

Minutes of Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
August 2, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday August 2, 2010 in the municipal courtroom at 7pm.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Alderman Bart Williams.

The minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Norman.

Ordinance BB-613 Adoption of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Finance Committee Chairman Lewis Norman stated that the proposed budget for 2010-2011 is the result of over 2 months of committee meetings. He along with Alderman Kirk commended the department heads, supervisors, City Treasurer Steve Anderson and Mayor Holden for working so diligently to pull together a solid budget.

A motion to approve the budget by roll call vote was made by Aldermen Norman and Williams. During discussion Alderman Kirk pointed out that there is no cost for the November City election since it is piggybacked on the statewide elections.

Mayor Holden was asked to read an email that he had sent to alderman and all city employees. The first half outlines the economic factors affecting the budget:

- Sales tax collections have decreased 17 out of the past 24 months
- Total sales tax collections have decreased each of the past 4 years (sales tax collection chart is on the inside front cover of the Aldermen's Budget Book)
- Property tax collections are down \$264,000 (Does not include impact of valuations in Southtown due to the flooding in May)

The second half highlights various revenue and expenditure items in the budget:

- Landfill revenue increased from \$499,446.54 to \$616,522.78
- Water sales decreased 5.6% in 09/10 but revenue increased 5% to increases mandated by the state
- Gas sales increased 4.8%. Revenue and gas purchase cost decreased due to lower gas rates due to renegotiated contracts
- Golf course revenue increased to \$286,322.30 during 09/10 budget year.(largest increase in 4 years)
- There will be no property tax increase
- There will be no sanitation rate increase
- There will be no water/sewer rate increase
- There will be no increase in margins on gas sales
- Stand by time will change from 10 hours to 5 hours
- No increase in the employees medical insurance premiums
- Full time employees(as of July 1,2010) will receive a one time \$500.00 salary supplement in December 2010
- No employees will be laid off
- No full time employees hours will be cut

Discussion ceased on a motion by Alderman Kirk and Williams to call for the question.

The City Budget for 2010-2011 was adopted on a unanimous roll call vote and the property tax rate was set at \$1.99 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Reports

Alderman Williams reminded everyone to get out and vote Thursday. He inquired about emergency shelter from the heat wave. Mayor Holden encouraged citizens to use the community centers to help keep cool, to contact the Fire Department about free fans donated by the Dyer Baptist Association and area churches, and to assist the City in checking on the elderly and sick.

Alderman Chaney announced the Dyersburg Duckfest on Saturday. The TWRA blind drawing will bring out over a 1000 hunters. The Friends of the Library will have breakfast available.

Alderman Horner commended Steve Anderson and department heads for the good job on the budget.

Alderman Norman inquired about the accounting of funds for the Future City Booster Club.

Alderman McCright stated that youth and young adults gathering at vacant houses on Hornbook Street at St. Joseph Avenue is causing traffic problems and a general disturbance in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder