

## HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2009

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on May 4, 2009, with the following members present:

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

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve minutes of the April 6, 2009 regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009, Special 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 Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the General Fund Budget Revision and submit to the State Tax Auditor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the Coal Severance Budget Revision and submit to the State Tax Auditor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to re-appoint Jim McGehee to a three year term to the Hurricane Water Board. Motion carried. Call opposed

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to re-appoint Steve Goff to the Hurricane Sanitary Board for a two year term. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the first reading of changes to the Water & Sewer Tariff allowing for on line utility bill payments. Motion carried. Call opposed.

A discussion was held concerning the closing of CSX Railroad Crossing at Linda & Hale Streets. The contract will be re-bid and a decision at the June meeting.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the first reading of an AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1365.02 CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS; PURPOSE. Motion carried. Call opposed. The Mayor explained the reason for the amendment to the ordinance and that he discussed the changes with Planning Commission President and Councilman Chaney.

Motion was made by Patty Hager and seconded by Reggie Billups to grandfather in all existing signage. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to purchase from State contract \$21,000 a police cruiser. Motion carried. Call and Hager opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager to Proclaim May 17 – 23, 2009 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Hurricane. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced the two new Emergency Services Specialists; Rob Savage and Keith Larson.

### **Hurricane Fire Department Report**

Chief Stover thanked the Mayor and Council for hiring the new Emergency Services Specialists. They have already been an asset to the community during recent heavy rain events. Councilwoman Call asked how 911 calls were dispatched. Chief Stover stated that when the calls come in the dispatcher will give to the appropriate department. The Mayor stated that if the Fire Department didn't go they would be held responsible for not going if they were needed on the scene. The Fire Department ran 46 calls last month. Councilwoman Call asked about the use of the 4-wheeler. Stover stated that training classes were being done and they had one call last month that it was needed.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ben Newhouse reported that REACH program is on target and going well. Walgreens construction should be complete by August. Rain barrel workshops very successful. Construction of new concession stand/pressbox/activity building and lights for the baseball field. New basketball court with lighting. Plans are underway for a sprayground for City Park.

**Police Chief's Report**

Captain Wingo stated everything going well.

**Persons to Appear**

**Old Business**

**Announcements**

Run for the Wall is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> . Riders will be exiting the interstate and travel Teays Valley Rd to Valley Park. Approximate time 4:30 p.m.

**New Business**

Councilwoman Hager asked about nepotism. Have there been and relatives hired for the Police Department. The Mayor stated that there is no nepotism under this administration. Ben Newhouse stated that this covered in the Personnel Handbook. Councilwoman Call asked when new officers Emily Young and Mark Green were going to the Police Academy. The Mayor advised that Mark Green will be going in June and Emily Young is August.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Patty Hager that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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