

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2013
Municipal Building - Court Room

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2013: in the Municipal Building Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Jewell Horner. Mayor Holden noted all were present.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Alderman Bart Williams, followed by a second from Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. The motion passed approving the minutes.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** None presented.
- (4) **New Business:**

a. Minutes of the Public Safety Committee – Alderman Bob Kirk

Alderman Bob Kirk introduced the main order of business that included a request from Police Chief Art Heun to utilize the Police Drug Fund for purchase of 2 vehicles. Chief Heun made the following specific requests:

1. Replace an older K-9 unit with a new vehicle that would have the capability of transporting arrestees as well as the K9, in separate cages within the vehicle. Chief Heun noted that when a K9 officer makes an arrest, two squad cars are involved, as there are no accommodations for both the arrestee and the K9 in the vehicle. Chief Heun stated that the cost of the vehicle would be about \$40,000, paid for out of the Drug Fund.
2. The second vehicle would be a new Tactical Response unit vehicle, including a robot to enter tactical-sensitive situations, helping to keep an officer out of danger. This vehicle and robot will cost approximately \$30,000. The Department of Homeland Security will pay for \$20,000.00 of the cost of this vehicle. The remaining \$10,000.00 expense may be paid out of the Drug Fund. Chief Heun specifically noted that the tax payers would not be paying for these two requests.

At the conclusion of the request discussions, Alderwoman Jewell Horner motioned to support the purchase as presented for recommendation to the full Alderman Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor John Holden, and unanimously approved by the Committee.

From the Committee recommendation, Alderman Kirk made a motion for the Board to approve the recommendation of the purchase requests from the Dyersburg Police Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Taylor Jr. The motioned was approved by full Board vote.

After the vote was taken, Alderman Bob Kirk continued the reading of the minutes stating the Committee participated in further discussion regarding the issues of the state of the central precinct building for the Dyersburg Police Department (DPD), and other concerns which included the following:

- the Central Precinct building was built around 1974 and received its last renovation in 1991,
- the building serves the DPD, but is needing replacement furniture,
- the Jennie Bell building, which houses the Domestic Violence Unit as well as the DPD's training department, was built in 1932 and there is some question as to the ownership of the building. Chie Heun stated it would be ideal to bring all of the DPD under one roof.
- there is a lack of courtroom security, and that an outside study done has made recommendations on how to improve that area of the building.

Mayor Holden asked Chief Heun if it was necessary for the DPD to stay in its current building or if they could move to another location, provided another building became available. Chief Heun responded that to provide ideal security for the courtroom, the DPD should remain at its current location and pursue appropriate expansion or renovation. The Committee took no action on this discussion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

b. Finance Committee met Wednesday, March 27, 2013 – Kevin Chaney

Alderman Kevin Chaney read the minutes involving the discussion of a 12 year funding plan for improvements for Dyersburg City Schools. He noted that the following information and material were provided in the Committee meeting:

Mr. Durbin provided handouts for the meeting and presented the Dyersburg City Schools request for capital funding to make the following improvements to existing facilities.

DMS – canopy outside the west entrance	\$145,000	budget (predicted budget)
DIS – Phillips St (south) canopy	\$100,000	budget
Parking repaved in front	\$20,000	budget
DPS – Tile 2nd grade hall	\$30,000	budget
New flooring in activity room	\$50,000	budget
Activity space between K-hall and café	\$300,000	estimate
DHS – Tile classrooms	\$100,000	budget
Paint classrooms	\$80,000	budget
Paint outside	\$80,000	budget
Chemistry lab	\$450,000	budget
Bathrooms	\$2,000,000	estimate
Doors/security	\$100,000	budget

Theater	\$1,000,000	estimate
LC – renovations to move to College St	\$600,000	budget
Artificial surface for stadium	\$1,000,000	budget outside source
Stadium seating	\$300,000	budget
Concessions/press box	\$1,500,000	estimate
Move CO to new location	\$1,500,000	estimate
Total	\$9,355,000	
Pre-existing principal		
Principal owed as of 6/26/13		
TML bond	\$7,191,000	
School Cap Outlay Note	\$1,390,000	
DCS continues to pay QSAB		
Total to refinance	\$8,581,000	
Total bond proposal	\$17,936,000	

Mr. Durbin further stated the current payments for the 2012-2013 fiscal year – were \$1,366,019 (2018 - \$1,439,353). He noted the current annual expenditures for the outstanding debts will exceed the annual payments on the bond proposal. He expressed there is great potential for a low interest loan, current interest rates are at historical lows, construction costs are relatively low, and now is the optimal time to proceed with the work.

In closing, he stated the improvements will address ADA requirements, address curriculum needs, improve security, and increase the years of service of the facilities.

Mayor Holden expressed the need to allow the City some time to review the budget estimates to arrive at more exact cost figures. Mr. Durbin agreed to offer complete assistance to the Mayor and the City Treasurer to expedite this task. All Committee members agreed that this proposal appeared necessary and appropriate.

Alderman Bob Kirk made a motion to proceed with the School Board projects proposal and to review the interest rate and budget for presentation before the full Board of Mayor and Alderman. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jewell Horner. The motioned passed with full Committee approval.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

From the reading of the minutes Alderman Chaney moved that the full board endorse Mayor Holden and City Treasurer, Steve Anderson to pursue a bond for the projects to be presented to the full Board at a later date. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Kirk and was unanimously approved by the Board.

C. Bids – Greg Williams, City Purchasing Agent.

No bids were presented before the Board.

Report from Alderman and Alderwomen:

Alderman Bob Kirk: No report.

Alderman Bart Williams: complimented the Milltown community for carrying out neighborhood watch meetings, and praised City employees including Mayor Holden, Dyersburg Police Department officers, and the City Codes department in fixing some of the problems. Alderman Williams also complimented the City's new library. He said it was something the City should be very proud of and serves as a reminder of what the citizens can do if they put their minds to the task.

Alderman Terry Glover: agreed with Alderman Williams's statements, noting the date of Saturday, April 20, 2013 for the next neighborhood watch meeting. He recognized Dyersburg coach Tom Mathis for securing his 500th baseball victory.

Alderman Kevin Chaney: No report.

Alderwoman Jewell Horner: No report.

Alderman Dennis Moody: No report.

Alderwoman Joan Wyatt: No report.

Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr.: No report.

Communications from the Mayor:

- Announced the presentation of a Community Block Development Grant award to the City of Dyersburg at the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce, Lannom Center by Representative Bill Sanderson, Friday, April 5, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Noted the revenues for the month of March 2013 at the Municipal Golf Course was \$20,791.00, and \$33,004.00 for the Municipal Airport.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Robert C. Jones, City Recorder