

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
December 4, 2006**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2006 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Revell presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" and prayer by Alderman Bob Dean.

**PUBLIC HEARING- BEER PERMIT – A TASTE OF TERRY’S**

On a motion by Aldermen McCright and Lee, a beer permit was approved for A Taste of Terry’s at 2020 Forrest Street with permit holder Reginald Terry.

**RAILROAD – CEDAR STREET**

Mr. Michael Parr requested that the City contact the CN and Ten-Ken Railroads to get assistance in putting a signal light at Cedar Street and Sampson Avenue to alert emergency vehicles when a train has the Cedar Street – Roberts Street connector blocked. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

**BIDS**

The following bid was submitted for approval:

Dept. – Water Treatment Plant

Item – Replacement of existing filter valves (4” – 14”) w/controllers

Purpose – Correct leaks as per instruction from state inspection

Budgeted - \$40,000.00

Notification – State Gazette, Construction Datafax, Direct to 1 Vendor

Bids - WaterServ \$33,517.00

Recommend bid awarded to WaterServ, Newbern, \$33,517.00.

Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Lee.

**CITY ATTORNEY INVOICE**

The City Attorney invoice for October 1 to October 31, 2006 in the amount of \$9,018.97 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Lee and Kirk.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of Friday, December 1, 2006. He reported that the Committee had reviewed a list of jobs to be scheduled in 2007 and evaluated statistics on illegal yard cleanup. On a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Lee the Board authorized the following projects:

- (1) Replace 400 feet of 18 inch plastic pipe at 1946 Davy Crockett;
- (2) Replace 50 feet of 48 inch galvanized pipe at Pioneer Road at Bypass; and
- (3) Install corrugated metal pipe to replace the Pioneer Street bridge.

## **RETIREMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Robert Reed reported on recommendations made to the City Board at the committee's meeting of November 30, 2006.

On a motion by Aldermen Dean and Norman the Board approved an amendment to the Retirement Plan that allows a "hardship withdrawal" with guidelines matching those found under federal guidelines for 401 k plans. Anyone exercising a hardship withdrawal would be prohibited from rejoining the plan.

Mr. Reed explained a buy-back option recommended by the Committee. Following an extensive discussion, the Board voted to defer consideration of the matter until more information could be gathered. The motion by Aldermen Norman and Dean passed 7 to 2 on a roll call vote with Aldermen Dean, Dudley, Lee, Moody, Norman and McCright and Mayor Revell voting yes, while Aldermen Guthrie and Kirk voted against the motion.

### **MISC.**

All Aldermen wished the outgoing members Godspeed and welcomed the elect Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Dean inquired about the skateboard park.

Alderman Lee stated that the skateboard park has been built and awaits equipment installation.

Alderman McCright asked for \$3,500 to operate the Future City Basketball League.

Mayor Revell extended his offer of assistance to incoming Mayor John Holden, new Aldermen Kevin Chaney, Shannon Walker, Bart Williams and all city officials. He stated he planned to be active in local business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Bill Revell, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder