

BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2009 7:00pm BAY CITY HALL

MAYOR KIRBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: MAYOR DARRELL KIRBY, CLERK SANDI LADD GRIFFIN

ALDERMEN ROLL CALL: (ALL PRESENT) DONNIE DAVIS, DONALD GRAY, LARRY HALL, DONNIE STEWART, DAVID MILAM, AND PHILLIP VANWINKLE

OTHER DEPARTMENT ROLL CALL: (ALL PRESENT) DON McINTIRE ZONING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CRAWFORD HOLMES WATER/SEWER SUPT, AND DAVID KELLY POLICE CHIEF

GUEST: PAUL KEITH ,PATROLMAN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2009:

ALDERMAN DONNIE DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 1/26/09 MINUTES AS PRESENTED

ALDERMAN STEWART MADE A SECOND MOTION

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

F.E.M.A. TO BE ATTENDING MEETING AT O.E.M. OFFICE TOMORROW (2/10/09)

MAYOR KIRBY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM F.E.M.A. WAS EXPECTED TO ATTEND A MEETING TOMORROW FOR CRAIGHEAD COUNTY AT THE O.E.M. , AND HE WOULD GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO HANDLE THE ICE DISASTER AFTER EFFECTS. THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS AS TO HOW TO GET THE CITY CLEANED UP AND BACK TO NORMAL. THE MAYOR ASSURED THE COUNCIL HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO BEGIN CLEAN UP, BUT WAS UNSURE AS TO ALL F.E.M.A. REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND DID NOT WANT TO PROCEED FURTHER UNTIL ALL F.E.M.A. PROTOCOL HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE FULLEST. THE BURN SITE AT BAY IS APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES BUT WE HAVE TO BE SURE THE SPACE IS ADEQUATE FOR PROPER PROCEDURE IN BURNING ALL THE LIMBS AND NATURAL DEBRIS. MOST RESIDENTS HAVE WORKED HARD TO PILE THE LIMBS NEAR THE CURB SIDE, BUT THERE WAS STILL MANY MORE THAT NEEDED PICKED UP AND STACKED. THE MAYOR PASSED OUT INFORMATION AND PRICING RECEIVED FROM THE LANDFILL FOR ACCEPTING LIMBS, ETC., BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE PRICING WAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE CITY IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING A BURN PERMIT TO HELP WITH THE DEBRIS, AND MAYOR KIRBY WANTS TO MAKE SURE IT IS DONE CORRECTLY AND TO FEMA SPECIFICATIONS.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR DISCUSSED SEVERAL PROBLEM AREAS THEY WOULD FACE WHILE TRYING TO GET THE CITY BACK TO NORMAL. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE IF THE CLEAN UP WAS ACHIEVED BY UTILIZING ONLY CITY WORKER OPPOSED TO HIRING IT DONE.

OPPOSITION TO HAVING IT COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYEES WERE MAINLY DUE TO THE TIME FRAME, CONSIDERING THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE DAILY DUTIES OF THE EMPLOYEE'S.. MAYOR KIRBY STATED THAT F.E.M.A. WOULD ASSIST IN SEVERAL WAYS (PERTAINING TO THE COST) BUT NOT 100%. HE STATED FOR SOME SERVICES/FEE'S F.E.M.A. WOULD PAY UP TO 75%, THE STATE WOULD PAY 12.5%, AND THE CITY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING 12.5%. SEVERAL SAID THEY HAD SPOKEN TO CONTRACTORS ASKING TO BID ON THE PROJECT. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON WHICH WOULD BE THE BEST FOR THE RESIDENTS, WHILE KEEPING DOWN THE COST ON THE CITY. RIGHT NOW THE LIMBS ARE TOO GREEN TO BURN BUT ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING BIDS.

MAYOR KIRBY SAID HE HAD SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMED THAT LAST MONTHS' BUDGETS BEING PASSED UNANOMOUSLY BY THE FOUR (4) ALDERMAN IN ATTENDANCE (2 WERE ABSENT DUE TO ASSISTING WITH TRAFFIC AFTER AN ACCIDENT FROM THE FIRST OF THE ICE STORM), WAS DONE IN COMPLIANCE OF STATE STATUTE. MAYOR KIRBY ALSO STATED THAT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF RAISING THE COST TO PROVIDE ACCIDENT/FIRE REPORTS, AND CHARGING FOR FINGERPRINTING COULD BE DONE BY MOTION STATED IN THE MINUTES.

ALDERMAN DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO RAISE THE COST OF PROVIDING ACCIDENT REPORTS TO \$10.00
ALDERMAN VANWINKLE MADE A SECOND

DISCUSSION: ALDERMAN DAVIS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION AND ADD FIRE REPORTS AT THE SAME COST. SEVERAL TYPES OF REPORTS WERE DISCUSSED, AND THE COUNCIL ASKED THAT THE MOTION INCLUDE ANY AND ALL REPORTS DERRIVING FROM POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE CHARGED \$10.00 TO THE REQUESTING PARTY, AND THAT FINGERPRINTING SHOULD BE CHARGED AT \$5.00.

ALDERMAN DAVIS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO CHARGE \$10.00 PER REPORT OF ANY NATURE BEING REQUESTED BY THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND A CHARGE OF \$5.00 FOR FINGER PRINTING
ALDERMAN GRAY MADE A SECOND MOTION

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION
MOTION PASSED UNANOMOUSLY

CHIEF KELLY THEN REQUESTED THE COUNCIL USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE REPORTS TO A FUND TO BE USED FOR BUYING RADIO'S, DESIGNATING "TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT". MAYOR KIRBY TOLD THE COUNCIL IF THEY ACCEPTED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN A MOTION. ALDERMAN STEWART STATED THE CITY WORKERS NEEDED NEW RADIO'S TOO.

ADERMAN MILAM MADE A MOTION TO USE MONEY RECEIVED FOR AWIN RADIO'S FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ALDERMAN HALL MADE A SECOND MOTION

VOTES: DAVIS-AYE, GRAY-AYE, HALL-AYE, STEWART-AYE, MILAM-AYE, VANWINKLE-AYE
MOTION PASSED UNANOMOUSLY

CHIEF DAVID KELLY GAVE THE POLICE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009:

FELONY DRUG ARREST:	4
METH LAB SEIZED:	1
DOMESTICE ABSUE:	2
WARRANTS SERVED	14
NON TRAFFICE ARREST	1
TRAFFIC ARREST	44
TROOPER TICKETS	11

CHIEF KELLY THEN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THROUGH OUT THE COMMUNITY THAT HELPED DURING THE POWER OUTAGE FROM THE ICE STORM. MAYOR KIRBY AGREED THE CITY HAD BEEN VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH WILLING CITIZENS. ALL AGREED THE CITY CAME TOGETHER IN A UNIQUE WAY TO HELP IN ANY WAY THEY WERE NEEDED. VOLUNTEER FIREMEN AND RESERVE OFFICERS DID A GREAT JOB, AND MANY RESIDENTS CAME TO THE CITY TO ASK WHAT THEY COULD DO TO HELP. CHIEF KELLY TOLD THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE DECISION TO SHUT DOWN THE SHELTER AT THE SCHOOL AND TRANSFER THE PEOPLE THERE TO JONESBORO. TRANSPORTATION WAS PROVIDED AND EXTRA EFFORT WAS MADE TO BE SURE ANY ONE NEEDING TO GO HAD A RIDE. HE THANKED MRS. LADD AND MRS. BOWERS FOR PREPARING AND COOKING FOOD FOR THE PEOPLE AT THE SHELTER, AND THANKED DANNY AND MARY HICKS FOR SUPPLYING THE SHELTER AND THE WORKERS WITH PIZZA AND BREAKFAST FOOD. ALSO THANKED JULIE MOSS, MIDGE OSBORNE , ROBERT MITCHELL AND RANDY BOWERS FOR ASSISTING AT THE SHELTER ALONG WITH RESERVE OFFICERS VOLUNTEERING WHERE EVER THEY WERE NEEDED. ALSO, PASTOR MICHAEL WILLARD OF BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR HIS SERVICES ALONG WITH THE USE OF THE CHURCH VAN FOR TRANSPORTATION. ALL AGREED THE SCHOOL WAS A GREAT ASSET AND VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE SHELTER, BUT THE FOOD AND OTHER AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED OF SHELTER. ALL AGREED THEY WERE THANKFUL FOR THE WAY SO MANY CAME TOGETHER TO HELP. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO THANK THEM ALL INDIVIDUALLY, BUT ALL AGREED THE CITY SEIZED THE MOMENT TO SHOW WHAT GOOD NEIGHBORS ARE ALL ABOUT. THE METHODIST CHURCH SERVED FOOD ALL WEEK AT THE CHURCH AND THE DOORS WERE OPEN FOR LUNCH AND SUPPER FOR ALL. PASTOR GAGE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BAY, JACK & BRENDA MOON, BECKY KEITH AND MANY MORE PROVIDED AND PREPARED FOOD FOR THE POLICE/FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDERS ALONG WITH RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERING VARIOUS SERVICES, AND THE LOCAL B.P. STATION FOR DONATING FOOD. FIRST RESPONDERS AND POLICE WERE QUICK TO CHECK ON ALL THE ELDERLY AND CALLS WERE TAKEN AT THE CITY HALL 24/7 BY VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING ASA LADD DISPATCHING TIL 6AM EACH NIGHT. ALL CALLS WERE BEING RESPONDED TO FOR ANY ONE WITH A NEED. CHIEF KELLY KEPT A LIST OF ALL THE VOLUNTEERS DURING THIS HARDSHIP. THE CHIEF AND THE COUNCIL GAVE THANKS TO MAYOR KIRBY FOR ALL HIS LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK DURING THIS TIME.

CITY HALL WAS TURNED INTO THE COMMAND POST BECAUSE FIRE STATION #1 HAD LOST POWER. THE CITY HALL WAS BEING RUN BY GENERATOR, AND WITH ALL THE HARDSHIP ENDURED BY THE CITY, ALL IN ALL EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTH. A CURFEW WENT INTO EFFECT FOR THE CITY UNTIL STREET LIGHTS WERE BACK ON. THE MAYOR ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY THANKED EACH CITY EMPLOYEE FOR THEIR WORK IN KEEPING THE PUMPING STATIONS WORKING AND ALTHOUGH THE CITY WAS WITHOUT POWER, WE STILL HAD GOOD WATER AND SEWER FLOW. WITHOUT THEIR DILIGENCE ON THE WATER/SEWER, THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE.

ALDERMAN STEWART STATED THAT THE CITY NEEDED TO CONCENTRATE ON GETTING A NEW GENERATOR FOR THE PUMP STATION BECAUSE THE CURRENT ONE HAD TO BE HAND CRANKED AND HAD THE WHEATHER BEEN HOT INSTEAD OF COLD, THE RESULTS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD. ALDERMAN GRAY REQUESTED SEEKING A GRANT THAT COULD HELP WITH A GENERATOR PURCHASE. WATER SUPT. CRAWFORD HOLMES STATED THAT THE GALLONS OF WATER USED THIS MONTH WAS HIGHER THAN THAT OF JULY WHICH IS NORMALLY THE HIGHEST USED. PEOPLE WERE WASHING A LOT OF CLOTHES, AND SHOWERS WERE INCREASED, ETC. IT SEEMED THE HIGH WATER USAGE WAS DONE IN THE EVENT THINGS GOT WORSE AND WATER WAS LOST TOO. ALL IN ATTENDANCE KEPT THANKING NUMEROUS PEOPLE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND HOW THANKFUL THEY WERE FOR IT. MAYOR KIRBY SAID THIS IS A TIME WHEN SERIOUS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR DISASTERS OF THIS TYPE AND MORE. DISSCUSSION CONTINUED ABOUT HOW TO HAVE A DESIGNATED SHELTER, COTS, FOOD SUPPLY, ETC. ALL WERE INTERESTED IN BEING SURE IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS SHOULD EVER COME AGAIN BAY WILL BE EVEN BETTER EQUIPED TO HANDLE THE PROBLEMS THAT COME WITH IT. THE ICE STORM/POWER OUTAGE GAVE THE CITY A GLMPSE OF SHORT FALLS, ALTHOUGH ALL WERE OVER-COME THIS TIME. IF THE DURATION HAD BEEN LONGER, MORE PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE ARISEN. EVEN THOUGH THE CITY ORGANIZED AROUND THE DISASTER, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO PREPARED. MAYOR KIRBY SAID HE WOULD HAVE MORE TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AFTER MEETING WITH FEMA AND OEM, AND WOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PAPER WORK AND PROCEDURES BY THE NEXT MEETING BUT WOULD CIRCULATE ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION.

MAYOR KIRBY REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH MOST HOMES NOW HAD POWER, THERE WERE STILL MANY IN AND JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS THAT DID NOT. ENTERGY ELECTRIC HAD DONE A GOOD JOB IN RESTORING POWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT SOME RESIDENTS USING THE SERVICES OF CRAIGHEAD ELECTRIC WERE STILL WITHOUT POWER. RESIDENTS STILL WITHOUT POWER WERE CALLING CITY HALL FOR INFORMATION, AND MAYOR KIRBY HAS RELENTLESSLY TRIED TO GET ANSWERS FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT POWER. MAYOR KIRBY HAS A LIST OF ADDRESSES TO TAKE TO THE CRAIGHEAD ELECTRIC OFFICE TOMORROW. STREETS IN THE CITY LIMITS WITHOUT POWER ARE: DAVIS STREET, DEDMAN STREET, AND SOME HOMES SOUTH OF BAY INCLUDING COOPER LANDE AND CR 672, ALONG WITH HOMES DOWN LUNSORD AVE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CREWS WERE WORKING AS HARD AS POSSIBLE.

CHIEF KELLY ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER THE "MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION" ON FRIDAY 13TH. LAST YEARS FUND RAISER WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. BAY WAS FORTUNATE TO SEE ONE OF THEIR OWN RECEIVE A WISH. CHIEF KELLY ASKED ALL TO CONSIDER THIS VERY IMPORTANT FUND RAISER. EVEN THOUGH THE CITY IS JUST PULLING OUT OF A DISASTER, OUR RESIDENTS HAVE LONG BEEN KNOWN AS A GENEROUS COMMUNITY ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS:

ALDERMAN HALL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN

ALDERMAN MILAM MADE A SECOND

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

DARRELL KIRBY, MAYOR

SANDI LADD GRIFFIN, RECORDER/TREASURER