

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012
Municipal Building - Court Room

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2012; in the Municipal Building Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Alderwoman Jewell Horner. Mayor Holden noted all were present.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Alderman Jewell Horner, followed by a second from Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. The motion passed approving the minutes.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** None presented.
- (4) **New Business:** Mayor Holden recognized Mr. Kenny Wright, manager of Cable One, who made presentation addressing customer concerns regarding cable services. He highlighted the Company's transition to digital video. He expressed that the transition has not been an easy, as the Dyersburg market has been the test site for this new digital programming service. Wright announced that in order to alleviate the heavy call volume and the busy signal customers are experiencing, Cable One is adding additional lines that he expected to be operational as of yesterday afternoon. Cable One customers may call (731) 285-4174, or toll free 1-877-692-2253, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Wright stated his company feels they have solved the software issues from last week and that all Cable One subscribers in the area will be receiving a \$3 credit on their next bill for the problems experienced on Friday evening.
Following the Cable One presentation Mayor Holden resumed the new business agenda with the following:

a. Attorney Invoice – September 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

Mayor Holden presented an invoice from the City Attorney's office to be approved for payment. The September 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 invoice totaled \$7,256.25. Alderman Bob Kirk made a motion to approve the payment, with a second by Robert Taylor Jr. The motion passed by full Board approval.

b. Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Casey's General Store, 1950 Sta. John Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024.

Mayor Holden announced that this was a notice of public hearing on this permit request. Police Chief Heun presented information stating that there did not seem to be anything found in the background investigation for this beer permit that

would show the applicant unworthy of obtaining a beer permit for the business. Being this was noticed as a public hearing, Mayor Holden called for any persons to speak regarding this permit application. No public comment was presented. Mayor Holden entertained a motion for approval of the application. Kevin Chaney moved to approve the application, followed by a second from Alderman Bob Kirk. The motion passed by full Board vote.

c. Bids – Greg Williams, City Purchasing Agent

1. Department: Solid Waste Management
Item: 2008 CAT Dozer undercarriage
Purpose: Replace worn undercarriage – Parts only (labor provided locally)
Budgeted: Repair & Maintenance
Notification – None – Sole Source (Dealer item)

Recommendation: Mr. Williams recommended awarding the bid to Thompson Machinery, Jackson, TN, at \$16,767.48. A motion to approve the recommendation as presented before the Board was made by Alderman Dennis Moody, with a second by Alderman Terry Glover. The motion passed by full Board approval.

d. Recreation Committee Meeting – October 3, 2012 – Chairman Bart Williams

Chairman Williams presented the minutes of the October 3, 2012 Committee meeting with the main discussion involving an Urban Trails Initiative. Mr. John Lannom presented a discussion regarding the use of existing sidewalks that could be designated as urban hiking trails throughout the City. He identified a loop trail system and suggested these existing walkways could be identified as to the degree of difficulty (slope and intensity). He presented a map overview of the sidewalks, emphasizing their connectivity to various parts of the community, City parks, Dyersburg State Community College, and the City downtown area. The Committee further discussed the connectivity potential to extend sidewalk development along (2) sections that included Parkview Avenue using frontage of the DSCC property, and at the intersection of Troy and Parr avenues. It was also noted that the use of painted pedestrian walkway at the intersection of Troy and Parr may also serve the same purpose as a sidewalk. Mr. Lannom noted that in a prior meeting with the Pioneering Healthy Communities Committee, Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of DSCC welcomed the concept for the sidewalk additions, but stated the College would have to request this through the Tennessee Board of Regents. During the Recreation meeting Mayor Holden moved to initiate a letter to Dr. Bowyer, as recommended by Pioneering Healthy Communities, and to pursue designing, planning, and general City recreation projects recommendations that promote the better recreation and health of the community. The motion was

seconded by Alderman Terry Glover. It was approved by full Committee, to be recommended to the full Board at this meeting.

Therefore in a motion by Alderman Williams recommended to the full Alderman Board with a second Alderwoman Jewell Horner that the city endorse the Pioneering Healthy Communities' continued exploration and investigation of future health and recreational opportunities, including walkways and bikeways, and bring those recommendations for further consideration to the recreation committee and eventually the full Board. The motion passed by full vote.

Additionally the Committee discussed Tennessee Department of Transportation flow chart showing the management process involved with local program management grants associated with TDOT, and the Safe Routes to School Grant and the Regan Levee Trail Grant Updates.

Report from Alderman and Alderwomen:

Alderman Bob Kirk: No report.

Alderman Bart Williams: No report.

Alderman Terry Glover: No report.

Alderman Kevin Chaney: asked if when the Regan Levee Trail project is implemented, would it be open to all vehicle traffic. Bart Williams responded that it was his understanding that it would only be open to walkers and bikers and perhaps emergency personnel if needed.

Alderwoman Jewell Horner: announced an educational opportunity for the community. Dr. Bill Warner will be at The Farms Restaurant on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Koran and Sharia law from his recent book writings. This event is free to the public.

Alderman Dennis Moody: stated that he has received several concerns that the downtown square looks a little too dark in the evening and asked if part of the Phase II revitalization included lights. Mayor Holden responded that part of the project was lighting and he expects that the lighting will be in by the weekend and will be installed soon.

Alderwoman Joan Wyatt: No report.

Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr.: No report.

Communications from the Mayor:

- noted that the local option sales tax revenue for the first six months of 2012 is \$795,730.68, which represents a 7.8 percent increase over last year's revenue through the same period. The City collected \$737,964.35 in local option sales tax revenue through June 30, 2011.

- reported that the City would begin to report the revenue for the airport monthly. In his first report, Mayor Holden announced on an additional positive note that the airport had taken in \$60,578.05 in revenue and had \$57,043.67 in expenses, which accounted for a profit of \$3,534.38.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Robert C. Jones, City Recorder