

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
September 19, 2005**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2005 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Alderman Moody.

Minutes of the September 6, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted. All members were present.

BIDS

The following bids were submitted for approval:

Dept. – Police
Item – (14) Ballistic Body Armor Vest
Purpose – Special Response Team
Budgeted – Yes
Notification – State Gazette, 3 vendors
Bids - Diamond Back No Response
 Command Uniforms \$17,527.86
 G.T. Distributors \$13,766.90

Recommend award of bid to G. T. Distributing, Rossville, GA, \$13,766.90.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee.

Dept. – Engineering
Item – Large Format Digital Plotter
Purpose – Printing of maps and drawings
Budgeted – Yes
Notification – State Gazette, 4 vendors
Bids - Oce' No Response
 Paducah Supply No Response
 Hub-City Blueprint No Bid
 Digital Now \$11,850.00

Recommend award of bid to Digital Now, Bartlett, TN, \$11,850.00.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Kirk.

Dept. – Water & Sewer
Item – Installation of 8" sewer line
Purpose – For development of area behind Homestead
Budgeted – To be taken out of Sewer Line Rehab Line Item
Notification – State Gazette, direct to 2 vendors
Bids - Big River Construction \$18,860.80
 Natural Gas Piping \$17,863.00

Recommend award of bid to Natural Gas Piping, Dyersburg, \$17,863.00.

Motion by Aldermen McCright and Guthrie.

Dept. – Golf Course
Item – (5) Refurbished Golf Carts

Purpose – Replace (5) worn golf carts
Budgeted – Yes
Notification – State Gazette, direct to 3 vendors
Bids - Creach’s Golf Carts No Response
Bob Ladd, Inc. No Bid
Speedway Sales \$11,625.00

Recommend award of bid to Speedway Sales, Trumann, AR, \$11,625.00.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Kirk.

Dept. – Golf Course
Item – (19) Green Covers
Purpose – Allows winter play on permanent greens
Budgeted – Yes
Notification – State Gazette, direct to 3 vendors
Bids - Jerry Pate Turf No Response
Highland Sports No Response
Agra Turf \$15,021.20

Recommend award of bid to Agra Turf, Searcy, AR, \$15,021.20.

Motion by Aldermen Lee and Dean.

CITY ATTORNEY INVOICE

The city attorney’s invoice for August 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005 in the amount of \$3,112.50 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee.

WATER, SEWER & GAS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the committee meetings of September 12 and September 19, 2005.

On motion by Aldermen Norman and Dean the Board let out to bid a water tank maintenance program.

On motion by Aldermen Norman and Dean the Board authorized a utility assistance plan that allows utility customers to designate one dollar or more per month to be added to their bill as a donation to assist needy utility customers. The funds collected will be divided equally between the Union Mission and Matthew 25:40.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Lee the Board authorized the final offer to the Anderson family for an easement to be the appraised value and other costs to be established by the court. The utility easement runs north from Highway 211 across the property to serve the Fort Hudson Industrial Park.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of September 12, 2005. The committee had taken action to accept the lowest bid for construction of improvements to Wade Hampton Road. The bid of \$118,732.00 was by Brewer Construction Company. Budget changes required are an increase in line item 110-43120-900 by \$10,000.00, and the storm water portion of the contract is \$21,000.00 to be taken from line item 110-43710-900.

MISC.

Mayor Revell announced a community preparedness meeting September 23; auction of Phillips Street property October 27; and City Court Clerk applications are being taken until October 10. He read the Board's letter to state and federal officials calling for relief to high natural gas costs.

Alderman Dean asked the question if those who had applied earlier for the City Court Clerk's job would have to reapply. Mayor Revell responded that previous applications or resumes for the City Court Clerk's job would not be considered and interested parties should submit current information.

Alderman Moody inquired about progress in housing rehabilitation throughout the City.

Alderman Norman inquired about the dilapidated building facing Cedar Street between Mill Avenue and Main Avenue.

Alderman McCright reminded everyone that their personal conservation efforts would be essential in keeping high utility bills in check.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Bill Revell, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder