

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

January 5, 2009

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on January 5, 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.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve minutes of the December 1, 2008, 2008, regular session. 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 Don Chaney and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve paying the bills from the Coal Severance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 333. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE; RECKLESS DRIVING ORDINANCE. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to have the second reading and adoption of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1333.02 ZONING OF ANNEXED AREAS TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-DETERMINATION OF THE ZONING CLASS PRIOR TO ANNEXATION. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded Patty Hager to have the first reading of an AMENDMENT TO SECTION 115.02 MEETINGS; REGULAR, SPECIAL AND EXECUTIVE. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed having paid Supplemental Staff for the Volunteer Fire Department. The Mayor asked council their thoughts on hiring two full-time and a part-time person for the day shift. Council agreed to pursue the matter. Chief Stover will check into the requirements and the thoughts of the other volunteer firemen. Council had

concerns about volunteers feelings working with paid firemen. Chief Stover advised that he did not think that would be a problem. The Mayor and Chief Stover will report more information at the February meeting.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to authorize the Mayor to sign documents for the Agreement between the City of Hurricane, Hurricane Sanitary Board and Disposal Service, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to approve the changes to the Employee Handbook concerning retirement stating that medical health insurance coverage will be available for the employee through the Consolidate Public Retirement Board at the time of retirement and will be paid by the retiree; and Vacations exceptions will be at the discretion of the City Manager and Mayor. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to pass a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign document to receive \$7,244 from the Governor's Community Participation Program. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Patty Hager to pass a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign document to receive \$5,000 from the Governor's Community Participation Program. Motion carried.

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The Mayor presented pins to Patrolman Travis Dillon promoting him to Corporal.

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Hurricane Fire Department Report

Captain Wilkes reported that \$3,200 in money plus food donations were collected during the Boot Drive and will be given to the Community Cupboard. The Department answered 600 calls for the year and 87 calls for the month of December.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse reported that Sheetz has submitted plans but they are incomplete. Two houses on Virginia Avenue are scheduled for demolition. Working with REACH work camp. Forty applications are needed.

Police Chief's Report

The Mayor advised that the special ICE Unit is working well in the City. The officers have made arrest and found several different types of drugs during these stops. The K-9 is being used for drug searches. Police Chief Mike Mullins stated that the State Police commended the Hurricane PD for their job and ask that these arrest be added to the State Web.

Old Business

The following business owners located on Putnam Avenue requested that the Mayor and Council vote to have the barriers located on Lynn Street removed. Bob, Mary and Al Arnold – Bob's Barbershop; Rene Johnson – Plantation Corner; Mike Meinske – Paws n Shop; Mary Fisher – Silver Shears; Chris Alford – Rental Bldg; and resident Jessica Persinger all stated their opposition. Rex Carey – US Foodservice; Sidney Warner – resident of Brook Circle were in favor of leaving the barrier for traffic flow and safety. The Mayor stated that he did receive a petition of over 100 signatures in favor of the barriers. All those present against and in favor had the opportunity to speak. After discussion motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Lana Call to request the State DOT to remove the traffic barrier on Lynn Street and install speed bumps and a stop sign on Putnam Avenue. Motion carried. The Mayor advised that City Manager Ben Newhouse would send the letter and that the city would request a right-turn-lane be installed.

Persons to Appear

Mark Halburn - Requested that Stop signs installed at the top of the hill and at the bottom at the entrance street of Walmart also that the street be closed from 9:00 p.m. till 8:00 a.m. each night.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date

