

Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
December 3, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 2007 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Bob Kirk.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” and prayer by Alderman Bart Williams.

The minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Dudley with a clarification by Alderman Williams.

Adoption – Construction Code

The Board called for a review of proposed building and fire codes by the Finance Committee.

Resolution 120307 – To Reaffirm the Name of DSCC – Dyersburg State Community College

The following Resolution proposed by Alderman Lewis Norman was approved on a roll call vote with everyone voting affirmative except Alderman Williams who abstained. Alderman Norman stated that Alderman Kirk had previously voiced his support for the resolution.

Resolution 120307  
To Reaffirm the Name of Dyersburg State Community College

WHEREAS, Dyersburg State Community College has provided higher education since its inception in 1969;

WHEREAS, Dyersburg State’s original and continuing mission is to provide educational opportunities in a seven county area;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dyersburg and Dyer County are the foremost supporters of Dyersburg State from conception to various ongoing efforts such as the Dyer County Promise Program, dual credit concept, and fundraising;

WHEREAS, the history and very roots of this educational institution have grown in the conducive climate of Dyer County;

THEREFORE, The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dyersburg affirm that the community college serving our citizens should retain its traditional name – Dyersburg State Community College.

Dog Ordinance

Alderman Walker stated that at the November 19, 2007 Public Safety Committee meeting he had asked for revision of the dog ordinance to require mandatory registration of specific breeds with them automatically being required to meet all standards set for dogs determined to be vicious.

Mayor Holden pointed out that Alderman Walker’s request had been reported to the full Board in the minutes of the Public Safety Committee. Alderman Walker’s motion had failed in the Committee due to lack of a second.

On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Williams the Board agreed to call a public hearing to receive citizens input regarding the dog ordinance. The motion passed with 7 affirmative votes and Mayor Holden voting “no”.

Miscellaneous

Alderman Williams wished everyone a safe holiday season. He recognized Boy Scout Clay Perkins attending the meeting as part of his citizenship badge.

Alderman Walker expressed concern about the emergency warning fees. He asked that the fees be placed in a separate account to be used for specific needs like a lightning warning system for recreational areas. Communications Director Mark Grant and City Treasurer Steve Anderson explained that currently fees are utilized for maintenance and upgrading of the siren system. Any segregation of funds into a separate account might increase financial pressure on the general fund. Alderman Walker also asked for a financial report for the first six months of the fiscal year. He urged the Board to be more aggressive and proactive in the coming year.

Alderman Moody expressed dissatisfaction with CableOne's service particularly disruptions on Channel 5. He questioned CableOne's proposal for a rate increase.

Alderman Norman requested that CableOne furnish the Board with their annual audit report as required under the franchise agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder