

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
February 18, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2008 in the municipal courtroom.

Mayor Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” and prayer by Alderman Freeman Dudley.

The minutes of the February 2, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Bart Williams and Freeman Dudley.

Downtown Development Update

Mr. Joe Yates gave an overview of the Main Street plan for Courthouse Square redevelopment estimated to cost \$2.2 million. Local support for grant applications has been tremendous. Improvements will include new lighting, new sidewalks and landscaping. The Farmer’s Market will open in the old Forcum Lannom lumber shed in May. Main Street Manager Steve Guttery explained the efforts by engineering consultants A2H.

Taxi Franchise – Triple T Courier and Taxi – Terry Midkiff

During the public hearing, Police Chief Terry Ledbetter stated that taxi franchise applicant meets all of the minimum requirements under Municipal Code Title 9 Chapter 4 Taxicabs. All of Midkiff’s vehicles have passed inspection.

A taxicab franchise was awarded to Mr. Terry Midkiff of Triple T Courier and Taxi on a motion by Aldermen Moody and Chaney.

Resolution 021808A – Authorize Construction of Improvements of Entrance of North Industrial Park and Apply for Pilot Fastrack Grant from Department of Economic and Community Development

On a motion by Aldermen Williams and Dudley the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution 021808A

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AT THE INTERSECTION OF FT. HUDSON ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY 211; THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCH FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee on February 18, 2008;

WHEREAS, the City of Dyersburg intends to construct improvements to the entrance to the North Industrial Park at the intersection of Ft. Hudson Road and State Highway 211, the construction to be in accordance schematic drawing prepared by Forcum Lannom Contractors, LLC, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, current construction costs are approximately Four Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$486,850.00) the final costs being subject to competitive public bidding;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Pilot Rural Economic Development Incentive Fastrack Infrastructure Development Program (Pilot Fastrack) and Tennessee Department of Transportation assistance are potentially available to help fund the construction costs. The City of Dyersburg’s local match funding requirement under the PILOT Fastrack program is Twenty One percent (21%) or One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$102,239.00).

WHEREAS, under the Pilot Fastrack program the City of Dyersburg is obligated to match up to Twenty-One percent (21%) of the construction cost or approximately One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$102,239).

WHEREAS, the City of Dyersburg is acquiring the real property necessary for the construction of the improvements to the entrance to the North Industrial Park, at a cost that will meet or exceed the appraised value of \$115,000.00 and is in excess of the Twenty-One percent match required under the Pilot Fastrack program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the Mayor and City Recorder to do all things necessary or proper to secure funding through the Pilot Fastrack program for the proposed construction and to do all such other necessary and proper actions to construct the improvements to the entrance to the North Industrial Park at the intersection of Ft. Hudson Road and State Highway 211.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Dyersburg will construct the improvements to the entrance to the North Industrial Park at the intersection of Ft. Hudson Road and State Highway 211, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.
2. The Mayor and the City Recorder are authorized and directed to undertake all reasonable and necessary actions to obtain funding for the construction of the improvements to the entrance to the North Industrial Park at the intersection of Ft. Hudson Road and State Highway 211 through the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Pilot Rural Economic Development Incentive Fastrack Infrastructure Development Program, including without limitation the execution of grant and program documents/applications on behalf of the City of Dyersburg.
3. The City of Dyersburg commits to provide local match funding through the costs of acquisition of the real estate required for the project which is estimated to exceed the 21% construction costs as outlined above.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of February, 2008.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg, Tennessee

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Resolution 021808B – Authorize Construction of Improvements to Entrance of North Industrial Park and Apply for Industrial Highways Grant from Tennessee Department of Transportation

On a motion by Aldermen Williams and Dudley the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution 021808B

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AT THE INTERSECTION OF FT. HUDSON ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY 211; THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee is vitally interested in the economic welfare of its citizens and wishes to provide the necessary leadership to enhance this areas capabilities for growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the provision of jobs to area citizens by local industry is both necessary and vital to the economic well-being of the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Highway Act of 1959 authorizes the Tennessee Department of Transportation to contract with cities and counties for the construction and maintenance of “Industrial Highways” to provide access to industrial areas and to facilitate the development and expansion of industry within the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, NSK Steering Systems America, Inc., began construction of a facility to manufacture automotive steering assemblies in Dyersburg, Tennessee during February 2007, the equipping and ramping up of employment at said facility will not be completed until May 2008. Once the facility is in full operation, increased employment opportunities and increased volumes of industrial traffic will begin making, a new and larger industrial access road a requirement.

WHEREAS, the construction of the improvements to the industrial access road that serves said facility is necessary and vital to the successful completion of the NSK Project, future economic expansion in the City of Dyersburg North Industrial Park and the future economic well-being of this area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee, that a contract be entered into within the Tennessee Department of Transportation for assistance in construction and completion of the herein proposed industrial access highway under the provisions of the Industrial Highway Act of 1959.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of February, 2008.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg, Tennessee

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008 in the amount of \$9,864.76 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Kirk.

Cable Committee Report

Cable Committee Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of February 13, 2008. CableOne was represented by Local Manager Jim Duck, Local Technical Manager George Downs, and Area Engineer Ken Leader. Programming choices and poor picture quality due to co-channel interference were discussed.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman, the Mayor was asked to contact the corporate head of CableOne to seek a most satisfactory resolution to local problems, like programming and poor picture quality or disruption.

Reports

Alderman Williams encouraged citizens to get involved in downtown renovation, the farmer's market and riverfront access.

Alderman Dudley asked the Mayor to contact TDOT about repavement of Main Avenue South.

Alderman Walker asked the Cable Committee to review pole rental fees. He inquired about progress on utility line extension north of Interstate 155.

Alderman Moody asked that the Humane Society be contacted about the apparent increase in free roaming dogs.

Alderman Norman asked about cleanup efforts in the proposed riverfront park area. He inquired about the status of efforts to seek low interest loans for water system improvements.

Alderman McCright asked that the Dyer County Historical Society be asked to seek grants to put a security fence around the historical city cemetery at East Court and Liberty Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder