

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
April 7, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

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

The minutes of the March 17, 2008 and April 3, 2008 meetings were approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and McCright.

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Terry Ledbetter outlined the police activity report for the period January through March of 2008. He reported that the bike patrol is having a dramatic effect on drugs, money, and vehicles. Petty theft is a city-wide problem that is being addressed.

Beer Ordinance Procedure

Associate City Attorney Christine Coronado presented an update procedure for submittal and review of beer permits. The current application is 20 years old. Improvements include more detail on the application, a packet to guide an applicant step by step, and a streamlined process.

The new beer permit application, checklist, and process was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Liquor License Transfer: The Liquor Store – Roanne W. Burton

City Recorder Gleyn Twilla explained that Ms. Burton had submitted an application to the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission to be licensed to operate The Liquor Store at 1697 Highway 51 Bypass North. The State requires a “Certificate of Compliance – Retail Package Store” to be signed by the Mayor. He stated that Ms. Burton meets all four requirements certified on the compliance form.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and McCright the Board approved signing the “Certificate of Compliance”.

Resolution 040708 – Honoring TVA’s 75th Anniversary

TVA 75th Anniversary Resolution

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate the Board of Directors, staff, employees and retirees of the Tennessee Valley Authority upon its 75th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, since its founding in May of 1933, TVA has provided vital services to each town, city and county government in the Tennessee Valley region within both the watershed and power service areas; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the seven state Tennessee Valley area have benefited by TVA’s expertise and assistance in a variety of areas, including, but not limited to, conservation and resource development, recreation, flood control, navigation, agriculture, economic development, stewardship and other activities, and by TVA’s low-cost electrical power production that has been 99.999 percent reliable for eight consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history TVA has made significant contributions to be a vital part of our past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, TVA is exploring renewable energy sources and enhancing energy efficiency so that this generation and future generations can enjoy the benefits of clean and reliable electric power; and

WHEREAS, TVA has reduced its power plant emissions to their lowest levels in decades and is working aggressively to further improve air quality so citizens can have continued confidence in the health of the Tennessee Valley region; and

WHEREAS, TVA provides these services without any taxpayer dollars by paying for all its activities through power sales and bond issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DYERSBURG, that we commend and congratulate the TVA Board of Directors, staff, employees and retirees for seventy-five years of outstanding service and leadership to the Tennessee Valley region, as well as to the entire nation.

PRESENTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

By:

Attest:

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder

Bids

The following bids were approved:

Department: Solid Waste Management
Item: 240 hp Tractor to pull dirt pans
Purpose: To replace existing tractor that is not feasible to repair
Budgeted: No – Will be funded from excess proceeds of new cell construction note
Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 5 Dealers
Bids:

Bid for New Tractor Alone:

Jackson New Holland	New Holland	No Response
Stribling Equipment	John Deere	No Bid
AgCenter	John Deere	\$140,987.00
Thompson Machinery	CAT	\$128,000.00
Tri-County Equipment	Case IH	\$125,900.00

Bid for New Tractor with Trade-in:

Jackson New Holland	New Holland	No Response	
Stribling Equipment	John Deere	No Bid	
AgCenter	John Deere	\$119,788.00	\$21,199.00
Thompson Machinery	CAT	\$116,000.00	\$12,000.00
Tri-County Equipment	Case IH	\$105,300.00	\$20,600.00

Recommendation: Bid on new tractor be awarded to Tri-County Equipment, Newbern, \$125,900.00 and old tractor be sold to the AgCenter, Dyersburg, \$21,199.00. (Net expense for new tractor = \$104,701.00)

Motion by Aldermen Williams and Chaney.

Department: Recreation Department
Item: Chain link fence around D.A.C. Swimming Pool
Purpose: To replace old existing fence following pool deck replacement
Budgeted: \$13,900 – Part of LRPF Grant
Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 2 Dealers
Bids: Ramm Fencing \$9,900.00
West Tennessee Fencing \$9,876.44

Recommended bid be awarded to West Tennessee Fencing, Dyersburg, \$9,876.44.
Motion by Aldermen Williams and Chaney.

Department: Police Department
Item: Police Car
Purpose: To replace older car used for K-9 Unit

Budgeted: No – To be taken from Drug Fund

Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 3 Dealers

Bids:	United Dodge	Charger	\$26,657.00	Up to 180 days
	Tim Castellaw Ford	Crown Vic	\$23,602.95	70 days
	Carl Gregory Dodge	Charger	\$22,861.00	30-45 days

(TN State Contract)

*Ford and Dodge are the only manufacturers of 8 cylinder rear wheel drive police cars.

Recommended bid be awarded to Carl Gregory Dodge, Columbus, GA, \$22,861.00
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Moody.

Department: Police Department

Item: Crew Cab Pickup Truck

Purpose: To replace older Suburban used for Bike Patrol Unit

Budgeted: No – To be taken from Drug Fund

Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 6 Dealers

Bids:	Moody-Wadley	\$38,951.00
	Delta Chevrolet	\$23,975.00
	Rick Hill Nissan	\$23,772.00
	United Dodge	\$23,180.00
	Alexander Ford	\$19,853.00

(TN State Contract)

	Tim Castellaw Ford	\$19,830.87
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Recommended bid be awarded to Tim Castellaw Ford, Dyersburg, \$19,830.87
Motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney.

Disclosures of Personal Interest: Alderman Williams' wife has done legal work for Castellaw For in the past; Alderman Dudley has done auto business with Castellaw Ford.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of March 25, 2008. Mr. Bill Escue had presented a request for the City to provide 45% of the development costs for a 54 lot affordable housing subdivision. Mayor Holden reported that the City had fulfilled its commitment to the Burks Farms development by providing a lot and \$31,214.97 toward the cost of a sewer lift station.

Public Safety Committee Report

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the meeting of March 28, 2008. Police Chief Ledbetter had requested purchase of a crew cab truck for the bike squad and a car for the homeland security taskforce officer. The purchase was recommended to the full Board.

Fire Chief Veal distributed copies of the new disaster preparedness resource manual. He was instructed to come back to the Committee with his recommendation regarding departmental certification.

Mayor John Holden announced the liquor license transfer at The Liquor Store on the bypass and the new beer permit application and process.

Alderman Walker inquired about vehicles for "First Responders". He asked if the ambulance service should be run by the City.

Alderman Norman inquired about changes to the truck route and driver safety school to be handled by the City.

DSCC Name Change

Alderman Norman reported on the action of the Board of Regents in recommending the DSCC name change. The Board asked the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Regents stressing the City Board's continued opposition to the proposed name change.

Reports

Aldermen Kirk and Williams cheered on the University of Memphis Tigers in the basketball championship game.

Alderman Dudley expressed concern with CableOne's response to the Mayor's letter about quality of service.

Alderman Walker urged department heads to conserve fuel.

Alderman Moody expressed concern about substandard rental property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder