

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
October 5, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2009 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 Charles McCright.

The minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Norman.

Bids

The following bids were approved:

Department: Solid Waste
Item: Utility Tractor
Purpose: Sweeping roadway and maintaining slopes
Budgeted: Yes
Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 4 vendors
Bids: Allied Equipment No Response
Tri-County Equipment No Bid
Watkins Equipment \$30,488.00
Tennessee Tractor \$29,999.00

Recommendation: Award bid to Tennessee Tractor, Dyersburg, \$29,999.00.
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Department: Gas
Item: Gate Station Gas Pipeline Heater
Purpose: Heats gas downstream of pressure cut to prevent ice buildup on pipes
Budgeted: Yes
Notification: State Gazette, Direct to 3 vendors
Bids: Tri-State Meter & Regulator No Response
VRC Company No Bid
Sullivan's Natural gas Service \$41,162.00

Recommendation: Award bid to Sullivan's Natural Gas Service, Covington, \$41,162.00
Motion by Aldermen McCright and Chaney.

Department: Street
Item: Street Paving
Purpose: Improve streets in bad condition
Budgeted: Yes
Notification: State Gazette & West TN Plan Rooms
Bids: Ford Construction \$239,443.00

Recommendation: Award bid to Ford Construction, Dyersburg, \$239,443.00.
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and McCright.

Finance/Street & Sanitation/Gas, Water & Sewer Committee Report

On September 24, 2009 a joint meeting was held by three committees. Finance Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting he chaired with Alderman Freeman Dudley of the Street and Sanitation Committee and the Gas, Water & Sewer Committee.

At the meeting, Mayor Holden distributed copies of the City of Dyersburg Achievement Report showing improvements and developments since January 2007. He informed the Committees

about the application for the 2009 Welcome Sign Grant. He reported that the City of Ridgely had sent a check for \$21,401.44 to cover the cost of Dyersburg's help following the 2009 ice storm.

Mayor Holden told the committees he would be making changes in the supervision and scheduling of the knuckleboom trucks. This follows installation of the GPS systems on some vehicles to help increase productivity and reduce cost.

On a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Chaney the Board approved the Committee's recommendation to deed a City owned lot at 717 Lee to Habitat for Humanity to replace a lot on Tennyson Avenue that has a drainage culvert running diagonally across the buildable area of the lot. The motion passed with six votes. Aldermen Norman and Williams abstained because they serve on Habitat's Board of Directors.

The Board approved a motion by Aldermen Norman and Moody to amend the Dyer County Promise Scholarship program to include GED graduates.

Recreation Committee Report

Chairman Shannon Walker reported on the meeting of September 24, 2009. The Committee reviewed and recommends the acceptance of bids for three separate projects.

The Board approved all three recommendations as follows:

- On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Norman they approved \$3,905 to Bryant Lawn and Tree Inc. for tree service at Okeena Park.
- On a motion by Aldermen Walker and McCright they approved \$11,650 to Forcum Lannom to repair the columns at the Neighbor Activity Center. The other bids were Ford Construction \$16,250 and Fibrwrap \$26,300.
- Mike Walker Signs was awarded the bid for "No Smoking" signs to be posted at all ball parks and recreation areas. Walker's bid was \$824. The other bids were Allen Sign Company \$1,242, Atlas Signs \$1,620 and Art Craft Signs \$1,986.

Reports

Alderman Kirk commended the Mayor for using GPS to increase productivity.

Alderman Williams commended everyone involved in the Main Street Festival and the BBQ for Cancer. He stated that a Master Gardener wants to work on a tree grant.

Alderman Dudley asked that the City seek grants for downtown events like Camden's Bluegrass Festival.

Alderman Walker suggested allowing 4 yard sales per year instead of just 2. He asked the Street Department to look at parking stripes around the courthouse.

Alderman Moody voiced approval that the traffic lights at Mall at Parr are being erected.

Alderman McCright introduced Ms. Chastity Pirtle, President of Project H.O.O.D at Future City Center. The program will mentor students.

Mayor Holden announced employee flu shots. He commended Chief Veal and the Fire Department on the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. He announced TDOT's Phase II Grant for \$880,000 to improve downtown will be presented on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in front of City Drug.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder