

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
March 1, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Freeman Dudley.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Alderman Bart Williams.

The minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Horner.

Pioneering Healthy Community Grant

Members of the local Healthy Community Committee reported on the efforts to be supported and enhanced using the 2 year \$55,000 grant from the Robert Wood Foundation. Randy Butler of the YMCA spoke of the need for a Community wide vision pulling together the numerous stakeholders. Dr. Michelle Puzdrakiewicz of Med-South explained the epidemic of obesity among children. David Hayes of Security State Bank addressed the economic impacts of obesity due to poor health and higher medical costs. Nancy Deere of the Dyersburg City Schools stated that in our county 45% of our school age children are overweight.

Alderman inquired about school food programs. Ms. Deere reported that the City schools has a balanced lunch program, serves breakfast to many students and has a fruit snack program in the primary school. She stated that poor food knowledge in the community and a lack of exercise are the chief cause of childhood obesity.

Alderman McCright explained the community garden program he is sponsoring on his property in Future City area.

Bids

1. Department: Golf Course  
Item: Replace (2) HVAC Systems  
Purpose: Replace units damaged by lightning and correct problems with the duct work  
Budgeted: No  
Notification: None – This was an emergency repair  
Bids:

Husband for Hire	\$20,883.00
Collier Electrical	\$20,643.08
Anderson Electric	\$20,400.00
Billy Rogers Plumbing	\$17,500.00
Windle HVAC Services	\$15,075.00

Recommendation: Approve bid award to Windle HVAC, Dyersburg, \$15,075.00.  
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and McCright.

2. Department: SWM - Landfill  
Item: (2) Emergency Generators  
Purpose: Backup power for leachate wells and scales  
Budgeted: \$55,000, balance will come from excess from rearloader truck  
Notification: State Gazette, West TN Plan Room  
Bids:

Cottrell Electric	\$72,250.00
Center Line Electric	\$71,650.00
Amtek	\$65,640.00
Industrial Controls	\$64,777.00
Gephart Electrical	\$62,510.00

Recommendation: Approve bid award to Gephart Electrical, Robinsonville, MS, \$62,510.00.  
Motion by Aldermen Norman and Moody.

The following bids were received for the 5-year lease of the 183 acres of City-owned cropland:

Gene Lovelace	\$14,823.00
Welch Brothers	\$15,560.00
Kent Forsythe	\$21,330.00
Steve North	\$22,234.50
David Sentell	\$23,005.00

David Sentell will farm for crop years 2010-2014.  
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

#### Public Safety and Cemetery Committees Report

Public Safety Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the joint meeting held on February 22, 2010. It was reported that a new siren had been erected at Parr Avenue at the Interstate. Another siren is to be erected in the North Industrial Park this fall. The rusted galvanized boxes on the existing sirens have been replaced at a cost of \$17,000. The new road on the east side of Fairview Cemetery is ready to be paved.

The Board approved the sale of a lot adjacent to the EOC to the E-911 Board for construction of their garage and storage building to house the mobile command center.  
On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the price of the lot was set at \$10,000.

#### Street and Sanitation Committee

Mayor Holden reported on the committee meeting of February 22, 2010. Annually in 2008 and 2009 usage of the landfill rose from 34,988 tons to 45,211 tons and revenue increased 61% from \$412,973 to \$ 666,301. Weekly trash pickup is working better than expected with 238 tons picked up in October, the first month, and 114 tons collected in January. The Street Department was commended for the clean up after the winter's repeated snow storms. The salt bins were refilled on February 19.

Weekly curb side trash pickup has made the free Saturday at the landfill unnecessary. On a motion by Aldermen Horner and Chaney the Board discontinued the free Saturday at the landfill.

#### Reports

Alderman Kirk commended the State Gazette for their Sunday special section on local history.

Alderman Williams encouraged the city to exercise its policy role in the Healthy Community Campaign. He encouraged everyone to participate in "Read Around Town".

Alderman Moody stated that the bird problem in the Intermediate School area had not been totally resolved due to weather, but that efforts continue.

Alderman Norman inquired about street paving in the coming budget. The Mayor stated that TDOT had been contacted about state routes in the City.

Alderman McCright expressed concern about the impact on the elderly when Cable One goes from 2 to 4 billing cycles.

Mayor Holden urged everyone to return their census forms. The local return rate in 2000 was 62.9%. He encouraged anyone interested to apply for a temporary census job.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder