Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Dyersburg March 2, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 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" led by boy scout Ben Tucker, followed by prayer by Alderman Lewis Norman.

The minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk.

Mayor Holden welcomed Scout Troop 87 and their leaders, Dr. Steven Melton and Hadden Collier to the meeting.

Settlement – Robert Reed

Attorney Fred Collins, who represented the City in the Robert Reed lawsuit, recommended a settlement of the lawsuit reached in a 8 hour mediation on February 20, 2009. The lawsuit will be dismissed with prejudice.

On a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Walker the Board approved a single payment of \$35,000 to settle the lawsuit brought by former City Treasurer Robert Reed. All members voted affirmative, except Alderman Moody, who passed since he was not mentioned in the lawsuit.

Cable Committee Report

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of February 26, 2009. Cable One is current with all franchise fees and is seeking a state franchise under rules passed in 2008. The Committee had instructed Mayor Holden to send a letter to Cable One's corporate office in Phoenix, Arizona stating the concerns that the Aldermen had heard from Cable One users.

Reports

Alderman Kirk praised the Police Department for improvements outlined in the 2008 Annual Report.

<u>Alderman Williams</u> welcomed the scouts and commented on attending Camp Mack Morris with them in 2008 and 2009.

<u>Alderman Walker</u> stated that he had discussed a City wide weekend sales promotion with Chamber members. He recommended that chemical grass treatment be used in the cemeteries in 2009.

<u>Alderman Norman</u> was informed that both, the Frank Maynard and the Mall Boulevard street projects have received a notice to proceed from TDOT.

Alderman McCright asked that an effort be made to stop dogs from running loose in South Town.

Mayor Holden thanked Troop 87 for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder