

**Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015
Dyersburg Municipal Court Room**

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2015 in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Holden presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with prayer by Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. Mayor Holden noted all Aldermen were present.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Alderwoman Carolyn Norman, followed by a second from Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. The motion passed approving the minutes.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.
- (4) **New Business:**
 - a. **Juneteenth Presentation – Mr. Michael Parr.**

Mr. Parr presented a brief overview of the history of the Juneteenth national events followed by the history of the local Dyersburg celebration. He continued his presentation by discussing various needs at the Future City Recreation area that may enhance the event. Specifically, he requested an outside electrical pole to be placed for special use during the events. Mr. Parr further stated he desired the approval for this from the City, and stated that if the City could not approve this expense in the current budget, then the Juneteenth Committee would provide for the expense of the electrical pole. He stated he had discussed the need for the pole and electric service with a DES representative and that the cost would be approximately \$1,100.00. DES would have to determine the exact location for the pole set, and an independent electrician could finalize the work within a week of the pole completion. Mayor Holden stated he would further review the request with DES.

Mr. Parr introduced Mr. James Bennett who presented concerns for the Future City Recreation area that he felt required budgeted improvement to bring the Future City program up the same standards established for the other City park recreation areas. Specifically noted was a handout picture comparison of the Okeena Park Complex, and the Future City Recreation area. Mr. Bennett stated that as a tax payer and concerned citizen he requested the Mayor and Alderman Board consider placing improvements within the City recreation budget expenses for Future City. Mayor Holden noted the City has made repairs as needed and inspected various requests for items such as stoves. He thanked the presenters for sharing their concerns. He stated the concerns could not be meet the current budget year, however, the timing of this presentation was appropriate for review in the new budget hearings for recreation for the budget year 2015-2016.

b. Mainstreet Downtown Dyersburg Update – Mr. Joe Yates.

Mr. Yates presented an overview of the conception and accomplishments of the Downtown Development Board and its efforts for improving the overall health and redevelopment of the Downtown community. The following was noted:

- The project is in its 14 official year since organizing.
- Downtown revitalization has been under promotion for nearly 20 yrs.

- 14 years ago there were 14 downtown building vacancies, and now there are only six.
- The Downtown Development program was instrumental in supporting the various phases of the Streetscape grants.
- Helped implement the now well-established 5th year Farmer's Market.
- Has implemented various successful fall festivals, and currently exploring bringing back the historical Dogwood Festival.
- Currently assisting in the procurement and fundraising of Downtown theme banner displays on the new light poles.

Mr. Yates further noted the Downtown Development Board operates as part of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation and meets each second Wednesday at Joe's Deli Restaurant.

c. Attorney Invoice.

Mayor Holden presented an invoice from the City Attorney's office to be approved for payment. The March 1, 2015 to March 31, 2014 invoice totaled \$ 5,400.00. Alderman Bob Kirk made a motion to approve the payment, with a second by Alderman Mike Morgan. The motion passed by full vote.

d. Bids – Greg Williams, Purchasing Agent.

1. Department: Police
 Item: (4) In-car Video Cameras
 Purpose: To replace older video cameras in police cars
 Budgeted: Yes
 Notification – None – Sole source of supply for standardized cameras
 Bids: Fleet Safety Equipment \$15,980.00

Mr. Williams recommended awarding the bid to Fleet Safety, Memphis, at \$15,980.00. A motion to approve the recommendation as presented before the Board was made by Alderman Robert Taylor, Jr. with a second by Alderman Dennis Moody. The motion passed by full Board approval.

2. Department: Street
 Item: 35-ton Lowboy trailer to haul trackhoe
 Purpose: To replace 1972 trailer that is no longer road worthy
 Budgeted: Yes
 Notification – None – Used equipment
 Bids: Dyer County Highway Department \$15,000.00

Mr. Williams recommended approving the purchase for \$15,000.00. A motion to approve the recommendation as presented before the Board was made by Alderman Kevin Chaney, with a second by Alderman Terry Glover. The motion passed by full Board approval.

(5) Other Business. None presented.

Report from Alderman and Alderwomen:

Aldermen Bob Kirk: No report.

Alderman Bill Escue: No report.

Alderman Terry Glover: No report.

Alderman Kevin Chaney: No report.

Alderman Mike Morgan: Complimented the efforts and services of the Dyersburg Police Department.

Alderman Dennis Moody: Encouraged citizens with concerns about abandoned properties needing grass mowing to call 311 to record their complaint.

Alderwoman Carolyn Norman: No report.

Alderman Robert Taylor Jr.: Thanked the efforts and services of the Dyersburg Street Department.

Communications from the Mayor:

- Noted the emergency sewer repairs are nearly complete to date.
- Handed out a new services directory flyer for City Hall.
- Announced the dates and times for the 2015 Mission Blitz.
- Announced the Great American Clean-Up Day at the Fairgrounds on May 5, 2015.
- Announced the South Town Dyersburg Fundraiser on 5/2/15 for the support of Habitat for Humanity.
- Discussed the completion of the sewer lift stations and other infrastructure accomplishments and use of the current CDBG grant funding in South Dyersburg.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Robert C. Jones, City Recorder