

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
May 1, 2006**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on May 1, 2006 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Revell presided with all members present.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Alderman James Lee.

Minutes of the April 17, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

On a motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee two public hearings were set for June 5, 2006: rezone to R-1A Supply Park Subdivision; Amendment Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 2 Section 13-204 to raise interest rates to 18% per annum.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 577 – PROHIBIT PRIVATE WELLS AND DANGEROUS POOLS/PONDS

On a motion by Aldermen Lee and Guthrie the Board adopted an amendment to the Municipal Court prohibiting the use of private wells and the keeping of dangerous pools and ponds.

CHAMBER COMMITTEE – EXISTING INDUSTRY

Mr. Gary Downey, manager of Bekaert Steel, outlined the activities of the existing industry committee. The committee is active locally, statewide, nationwide and globally to promote competitiveness for our industries in the global market.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of April 24, 2006. The Committee had discussed lot mowing, street parking in cul-de-sac and work on Wade Hampton. On a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Guthrie they passed the following: lot mowing fees will be doubled and a public hearing will be held to consider increasing interest rates on billing from 6% to 18% per annum; at the end of 30 days the Committee will meet to consider a part-time employee to free up staff to do lot mowing paperwork; uncollected lot mowing billing older than two years old will be turned over to a collection agency.

The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for May 13, 2006.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman James Lee reported on the meeting of April 25, 2006. The meeting discussion included the skateboard park and supervision at Okeena Park. On a motion by Aldermen Lee and Dudley the Board authorized an additional fulltime position at

Recreation to work in programming and Okeena Park security. The new employee will work 4 days a week at Okeena Park, fill in at the Dyersburg Activity Center and work on special events.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the meeting of April 27, 2006. The committee made a series of recommendations to the full Board leading the following motions:

1. The purchase of a new fire truck was placed in the 2006-2007 budget with a cost of \$474,475.00. On the motion by Aldermen Kirk and Guthrie the truck is to be ordered immediately.
2. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and McCright the resignation of Police Chief Bobby Williamson was accepted, effective June 30, 2006. Chief Williamson received a standing ovation from the Board and everyone present.
3. Effective May 1, 2006, Attorney Dean Dedmon will serve as City Judge through the expiration of the term of Judge Lyman Ingram. The appointment on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Lee.
4. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Dudley the Board approved an agreement with Cingular Wireless to continue their current tower space rental fee and they will pay full cost of an independent load study on the EOC tower if antenna changes are made.
5. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Moody, the position of interim police chief was given to Terry Ledbetter. He will be interim for 6 months at an annual salary of \$53,388.00. He will serve for a six month probationary period to be followed by his appointment as police chief or his return to his previous duties or an extension of the probationary period.
6. The E911 Board will build a secondary emergency management center on city property. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Dean the Board agreed to give E911 a lease on the building land for the term of the center's use as a public emergency management facility.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

On a motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee the following Board of Zoning Appeals appointments were made: re-appointment thru 1-1-09 Sam Reed; appointment thru 1-1-08 Russell G. Maher, Jr.

MISC.

Alderman Kirk commended Chief Bobby Williamson and congratulated Interim Chief Terry Ledbetter.

Alderman Guthrie asked everyone to help Habitat for Humanity to build several homes for recent tornado victims.

Alderman Dudley requested a Street Committee meeting for 10:00 a.m., May 8, 2006.

Alderman Dean commended everyone for the hard work on tornado recovery. He requested an Airport Committee meeting for 10:00 a.m. on May 9, 2006.

Alderman Lee asked the police department to curb the excessive noise created by boom boxes and vehicle sound systems.

Alderman Moody commended the street department cleanup after the April 25 hailstorm. He extended the Board's well wishes to Interim Chief Ledbetter. He asked the Mayor to request that FEMA send mobile homes here to assist tornado victims in Dyer County.

Alderman Norman inquired about the budget amendment needed to allow recreation to hire the new employee prior to 7-1-06.

Alderman McCright asked if the City could prevent lawn clippings from being blown into the street and effecting storm water runoff.

Mayor Revell announced the Prayer Breakfast and National Day of Prayer event at 11:30 a.m. on May 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Bill Revell, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder