

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
August 6, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2007 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" lead by Scout Troop 88 and prayer by Alderman Lewis Norman.

Minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Williams.

Citizens Input: Stop Sign – Mr. Jim Dudley

Mr. Jim Dudley of Flowering Dogwood Lane presented the Board with handouts that included four photos of the site and area near a proposed stop sign eastbound on Flowering Dogwood Lane at Cornelian. He discussed the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices) application of a multi-stop intersection and considerations in using stop signs to control speed. He suggested alternate methods to control speeding on Flowering Dogwood Lane. He asked the Board to rescind the Safety Committee's July 24<sup>th</sup> proposal to install a 3-way stop at Flowering Dogwood and Cornelian.

Police Captain Steve Isbell read a prepared statement by Chief Ledbetter who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. He stressed the need to install the stop signs as a public safety measure. The recommendation is based on the police staff's assessment of the traffic on Flowering Dogwood and on departmental best practices.

Ms. Carla Smith and Mr. Bernard Anderson expressed doubts that the signs are the best solution to the speeding problem.

Mrs. Laura Dudley explained the current traffic patterns from the bypass to the proposed stop signs. She shared her husbands concerns about backing out of their driveway into the proposed intersection.

Andrew Jackson, Steve Kein, and Bill Davis explained their concerns and past problems with speeders on Flowering Dogwood Lane. These neighbors have been concerned for several years and expressed the need for traffic controls after numerous close calls to themselves and children in the neighborhood.

Mr. Mark Grant stated that public safety is not public opinion but action based on facts. He explained that a Pueblo, Colorado study has shown that a 3-way stop controls speeds within a narrow range of the signs (approximately 300 feet) and this corresponds to the area in question along Flowering Dogwood Lane. He suggested a 6 month trial period for the stop signs.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the Board voted to authorize a 3-way stop to be installed at the intersection of Flowering Dogwood Lane at Cornelian Avenue on a six month trial basis with the police department evaluating the performance of the traffic control device and reporting back to the Board. The motion passed on an 8 to 1 vote, with Alderman Williams voting against the motion.

Bids

The following bid was submitted for approval:

Department: Police Department  
Item: (3) Digital Video Systems  
Purpose: To equip police cars with on-board camera systems  
Budgeted: No. \$14,000.00 to be received from Governor's Hwy Safety Program  
\$775.00 to be taken from the Drug Fund  
Notification: State Gazette. Direct to 4 Vendors

Bids:	Priority Alarms	No Response
	DMK Associates	No Response
	SPS Moon	\$15,225.00
	Watch-Guard	\$14,775.00

Recommend bid be awarded to Watch-Guard, Plano, TX. \$14,775.00  
Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Moody.

#### Recreation Committee Report

Chairman Shannon Walker reported on the July 18, 2007 meeting. On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Norman the Board approved a \$50,000 bid by American Ramp for skate board equipment with sound reduction material to be installed at the Dyersburg Activity Center skateboard park. On a motion by Aldermen Walker and Williams the Board approved a bid of \$78,706.00 by Covington Flooring Company for installation of a wood floor in the DAC gym.

#### Airport Committee Report

Chairman Dennis Moody reported on the meeting of July 20, 2007. The Committee authorized application to FAA to decommission the non-directional beacon. The Fixed Based Operator was authorized to install doors on the open hangars at his own expense.

#### Public Safety Report

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the July 24, 2007 meeting. An advisory committee was set up to review speed control devices. Surveillance cameras will be installed at the Dyersburg Housing Authority. Security measures at the City courtroom have been strengthened. The Committee authorized a 3-way stop on Flowering Dogwood Lane at Cornelian.

#### Miscellaneous

Alderman Kirk questioned the need to call a special Board meeting to hold a public hearing for a beer permit. His motion to cancel the meeting and hear the permit at the regular meeting date was ruled "out of order" due to not being on the agenda.

Aldermen Williams commended the fire department for their valiant efforts on the Dyersburg Fabrics fire.

Alderman Dudley suggested assessing the Flowering Dogwood – Cornelian stop signs several times over the next 6 months.

Alderman Chaney asked for a sanitation committee meeting to discuss purchase of 40 yard containers. He commended the water department for leak detection and repair.

Alderman Walker reminded everyone about Boss Hoss Days September 28-29 and their contribution of a trike used to raise money for Shrine hospitals. He urged purchase of lightning detection devices. He stated that Mr. Jim Farmer of Tennessee Drugfree Workforce will speak to the Board at a future meeting.

Alderman Moody reminded everyone about National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. He recognized Troop 88 for working on their citizenship badges. He congratulated Debra and Tony Roberson on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Alderman Norman was informed that the signalization of Mall Boulevard at Parr Avenue is in process.

Mayor Holden announced a special called meeting for Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the municipal courtroom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*John Holden*

John Holden, Mayor

  
Gleyn T. Twifla, City Recorder