

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
June 26, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in special called session on Friday, June 26, 2009 in the upstairs conference room at City Hall at 9 a.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Aldermen Moody and Walker.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman Bob Kirk.

Public Hearing – Budget 2009-2010 Ordinance BB 606

Finance Committee Chairman Lewis Norman commented on the budget meetings of the past three months. At the May 22, 2009 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended adoption of the proposed budget to the full board.

All Aldermen attending asked questions to clarify concerns about the budget. Mayor Holden responded to the questions as follows: there will be no job cuts; employees will not receive a cost of living increase in the salaries; grants are being sought for police, recreation, roadway and airport services; the property tax rate will remain \$1.99; money budgeted in 2008-2009 budget will be used to pave streets during the summer.

Chairman Lewis Norman pointed out the analysis of water and sewer rates for the past 15 years. The closure of Dyersburg Fabrics in 2002 lead to several years of deficits in those enterprise funds.

Mayor Holden stated that deficits in water and sewer were brought under control in 2007-2008 by reducing the number of employees, refinancing bonds, using cost effective alternatives and utilizing technology. However analysis by Treasurer Steve Anderson, city auditors and state advisors with the Water Finance Board indicate that a minimum across the board increase of 10% is necessary to make the water and sewer funds break even.

Mr. Anderson responded to Alderman Dudley's question about rates by pointing out that the proposed rates are lower than those charged by Covington, Newbern, Ripley and Union City.

Aldermen Norman and Kirk moved to adopt the 2009-2010 budget. Alderman Norman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

The 2009-2010 budget will have a total of \$41,390,650.00

Mayor Holden thanked everyone for working to prepare and adopt a budget in times of economic difficulty. Alderman Kirk commended everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder