

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
October 18, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2020 in the municipal courtroom at 7pm.

Mayor presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Kevin Chaney.

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

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Horner.

Gun Range

Mr. Robin Rocket reported to the Board on the efforts to construct a gun range on TWRA property in the Roellen bottoms. He stressed the multiple uses of the gun range: training for city police and the sheriff department; shooter education; carry permit training; recreation and economic activity.

Questions about the timetable for construction and financing were asked by Aldermen Kirk, McCright, Norman and Williams. Mr. Rocket responded that dirt work by the National Guard would begin in 2011 and construction of buildings should be completed in 2012. The total cost of \$500,000 will be met by \$150,000 of in-kind donations, a \$200,000 grant from the Tennessee wildlife Commission and \$150,000 yet to be raised.

Chamber Representative Steve Guttery stated that the gun range would have a significant economic impact. The community could host an annual shooting exhibition.

Natural Gas Update

Purchasing Agent Greg Williams updated the Board on projected winter gas rates. He stated the following: winter gas rates are the lowest since 2003; rates will be 9% less than 2009/2010 and 38% less than 2008/2009; an average household can expect to pay \$10.50 per month less than last winter; a rate survey by Fellon McCord shows that Dyersburg rates are lower than MLGW, Atmos-TN, Piedmont-TN, JEA, Reliant-CP, Knoxville, and LG&E.

Mayor Holden pointed out that the changes made in fall of 2009 have resulted in \$70,000 per year savings in management fees. The savings to date on the Muni-Gas program is \$1,140,652.

City Attorney Invoice

The city Attorney invoice for September 2010 in the amount of \$4,293.75 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams. Alderman Norman inquired about a review of the QDRO policy in the City Employee Retirement Plan. City Recorder Gleyn Twilla responded that the QDRO policy was reviewed for internal compliance and a proposed change will be considered when the Plan is restated in 2011 to include a change in federal regulations.

Reports

Alderman Kirk commented on new jobs becoming available as evidenced by the Sun Products job fair.

Alderman Williams congratulated the Library Foundation on the USDA grant and low interest loan for the new library on West Court Street.

Alderman Dudley stated that the \$13,000,000 grant for construction of the Cades Landing Port will be a big boost for Northwest Tennessee.

Alderwoman Horner reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Alderman Norman urged the Board members to attend the interviews of the candidates for Dyersburg City Schools Director.

Alderman McCright stressed the need for more sidewalks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder