

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
March 3, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". A moment of silent prayer was observed in memorial to Lt. Pat Bryan, a 30-year retired veteran of the Dyersburg Fire Department.

The minutes of the February 18, 2008 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Chaney.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of February 26, 2008. Mayor Holden reported progress on a number of projects. The Committee took under study Mrs. Judy Burks' request to be reimbursed \$85,000 for a server lift station on Henry Street and to have 70 acres of undeveloped land de-annexed.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Moody the Board approved, that in the 2008-2009 budget the fees collected by the \$.50 per month emergency warning utility fee be placed in a segregated fund to be used solely for repair and replacement of the warning system. Alderman Moody requested that the City study the need for and ability to finance a lightning warning system using these funds.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk the Board authorized the following expenditures using funds in the engineering department budget: \$25,800 to establish a pavement inventory, assessment and database; \$37,000, if available, to cover additional transportation services inventory features. The pavement management project is to be conducted by Fisher & Arnold Engineering.

Water, Sewer, and Gas Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of February 28, 2008. The Committee discussed building a positive working relationship with the Dyersburg Suburban Utility District, the study of a de-annexation request, and the poor response by residents preventing the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant for water lines in the Viar area.

City Purchasing Agent Greg Williams explained the Committee's recommendation to stay true to the bidding process on two backhoes and award the bid to Stribling Equipment, who unlike Thompson Machinery met all of the bid specifications. Alderman Kirk stressed the need to be supportive of local business and industry whenever possible. The bids were handled as follows:

Department: Water/Sewer and Gas Departments
Item: (2) 90hp Backhoe Loaders
Purpose: To replace older backhoes which are no longer reliable for emergency response
Budgeted: No – Funds are available and will need to be reallocated
Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 3 dealers
Bids: Century Equipment Case Rejected – Too many exceptions
 Thompson Machinery CAT Rejected – Bid smaller wheel size
 Stribling Equipment John Deere \$77,000 each = \$154,000

Recommended bid be awarded to Stribling Equipment, Jackson, TN, \$154,000.00.
Motion by Aldermen Norman and Moody passed on a roll call vote with Aldermen Kirk, Walker, and McCright voting opposed.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Moody the Board authorized the borrowing of \$2.5 million from the Tennessee Environment and Conservation State Revolving Fund to run a water line from the Water Plant across Interstate 155 to the Fort Hudson Industrial Park and build a water tank. Alderman Chaney abstained due to ownership of land north of Interstate 155.

Reports

Alderman Kirk thanked the Mayor for letters sent to state officials and to CableOne. He inquired about the property tax freeze.

Alderman Williams commended sanitation workers

Alderman Chaney expressed the need to find funding for street paving.

Alderman Walker inquired of Greg Williams if bids could be provided with agendas.

Alderman Moody congratulated John Damesworth. He thanked Dale Snyder and the Street Department for keeping storm drains cleared.

Alderman Norman asked Police Chief Ledbetter to review the truck route and consider routing out East Court instead of Reynolds, Phillips, and Harrell Avenue.

Alderman McCright asked everyone to work together to get an improved dress code for our schools.

Mayor Holden announced that on Saturday, March 1, 2008, Mr. John Damesworth became the Superintendent of Solid Waste.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder