

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
September 6, 2005**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 in the Municipal Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Alderman Kirk.

Minutes of August 15, 2005 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

On a motion by Aldermen Dean and Lee two public hearings were set for October 3, 2005. The hearings are for a new grease trap and ordinance and to close an alley at 115 Tickle Street East.

BEER PERMIT – PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held on the issue of an on premises beer permit for E & J Midway at 2405 St. John Avenue with Judy Kempfer the permit holder. The permit was approved on a motion by Aldermen Lee and Dudley.

BIDS

The following bids were submitted for approval:

Dept. – Recreation
Item – Installation of base layer of asphalt
Purpose – Okeena Park Access Road Project
Budgeted – No
Notification – State Gazette, 1 Vendor
Bids – Ford Construction --- \$12,120.00

Recommend award of bid to Ford Construction, Dyersburg, \$12,120.00.

Motion by Aldermen Dean and Norman.

Dept. – Street
Item – Paving
Purpose – Repair Streets – Pate, Frank Maynard, Cumberland & Tibbs
Budgeted – No
Notification – State Gazette, 1 Vendor
Bids - Ford Construction \$19,267.00

Recommend award of bid to Ford Construction, Dyersburg, TN, \$19,267.00.

Motion by Aldermen McCright and Lee.

Dept. – Solid Waste Management
Item – (2) Leachate Pumps at Landfill
Purpose – Replace inadequate pumps
Budgeted – No
Notification – None
Bids - Jack Tyler Engineering Company - \$10,124.75

Recommend approval of expense to Jack Tyler Engineering, Memphis, \$10,124.75.

Motion by Aldermen Guthrie and Dean.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Bob Dean reported on the August 18, 2005 meeting. An application is being made to the FAA to allow the Dyersburg Airport to use GIS for approach and landing. The airport received the prestigious "Front Door Award" from the Tennessee office of Aeronautics. The Fixed Base Operator Monte Warne is still seeking a license to operate an avionics repair facility.

On motion by Aldermen Dean and Dudley the Board instructed City Engineer Ken Ladd to gather all necessary information for a determination of the feasibility of financing the construction of an 8,000 square foot community hangar.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of August 30, 2005.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Lee the Board accepted the services of Dave Fisher Realty and Auction to conduct an auction of the former school office property on Phillips Street between Reynolds Avenue and Bell Avenue.

WATER, SEWER & GAS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meetings of August 18 and August 30, 2005. The Committee reviewed rising natural gas rates and instituted a utility conservation education program. The Committee reviewed the proposed grease trap ordinance, sewer lines in Hampton Place Subdivision and acquisition of utility easements to the Fort Hudson Industrial Park.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright the Board established the following priorities regarding the City's water tanks maintenance:

1. the Gordan tank;
2. exterior paint of the Volunteer tank;
3. exterior and interior painting of the Bekaert tank; and that
4. the contractor of the clear coat on the RoEllen tank be required to correct any deficiencies; and that
5. the city negotiate with Utility Services, Inc. regarding a maintenance contract.

WADE HAMPTON ROAD

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Guthrie the approval of bids to complete improvements to Wade Hampton Road was sent to the Street Committee for action.

WILLIES PLACE – MEEKS STREET

Attorney Don Walker represented Mr. Willie Toles in a request to allow him to operate a business at 1329 Meeks Street. City Building Official Gleya Twilla reported that the condemnation process had reached the point that demolition and removal of the

building is imminent. Mr. Willie Toles claimed a “grandfathered status” for his property. City Attorney John Lannom outlined the facts regarding 1329 Meeks Street over the periods 1995 to date.

No action was necessary by the Board. Staff was instructed to follow all appropriate administrative procedures to help insure the health, safety and general welfare of all citizens.

MISC.

Alderman Guthrie explained Habitat for Humanity’s plan to ship pre fab houses into the hurricane stricken south coast.

Alderman Dudley described the efforts of West Dyersburg Church of Christ and First Baptist Church in their joint effort to bring supplies to Gonzales, Louisiana. He asked everyone to work on developing a revitalization plan for Milltown.

Alderman Dean spoke about the coordination of local relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Alderman Lee called on everyone to pray for those hurt by the hurricane.

Alderman Moody commented public works for their cleanup effort after the remnants of Hurricane Katrina. He urged the City to trim all trees that might threaten city roadways.

Alderman Norman inquired about the \$225,000 Weed and Seed Grant.

Alderman McCright requested that utility turn on fees be waived for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Bill Revell, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder