## Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Dyersburg April 21, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Charles McCright.

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

The minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney.

## City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for March 2008 in the amount of \$11,618.41 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Dudley.

## Water/Sewer/Gas/Meter Reader Report

Department Head Mike Morgan reported on his departments' activities. Datamatic Fireflies for remote meter reading are installed on 40 of the 120 meter reading routes. All routes will be installed by fall of 2008. The Fireflies reduce reading time, for example: Pioneer Subdivision from four hours to thirty-five minutes and Lakewood from two days to six hours. At full operation the Fireflies will allow four full-time employees to be reduced to two with two employees cross-trained to be substitutes. The number of billing cycles will be reduced from ten to five.

Since July 1, 2007 the department has fixed 166 leaks on lines one inch or less and 25 leaks on lines two inches or larger. Unaccounted for water has been reduced.

## Reports

<u>Alderman Williams</u> commended the new recycling initiative. He reminded everyone to participate in the April Spring Cleanup.

<u>Alderman Dudley</u> asked that children be discouraged from operating golf carts and four-wheelers on City streets.

<u>Alderman Walker</u> announced the First Annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival on May 16-17 at the fairgrounds.

<u>Alderman Chaney</u> stated that anyone wishing to appeal the new property assessments done by the state should call 285-7822 within 9 days of getting their assessment card.

<u>Alderman Dudley</u> thanked Codes Enforcement for correcting two problems in his district. The phone numbers were announced for property maintenance complaints.

<u>Alderman Norman</u> inquired about the street assessment program.

<u>Mayor Holden</u> stated that the Cable Committee would meet the new CableOne Manager at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. He commended Ms. Penny Damesworth for organizing the Great American Cleanup effort for April 26<sup>th</sup>. The First United Methodist Church will do their Mission Blitz on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be at 6:30 a.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor