

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
February 10, 2004

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Dyersburg met in special session on Tuesday night, February 10, 2004 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Revell presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman McCright.

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by a prayer.

PUBLIC HEARING – BEER ORDINANCE

Mr. Tony Barham of Bestway Petroleum made a proposal on how to better enforce the beer ordinance and prevent sales to minors. He outlined a series of incentives and responsibilities for each of the four vested groups; business owners, cashiers, parents, and government officials.

City Attorney John Lannom addressed the requirements for any beer ordinance to be legal in scope while having penalties in the mid-range of municipalities across the state.


Mr. Bob Jenkins opined that enforcement of "no sale to minor" provision of the beer ordinance was a matter between the business owner and their cashiers. He felt that a violation should carry a \$100 fine for the business, termination of the cashier and no suspension of license.

There was a lengthy discussion of possible changes. There were three chief issues:

- a sliding scale for fines depending on circumstances;
- a time limit for violations to be considered consecutive;
- whether to and how much to fine owners and cashiers.

On a motion by Aldermen Lee and Dean the Board agreed to propose an amendment to the beer ordinance that sets a 3 year time limit on violations for establishing a reasonable connection between violations so that a progressive penalty could be enacted. The City Attorney was instructed to present a proposal for amendments to the existing beer ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Bill Revell, Mayor



Gley T. Twilla, City Recorder