Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Dyersburg July 6, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2009 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Aldermen Shannon Walker.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman Bart Williams.

The minutes of the June 22, 2009 and June 26, 2009 meetings were approved as written on a motion by Aldermen Bart Williams and Charles McCright.

The Safety Partners Loss Control Matching Grant Program was passed on a motion by Aldermen Bob Kirk and Kevin Chaney.

Chief Veal gave the Board members an update on the activities of the Fire Department. He stated that \$635,692 in Homeland Security funds have been spent since 2002 to purchase equipment for the Fire Department and another \$302,163 is available to be spent. He also stated that the Fire Department has personnel trained in hazardous materials, high angle rope rescue and confined space rescue. Some programs sponsored by the department include a fan program in the summer with fans donated by the Red Cross, a smoke detector program with detectors donated by Wal-Mart and Lowes, Vials of Life, and GPS mapping of storm shelters. Chief Veal stated that two grants have been applies for including \$112,000 for diesel exhaust systems for stations 1 and 3 and \$1,500,000 for a new fire station to be constructed on Mall Blvd. Alderman Norman asked Chief Veal about the possibility of the Fire Department and the 911 Board working together to construct a storage building on the Mall Blvd. property. Chief Veal said that it is a possibility.

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<u>Alderman Norman</u> asked if there would be any street paving done this summer. Mayor Holden replied that there are funds budgeted for street paving and the streets to be paved will be decided at a later date.

<u>Alderman McCright</u> introduced Mr. Albert Mosley, a former resident of Dyersburg who is in town doing research on the City's history. Mr. Mosely stated that he is a 1958 graduate of Bruce High School and is currently a Professor of Philosophy at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder