

**Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Dyersburg Municipal Court Room**

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Mayor Holden. Mayor Holden noted all Aldermen were present, with the exception of Alderman Bob Kirk.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Alderman Bart Williams, followed by a second from Alderman Terry Glover. The motion passed approving the minutes.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.
- (4) **New Business:**

a. Notice of Public Hearing – December 2, 2014 - An ordinance to amend the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning map to rezone property on South Mill Avenue (Dyer County Property) from M-2 (Medium Industrial) District to B-3 (Central Business) District – Ordinance BB636

Mayor Holden presented the notice concerning Damascus Inc., who is the current lessee of the property located at 325 S. Mill Ave. in downtown Dyersburg. This property is currently leased from the Dyer county government. A thrift store is located on the main floor of the building with a second floor that is currently not in use, and Damascus wants to develop the upstairs of the building into apartments for future use for Damascus Ministries clients. Mayor Holden called for any public opinion to be presented before the Board. With none presented Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the ordinance to amend the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning map to rezone property on South Mill Avenue (Dyer County Property) from M-2 (Medium Industrial) District to B-3 (Central Business) District – Ordinance BB636.

ORDINANCE BB636

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DYERSBURG MUNICIPAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY ON SOUTH MILL AVENUE (DYER COUNTY PROPERTY) FROM M-2 (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 13-7-201 and 13-7-202 a zoning ordinance and map have been adopted for the City of Dyersburg; and,

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg Municipal-Regional Planning Commission has recommended that the following property be reclassified from its current zoning designation to the proposed zoning designation and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before Dyersburg Board of Mayor and Aldermen pursuant to section 13-7-203, Tennessee Code Annotated, the time and place of which was published with fifteen days advance notice; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DYERSBURG:

SECTION 1. That the following described property be rezoned from M-2 (Medium Industrial) district to B-3 (Central Business) district:

Parcel 14.00 on Dyer County Tax Map 099G Group B

Beginning at a point, said point being the northwestern most corner of Parcel 14.00 on Dyer County Tax Map 099G Group B; thence moving in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Parcel 14.00 to a point, said point being the northeastern most corner of Parcel 14.00; thence moving in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of Parcel 14.00 to a point, said point being the southeastern most corner of Parcel 14.00; thence moving in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of Parcel 14.00 to a point, said point being the southwestern most corner of Parcel 14.00; thence moving in a northerly direction along the western boundary of Parcel 14.00 to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage after third and final reading, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Passed First Reading

Mayor

Passed Second Reading

City Recorder

On a motion by Alderman Dennis Moody, followed by a second from Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. The motion passed approving the ordinance.

Report from Alderman and Alderwomen:

Alderman Bob Kirk: Not present.

Alderman Bart Williams: "Since this could be my last official meeting I'd like to say a few things. It has been an honor to have been elected to this office and it has been my privilege to serve. I want to thank the citizens of Dyersburg for supporting me through two terms. I have always tried to speak my mind, and perhaps there were times when I haven't spoken loud enough or long enough. I have enjoyed working with my fellow board members, I know we didn't always agree, but I am confident each of us works for what we feel is in the best interest for the

city. I wish you success with our civic efforts and personal fulfillments." Mayor Holden thanked Alderman Williams for his two terms of service.

Alderman Terry Glover: congratulated Mayor Holden for being appointed vice president of the Tennessee Municipal League.

Alderman Kevin Chaney: No report.

Alderwomen Jewell Horner: inquired as to any updates involving Beau the dog. Mayor Holden stated the most recent update was the information contained in an article in the State Gazette last week after the court hearing.

Alderwoman Horner was also quoted as saying "This is probably my last official meeting also and I concur with what Bart has said. It has been an honor for me to serve and I would like to thank everyone who allowed me to serve in this position. I have enjoyed it and I wish all of you well as you continue to conduct the city's business."

Mayor Holden thanked Alderwoman Horner for her service two the community.

Alderman Dennis Moody: also congratulated Mayor Holden on his Tennessee Municipal League appointment.

Alderwoman Joan Wyatt: was quoted to have stated "I am also leaving this year and I loved being here with friends, it is a bittersweet end."

Mayor Holden thanked Alderwoman Wyatt for her service two the community.

Alderman Robert Taylor Jr.: Alderman Taylor inquired as to the repair status of the leaf truck. He further stated he had been contacted by constituents as to the need for leaf pickup. He had been told the truck was not working properly. Mayor Holden stated the City uses (3) different trucks and he would inquire as to the status of the leaf cleaning in the alderman's area. Additionally, Alderman Taylor mentioned the report of gunshots fired in his district, and any associated arrest.

Dyersburg City Police Chief Steve Isbell came forward and addressed Alderman Taylor's questions stating that in the recent months shots have been fired around the City and some may have occurred due to gang activity. Chief Isbell stated the DPD has been working on this diligently with some authorities over in Missouri where some of these individuals are coming from. He stated the DPD work actively with these cases when they happen. Chief Isbell confirmed that no injuries have occurred from any of these gun firings.

When asked by Alderman Taylor what citizens can do to assist with this problem, Chief Isbell responded stating citizens should report what suspicious activity or what you think may be a gunshot. Chief Isbell urged citizens to not become compliant with this issue so the DPD is able to know when it occurs for documentation and response. Citizens may call 311 or in an emergency call 911 and just inform the dispatcher you do not wish to speak to the police, and

they will not come to your home and draw attention to you. Chief Isbell stated the DPD needs as much information as can be obtained

When asked if the gang activity was spreading in the area, Chief Isbell responded that because Dyersburg has had gang activity, and after the incident in the 2014 summer with someone from Missouri, there have been some more fights and more shots fired. He continued to restate the partnership of information sharing with Missouri authorities.

Communications from the Mayor:

- Airport Revenue: October of 2013 the revenue for the airport was \$33,000, for October 2014 the revenue was \$66,000. For the November 2013 revenue they had \$19,702, and for November 2014 the revenue was \$37,200 with an increase of 47 percent. Mayor Holden complimented all employees at the airport for the fine work they do for the city.
- He informed the board about the Fyrne Lake Christmas Tree Recycling program, and how everyone could take their used trees to the Farmers Market. Mayor Holden also stated there would be a public meeting at the Dyersburg City Court Room, 425 W. Market St. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the housing rehabilitation program policies, procedures, and distribute applications.

Mayor Holden ended the meeting by wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a safe holiday season.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Robert C. Jones, City Recorder