

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
July 17, 2006**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 2006 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Revell presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by scripture and prayer by Alderman Bob Dean.

The minutes of the July 3, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

CHAMBER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Chamber Vice-President Don Crews explained the support, resources and opportunities the Chamber makes available to small business to help them to expand. He emphasized local efforts to insure we have a "business friendly community".

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chamber Vice-President Katie Winchester reported that the Chamber membership has been stable for several years at around 600 members. She outlined the benefits of membership.

WATER, SEWER AND GAS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of July 6, 2006. Gas rates will be locked in for a twelve month period as soon as advisors feel the best rate has been reached. The committee reviewed the budget request for the water, sewer, and gas departments. The committee recommended proposed budgets to the full Board for approval in the 2006-2007 budget. Highlights of the budgets include:

- No additional employees added to water, sewer or gas;
- Water line extensions in the Millsfield, Hurricane Hill and RoEllen areas;
- Water plant valve maintenance to meet state mandates; and
- Natural gas promotion eliminates street cut cost when a gas water heater is installed.

STREET AND SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of July 10, 2006. The committee reviewed the budget proposals for streets, sanitation and stormwater. Items in the budgets included:

- New backhoe, dump truck and knuckleboom for the street department;
- A new rear loading garbage truck and a new cell at the landfill;
- Refuse tipping fees at the landfill will be increased to \$32 per ton; and
- \$60,000 will be budgeted in stormwater for excavating the retention lake at the Reagan Road levee pump station.

On a motion by Aldermen Lee and Dean the Board voted to include \$66,500 for a dump truck and \$65,000 for a backhoe in the Street Department budget for 2006-2007.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman James Lee reported on the meeting of July 12, 2006. The Dixie Girls World Championship will be held in Dyersburg starting July 29. The committee recommended to the full Board the adoption of the recreation budget for 2006-2007 including:

- \$50,000 for weight room equipment at the Dyersburg Activity Center;
- Construction of Phase I of the skateboard park;
- A new pickup truck for maintenance; and
- Converting two part-time maintenance employees to full-time.

BIDS

The following bids were submitted for approval:

Dept. – Communications

Item – Annual Maintenance Agreement

Purpose – Monitoring, technical support and repair of radio system backbone

Budgeted – Yes – FY 06-07

Notification – None – Sole source of supply

Bids - Motorola \$11,307.48

Contingent on passage of proposed budget, I recommend bid be awarded to Motorola, Schaumburg, IL, \$11,307.48.

Motion by Aldermen Lee and Dudley.

Dept. – Solid Waste Management

Item – Repair of CAT D7R Dozer

Purpose – Repair vandalism to cooling system

Budgeted – To be taken from repair & maintenance

Notification – None

Bids - Thompson Machinery \$84,413.42

 *Insurance will pay \$46,052.79

 *City will pay \$38,360.63

I recommend approval of expense to Thompson Machinery, Jackson, TN \$84,413.42.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee.

Dept. – Recreation

Item – Liquid Chlorine

Purpose – Sanitizing (3) city swimming pools – 2006 pool season

Budgeted – Yes

Notification – None – Sole source of supply in quantity needed

Bids - Royster-Clark \$23,893.56

Recommend award of bid to Royster-Clark, Union City, TN \$23,893.56.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Dudley.

SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY

City Treasurer Robert Reed asked that policy be changed so that the purchasing agent can sell up to an estimated \$10,000 in property without formal Board approval. On a motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee the maximum limit of surplus property that can be sold without formal Board approval was raised from \$100 to \$10,000.

CITY ATTORNEY INVOICE

The City Attorney invoice for June 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$9,211.25 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Guthrie and Dean.

EMPLOYEE ACCOUNTABILITY

Mayor Revell stated that the city employees were accountable to their immediate supervisors and ultimately to the Mayor, City Board and all the citizens. He explained the transfer of the Emergency Operations Center from supervision of the Police Chief to the Fire chief as an issue of accountability. The EOC fits into the emergency services system of fire and first responders. The move allows the Police Chief to concentrate on improvements in law enforcement.

CURFEW

Mayor Revell stated that the public safety committee would begin study of how to implement a curfew for juveniles.

MISC.

Steve Reed, Water and Sewer Superintendent, explained that a recent plea bargain on stealing water required the individual to make total restitution, pay all connection and hook-up fees and to serve 48 hours in jail.

Alderman Guthrie asked for volunteers to help on Habitat for Humanity's effort to construct two homes for tornado victims.

Alderman Dudley urged the development of a plan to eliminate vicious dogs from our community.

Alderman Dean reminded everyone about the sales tax free days in August and the community meetings in Milltown and Evansville. He asked the City Engineer to get vegetation on the south hillside of Market Place Subdivision. He asked that the special budget hearing be televised.

Alderman Moody asked public works to mow the bypass median on North St. John Avenue. He reminded everyone to attend a meeting Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss E-911 p-sap consolidation.

Alderman Norman inquired about the alignment of the EOC with the fire service.

Aldermen McCright repeated his long term stance that parental responsibility and a curfew are needed to protect our children.

Mayor Revell announced a special called meeting of the Board to consider the budget on July 27 at 2:00 p.m. He encouraged people to attend the ground breaking for Lupo's Restaurant on July 21 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Bill Revell, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder

