

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
December 17, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 3 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all members present except Aldermen Dudley and McCright.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Elder Rick Crawford.

The minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to consider the closing of an alley between 518 and 524 Sugg Avenue was set for January 20, 2009.

Liquor License Application

Recorder Gleya Twilla reported that Jon Jai Baker and Edgar Parker had made application with the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a license to open and operate The Liquor Cabinet at 865 Highway 51 Bypass North. The applicants had met the four criteria for a certificate of compliance to be issued by the City, including passing a police background investigation.

The Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church had filed a letter of objection stating their concern that the liquor store would bring a bad element to the area.

The retail package store license would be the fourth and last to be available for issue in Dyersburg per ABC regulations and City ordinance. The certificate of compliance was approved by the Board on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for November 2008 in the amount of \$4231.26 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Chaney.

Recreation Committee Report

Chairman Shannon Walker reported on the meeting of November 20, 2008. The committee had discussed the following: entertainment system for D.A.C.; user fees at basketball leagues; gates for D.A.C. softball fields; tennis court lights at D.A.C.; drains, underwater lighting and disinfectant systems for the pools; security at Bruce Center; skateboard ordinance.

On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Williams it was approved to install gates in the softball field fences at D.A.C. to provide better spectator safety.

On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Williams it was approved to replace a video recorder and security cameras at Bruce Center, that had been damaged by lightning. The system allows staff to view the rooms from one central location.

Public Safety Committee Report

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the meeting of December 15, 2008. The items discussed included: remodel fire station #2; repair Jennie Bell Roof; holiday pay; video surveillance; Dyersburg Most Wanted.

Mayor John Holden had announced that the Dyersburg Most Wanted feature in the State Gazette has had a 50% success rate. It has freed up officers for other duties.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the Board accepted a \$20,923.00 bid by Buck Nash Construction to add an additional shower/restroom to fire station #2.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the Board accepted a \$42,442.00 bid by A-1 Construction to repair the roof of the police facility at Jennie Bell.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the Board amended the City Employee Handbook and the classified Employee Handbook to pay time and half to employees actually working on the official holiday date, regardless of the day the holiday is observed by the Monday thru Friday shifts in non-continuous departments.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams the Board approved purchase of a covert surveillance video system using drug fund money.

#### Reports

Alderman Williams commended the City employees for a job well done during the ice storm.

Alderman Walker stated that in the new year he would like further discussion on a lightning detection system for public parks and facilities.

Alderman Moody wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alderman Norman asked when the MTAS management study would be finished.

Human Resources Manager Sue Teague reported that injuries and worker comp. claims in 2008 are significantly lower than in 2007. The employee safety committee is functioning. The Board will get a safety report in early 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder