

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2010

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on May 3, 2010, with the following members present:

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

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott Edwards.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brain Ellis to approve minutes of the April 5, 2010, regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to approve minutes of the April 20, 2010, 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.

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

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Linda Gibson to appoint Jim McGhee to fill the vacant council seat. Call, Chaney, Ellis opposed, Billups, Gibson yeas. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to appoint Marshall Ginn to the vacant council seat. Call, Gibson, Billups opposed. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Lana Call and seconded by Brian Ellis to have all candidates seeking the vacant council seat to attend the June council meeting to introduce themselves. 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. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of the ORDINANCE AMENDING, MODIFYING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE 939.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF

HURRICANE, AS REVISED, REGARDING WATER RATES AND CHARGES.
Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to have the second reading and adoption of the ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL AMENDING, MODIFYING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE 935.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURRICANE, AS REVISED REGARDING SEWER RATES AND CHARGES. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the changes to the Personnel Handbook concerning the Police Officer overtime. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to pass the EECBG Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents. Motion carried.

The Mayor read a letter from Hurricane High School thanking staff for their assistance in the Organic Garden Program.

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Not present.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse informed council the owners of the property beside Fruth Pharmacy on Teays Valley Road have submitted plans for a Pawn Shop and Car Wash. Reach Camp representatives have been in to review applications for the July work camp. The demolition of the house on Virginia Avenue should begin in next two weeks.

Police Chief's Report

Mike Mullins reported that the department had 131 calls of service with 7 arrest.

Announcements

The Mayor informed those present that Run for the Wall is scheduled to arrive May 26, around 5:00 p.m. and the riders will leave approximately 8:00 a.m. on May 27.

St. Mary's Medical Office will have a ribbon cutting on May 10, from 1:00 to 4:00.

Persons to Appear

Tom Midkiff – Shank Avenue – Mr. Midkiff had questions concerning the budget. He stated that City has too many police officers for a town our size along with other complaints.

Roy Vanater – wanted to know the status of additional parks for the city. The Mayor advised that he would love to have another park but that finding affordable property made if a difficult task.

Mark Halburn – Help citizens. Halburn was complaining about not having the sound wall at Walmart. He stated that he would not cut police department but the City Manager’s position. He also stated that the land owned by the Development Authority behind Tricore Development. He proposed renaming the area that the car dealerships are on as “Motor Mall”.

Jackie Chaney – Putnam County Library expressed gratitude for the assistance the Hurricane Branch Library receives for the City, financial as well as maintenance issues. The library is the most used in the county. She stated that a parking lot is needed for visitors of the library. The Mayor advised that the city would try to assist with the project.

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

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date