

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
August 20, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2007 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

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

The minutes of the August 6 and August 9, 2007 meetings were approved as written on motions by Aldermen Williams and Norman and by Aldermen Kirk and McCright.

Chamber Transportation Committee

Transportation Vice Chair John Ford gave an update on state transportation plans. State and Federal funding has been reduced over the past two years. Funding has been directed to smart transportation controls and mega projects in Memphis and East Tennessee. I-69 will be in right-of-way acquisition in 2007-2009 with construction beginning in 2009-2012. There is no funding in 3 year plan for TN Highway 104 to Trenton. The port to Tiptonville road improvements are being lobbied at this time. Grants are being sought for downtown improvements.

Tennessee Drug Free Workplace

Mr. Jim Farmer explained the Tennessee Drug Free Workplace Program. He distributed the Employer's Program Development and Implementation Guide.

Public Hearings Called

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright three public hearings were called for the regular meeting on September 17, 2007: Alley closing at 317 Market St. West; Rezoning from R-2 to M-1 on Calvin Moore Road; Amending Article XXV Section H of the zoning ordinance to set application fees at \$50 and \$100 respectively for residential and commercial appeals to the BZA.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Dyersburg Convenience Store

On a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Moody, a beer permit was denied for Dyersburg Convenience Store at 600 Highway 51 Bypass North with permit holder Ahmed Elmaghraby.

Water, Sewer, and Gas Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of August 17, 2007. The Committee discussed enforcement of the grease trap ordinance, unaccounted water, non-metered fire lines, and financing of water line extensions.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Walker the Board authorized the use of funds from the gas reserve to finance the contracted installation of fireflies (electronic meter reading devices) on all water and gas meters at an estimated cost of \$496,450.00 for gas and \$747,475.00 for water with the expenditures on water meters to be repaid to the gas fund.

Bids

The following bid approved on recommendation of Purchasing Agent Greg Williams:

Department: Water Department
Item: Repair to Well #11
Purpose: Well drive damaged by power surge
Budgeted: No, Repair & Maintenance Item
(Insurance will cover \$10,823.97)
Notification: None

Recommended payment to be made to Cottrell Electric, Dyersburg, \$13,323.97.
Approved on a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Williams.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007 in the amount of \$3,315.00 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney.

Merit Board Appointments

Mayor Holden read Section 1 of Personnel Regulations for the Merit Board Foundation.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Dudley the Board approved Mr. Bob Jones to serve as the Board's appointee to the Merit Board.

On a motion by Aldermen Williams and Chaney the Board approved Mr. James D. Johnson, Jr. to serve as the Fire and Police appointee to the Merit Board.

Mayor Holden then directed the City Recorder to place an ad in the local newspaper giving public notice for these two newly elected members to meet and select the third member per the regulations of the Merit Board Foundation. The selection of the third member must be done within ten days.

Miscellaneous

Alderman Williams thanked the police department for its work in a recent homicide and the Dyersburg Electric System for efforts in restoring power after the August 18 storm.

Alderman Dudley thanked Mayor Holden and James Baltimore for efforts to help employees during the recent heat warnings. He announced Bluegrass on the Square for October 12th.

Alderman Chaney reminded everyone to call if they suspected a water line break.

Alderman Walker thanked Mr. Farmer and Mr. Ronnie Wells, who has locally promoted the Tennessee Drug Free Workplace Program. He commended the water department employees, Mike Morgan and James Baltimore for a job well done. He reminded everyone that the Boss Hoss Rally is in September.

Alderman Moody asked that a visibility problem at St. John at Pioneer Road be corrected by trimming a tree.

Alderman Norman suggested that the Chamber promote the Tennessee Drug Free Workplace Program locally.

Alderman McCright inquired about how to control kids congregating on streets at night.

Mayor Holden commended the Bike Patrol for their battle against drugs resulting in 300 arrests and confiscation of \$10,000 and numerous guns. He announced a Public Safety meeting for 10 a.m. on August 23, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder