

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
August 4, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 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" followed by prayer by Alderman Shannon Walker.

The minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Dudley.

Chamber – Business and Retail Development

Chamber Vice-Chairman of Business Development Don Crews reported that Operation Jump Start provides a 6 week, 36 hour training program for new business. Business recognition programs, the Business Expo and 3 workshops have been conducted in 2008.

Chamber Vice-Chairman of Retail Development Ben Edwards explained promotional efforts through national and regional retail conferences and the website. Dyersburg has a daytime population influx of 35% and unlike surrounding counties, the cash flow is positive.

In response to Alderman Walker's inquiry about job training, Crews and Edwards praised the cooperative efforts of DSCC, the City/County schools and other training agencies to respond to the expressed needs of existing and prospective business and industry.

Budget 2008/2009 – Hearing Called

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney, the Board called a public hearing on the 2008/2009 City Budget to be held at the 7 p.m., August 25, 2008 Board meeting.

Flood Hazard Ordinance/Map – Hearing

On a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Dudley, a request to hold a public hearing to adopt FEMA's new Flood Hazard Ordinance and Maps was tabled.

Bids

Department: Police  
Item: Annual Maintenance Agreement & Software Support  
Purpose: ADSI Records Management System  
Budgeted: Yes – FY 08-09  
Notification: None – Proprietary Product  
Bids: ADSI \$16,250.00

Recommend approval of expense to ADSI, Southaven, MS, \$16,250.00  
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney

Reports

Alderman Williams commented on the progress on the riverfront park. The City has removed the incinerator, former humane shelter and the old street department shops.

Alderman Dudley thanked the police department for correcting activity on Ross Avenue. He conveyed the request that Magnolia Avenue be put on the paving list.

Aldermen Walker praised the girl's softball programs for sending 3 teams to the state tournament and having the 9-10 year old Angels and the 11-12 year old Ponytails competing in the national championships in Alexandria, Louisiana.

He urged awareness and safety regarding walkers and bicycle riders. Gas prices are encouraging alternate ways to travel. Police Lieutenant Dobis has a traffic safety web page on the State Gazette website.

Alderman Norman mentioned the City Attorney's August 15<sup>th</sup> letter about the cable franchise. He expressed concern that disruptions in service are not being corrected. He inquired about the Finance and Street Committee meeting jointly to review the proposed property maintenance code.

Mayor Holden announced National Night Out on the square at 7 p.m. August 5, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder