

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
September 8, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

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

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Mayor Holden.

The minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Williams.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit- Neon Moon

Police Chief Authur Heun stated that the applicant meets minimum standards. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney, an on premises beer permit was granted to Neon Moon Dance Hall and Grill at 405 Highway 51 Bypass North with permit holder Gregory G. Barr.

Bids:

The following bids were approved:

Department: Cemetery

Item: Fall '09 & Spring '10 Herbicide Application to (4) Cemeteries

Purpose: Reduce mowing frequency and enhance appearance

Budgeted: Yes (anticipated reduction of temporary labor is \$29,600)

Notification – State Gazette, Direct to 4 vendors

Bids:	Lawncare, Inc.	No Response
	4-Evergreen	No Response
	Cowles Custom Applications	\$21,320.00
	TennLawn	\$21,198.45

Recommendation: Award bid to TennLawn, Dyersburg, \$21,198.45

Motion by Aldermen Dudley and Walker.

Department: Wastewater Plant

Item: Rake Assembly – used to clean main inlet screen

Purpose: Replace equipment originally installed in 1981

Budgeted: Yes

Notification: - None - Equipment Manufacturer is sole source

Bids: Van Brocklin & Associates, Inc. \$17,295.00

Recommendation: Award bid to Van Brocklin & Associates, Memphis, \$17,295.00.

Motion by Aldermen Norman and Dudley.

Water, Sewer, and Gas Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the Gas Committee meeting of August 26, 2009. The Committee reviewed Mr. Don Leet's analysis of the City's gas purchase management agreement. In the previous twelve months, the management agreement costs a flat \$6,000 per month plus an additional \$40,000 in discount fees from the Muni-Gas agreement. Purchasing Agent Greg Williams and Mayor Holden have negotiated with gas consultants Fellon- McCord to provide the same level of service for a flat \$3000.00 per month.

Aldermen Walker and Chaney inquired about the previous supplier/consultant firm, Tennergy. They inquired about auditing the entire gas purchases for the past several years.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney, the Board approved a natural gas sales agreement for one year with Fellon-McCord at a flat \$3000.00 monthly fee. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Alderman Walker voting against the motion.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Dudley, the Board approved an industrial gas security deposit requirement of 2.5 months of the average bill. The motion further approved a \$24,000 gas security deposit for Briggs-Stratton on Bekaert Road with the deposit determined by averaging the four months of the year when usage is above the minimums.

#### Recreation Committee Report

Chairman Shannon Walker reported on the committee meeting of September 1, 2009. The committee had discussed smoking in parks and park facilities. The committee was told that a uniformed police officer will be present at Okeena park on Sundays to help curb vulgar language around the basketball courts,

On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Williams, the Board approved a no smoking policy for the parks and park buildings as follows:

- 1.) Smoke free buildings. No smoking within fifty feet of pool and building entrances, bleachers, pavilions, and fenced courts
- 2.) No smoking in dug outs, on ball fields, volleyball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, and all other playing fields.
- 3.) Smoking is allowed in all other areas at parks and centers.

#### Reports

Alderman Williams commended Steve Guttery and everyone who helped makes the Farmer's Market a success this year.

Alderman Walker inquired and was told that a police officer will work Sundays at Okeena Park starting September 13, 2009.

Mayor Holden commended Golf Course Manager Bobby Baker for improvements at the golf course. Revenue in July was \$46,000; this was an increase of 32% over July 2008. August revenue was \$44,000; an increase of 42% over August 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder