

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
April 2, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2007 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all present except Alderman McCright.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" and a moment of silent prayer in memory of the victim's of the April 2, 2006 tornado.

The minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Chamber – Government and Legislative Vice Chair Bob Kirk

Mr. Kirk explained the activities of the Committee including working directly with governmental bodies, agencies, and legislators to move forward only regulations that will have a positive impact on our community. They work on the 3 Star program, the legislative coffees, labor bills, taxation, agriculture bills, and other efforts.

Stop the Violence Week – Brent Tharpe

Mr. Tharpe presented plans for the week-long community education program on assault and abuse. April 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, the program is the first of its kind and will feature nationally known experts on school violence, assault, and abuse. The goal is to raise community awareness leading to prevention. A banquet will cap the week's activities.

Street and Sanitation Committee Report

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of March 26, 2007. The Committee discussed a street maintenance plan, fencing of concrete ditches, elimination of flooding on Magnolia Avenue, street re-alignment on Volunteer Boulevard, construction standards, and property standards. The Committee recommended public education regarding proper precautions with water filled ditches and the elimination of grass blown into the streets. The new landfill cell is complete and the operations study is expected in two weeks.

Public Safety Committee Report

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the meeting of March 27, 2007. Items discussed were as follows: getting MTAS to study the location of the new fire station; reducing the use of tanker trucks on first responder calls; researching the lease of police cars; and parking downtown.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman, the Board approved the transfer of budgeted funds to purchase \$24,000 worth of extraction equipment (jaws of life).

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meetings of March 28 and March 30, 2007. The Committee met with representatives of local insurance agencies and Underwriters Safety claims to consider taking bids for administration of the City's self-insured health benefits plan.

Miscellaneous

Alderman Williams reminded everyone about the Great American Cleanup.

Alderman Chaney asked for a follow-up on the engineering design of utility lines across Interstate 155. He inquired about contouring the retention pond on Fairway Drive to make it easier to mow.

Alderman Dudley inquired as to how barking dog complaints are handled.

Alderman Walker inquired about enforcement of the noise ordinance. He suggested looking into having a full time Attorney – Grant Writer.

Alderman Moody asked about muzzling of pit bulls being walked on a leash. He asked that holes in the sidewalk between Bell and Fuller be repaired.

Alderman Norman inquired about the project on Parr Avenue at Mill Boulevard. He urged the Board to petition state legislators to complete the four-lane to Trenton.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder