

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
December 7, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 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 Kevin Chaney.

The minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen McCright and Williams.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit-Walgreen's #09465

Police Chief Arthur Heun stated that the applicant meets all the minimum standards. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney, an off premises beer permit was granted to Walgreen's #09465 at 2615 Lake Road with permit holder Calvin Allen.

Public Hearing – Alley Closing/Rezoning Ordinances BB608 – BB609

City Planner Gleyn Twilla presented the Planning Commission recommendation to closing an alley and rezone two lots west of Lake Road between Lee Street and Forrestt Street. These actions will enable the consolidation of the alley and 5 lots into one large commercial lot fronting on Lake Road.

Ordinance BB-608 rezoning lots 23 and 28 on Tax Map 99B from R-2 to B-2 was passed unanimously on a motion by Aldermen McCright and Dudley.

Ordinance BB-609 closing the alley adjacent to Lots 23 and 28 on Tax map 99B was passed unanimously on a motion by Aldermen McCright and Dudley.

Resolution #120709A – Dyersburg Electric Bond Refunding

Dyersburg Electric System Director Jimmy Williamson explained that the Electric System plans to combine and refinance bond issues not to exceed \$2,750,000. The refunding will save the Electric System \$100,800 over the next 3 years. The system received a Standard and Poor's bond rating up from A3 to A+.

The resolution to refund the Electric System bonds passed on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman.

Resolution #120709 – Tennessee Energy Efficiency & Conservation Grant

Gleyn Twilla explained that the EE CBG resolution empowers the Mayor to sign documents to seek a \$100,000 grant to upgrade traffic signals in the Downtown Revitalization area. The traffic signals will be designed to enhance to revitalized streets cape. The grant resolution was adopted on a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Williams.

NLC Prescription Discount Program

Ms. Sue Teague explained the program that will enable City residents with no healthcare benefits to get an average of a 20% discount on prescription drugs at local drug stores. The enrollment is free to all citizens at no cost to the City. The program is administered by Caremark. The prescription discount card can be picked up at City Hall. The Finance Committee recommended approval. The resolution #120709 to adopt the NLC Prescription Discount Card Program was approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright.

Safety Program

Human Resource Director Sue Teague outlined the City employee safety training program. In house trainers, videos and online training are used. The Employee Safety Committee is actively looking at how to prevent on the job accidents. The work injury claims have fallen from \$154,000 in fiscal year 2007-2008 to \$962 in fiscal year 2008-2009.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of November 24, 2009. The committee was told that quarterly sales tax was down 3% over 2008. Proposals for bandwidth upgrades are being taken. Water revenues have decreased due to slower industrial demand.

In the general reports the Committee learned: Work on the 2010/2011 budget will begin in March; Credit/Debit cards are being looked into at the Golf Course; Several trees along Wade Hampton have been removed; Trees at Okeena have been inspected and treated; The columns at Dyersburg Activity Center have been repaired; A pet watering pool had been installed at Okeena; Fairview Cemetery road extension is completed.

311 Report

Communications Director Mark Grant stated that 311 will go online in January 2010. The program will increase efficiency and accountability. Reports will be available by district so that problem areas can be identified and targeted to correction. We are the first non-metropolitan city in Tennessee and the first city in West Tennessee to adopt the 311 program.

Alderman Walker

He encouraged everyone to check their smoke detectors. He tendered his resignation which was accepted by the Board on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman.

Mr. Walker stated that he had been honored to serve, but has to take a job out of state. He thanked everyone and asked them to continue to look at life safety issues: radio communications between all emergency responders in the County; lighting detectors for parks; vicious dog control. He recommended Ms. Jewel Horner for his seat on the board.

Reports

Alderman Kirk wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Alderman Williams reported that the traffic signal poles are at Mall Boulevard and Parr Avenue.

Alderman Norman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Alderman McCright wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Holden reported that the fiscal year 2008-2009 audit will be available by the end of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder