Council discussed the issues of trucks using jake brakes in the city. After discussion and a report from Ben Newhouse, City Manager concerning the state regulations on the use of signage council decided not to pursue the matter.

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Deron Wilkes reported that a food drive was held on Main Street and Walmart for the Community Cupboard. The Fire Department is offering hayrides with Santa the week of December 14th with scheduled times at each of the area schools. Deron invited the Mayor and Council to the Fire Dept. Christmas Dinner on December 19th. Pluggy the

talking fire hydrant was introduced. Pluggy was purchased with at \$6,000 grant from the State. Very good with children relaying messages concerning Fire Safety.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse gave the Mayor and Council a list of different city projects that he and employees are working on. He also informed council that WV State Community College is having classes at City Hall two nights a week.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Mullins reported that the department responded to 305 calls for service and 68 written complaints. The PRO Officer has 3,787 students in classes.

Persons to Appear

Mark Halburn – Grace Street – Requesting installation of a sound wall to help deter the noise from Walmart.

Announcements

Fire Department hayride with Santa – December 14th – 18th.

Live Nativity – December 20th at City Park from 4:00 to 6:00 sponsored by Christ Harvest Cathedral.

New Business

The Mayor asked council if they wanted Department Heads to attend council meetings. Council said they did not.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date