

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
February 16, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2009 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

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

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

The minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Williams.

Cable

Aldermen Chaney, Norman, Dudley, and Kirk commented on the public's disgruntlement with recent changes resulting in 2 broadcast channels being eliminated permanently and 2 others off air during negotiations of a contract.

Mayor Holden stated that multiple attempts to set up a meeting with Cable Manager Elvis Brown had failed. Cable Committee Chairman Freeman Dudley recommended setting up a committee meeting within the next week.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for January 2009 in the amount of \$15,189.20 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Williams. The motion passed with all members voting affirmatively except Alderman Moody who passed.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the Finance Committee meeting of February 11, 2009. Items included the vocational rehab building open records, GIS, budget review, and a housing rehab grant. GIS Director Carmen Cupples saved \$30,000 budgeted for collection of 2 foot contours within the City by getting the data from the Department of Defense. Mayor Holden had instructed staff to hold off on \$721,000 in Capital outlay until a review of the current revenue stream.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk, the Board approved a 10 year lease of the building at 1365 Morgan Road to Tennessee Rehabilitation Center for \$6533.00 per month.

Resolution 021609A Open Records Policy

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk the Board approved an open records policy.

Resolution 021609B Application 2009 THDA HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Dudley the Board approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Holden to execute and submit an application for a \$500,000 grant under the 2009 HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program.

Resolution 021609C Community Development Partners, LLC

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Dudley the Board authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with Community Development Partners, LLC to provide administrative management services on the 2009 Home Investment Partnership Grant Program.

Reports

Alderman Kirk commented on the cable company restoring two broadcast channels, 2 and 9.

Alderman Williams commended everyone who helped in the aftermath of the ice storm.

Alderman Dudley expressed disappointment in the jump in gas prices after the ice storm. He asked for a list of the 50 worst and best streets in the City based on pavement management data.

Alderman Walker asked that the City look at reducing utility reconnection fees and any other fees that might help during hard economic times.

Alderman Moody asked Codes Enforcement to look at the MLGW program of residential energy inspections.

Alderman Norman inquired about the federal stimulus package. Mayor Holden stated that he had sent a letter to the Governor, U.S. Representative John Tanner, and the state representatives and senators for our area. The letter outlined \$12,500,000 in projects.

Mayor Holden stated that the City had helped Ridgely and Tiptonville in there clean up after the ice storm. They hauled off 148 loads in Ridgely and 108 loads in Tiptonville. In Dyersburg the clean up has been 161 loads (188.2 tons) so far.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder