

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
July 21, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Shannon Walker.

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

The minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Fan Program – Summer Heat

Fire Chief Bob Veal reminded everyone of the fan program started in 2007 by Mayor Holden with a number of fans donated by the Dyer Baptist Association. In 2008 the Red Cross has donated fans to be given to the needy. Chief Veal gave a number to call to have the fire department deliver a fan.

Bids

The following bids were approved:

Department: Recreation
Item: Open P.O. for 07-08
Purpose: Drinks for resale for D.A.C. concessions
Budgeted: Yes – FY 07/08
Notification – None – Sole source locally
Supplier: Burks Beverage

Recommended that expense be approved to Burks Beverage, \$13,500.00

Motion by Aldermen McCright and Chaney.

Department: Recreation
Item: Liquid Chlorine
Purpose: Sanitizing (3) City Swimming Pools – 2008 pool season
Budgeted: Yes
Notification – None – Sole source of supply in quantity needed
Supplier: Crop Production Services \$32,400.00

Recommended that expense be approved to Crop Production Services, Union City, \$32,400.00.

Motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for June 2008 in the amount of \$12,401.29 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney.

2008/2009 Budget

City Treasurer Steve Anderson highlighted a report on General Fund budget concerns. He stated that the following revenue reductions occurred between the 2006/2007 budget and the 2007/2008 budget: local sales tax \$30,000; business tax \$15,000; building permits \$20,000; cemetery burial fees \$17,000; cemetery lot sales \$29,000; line collection \$19,000; interest earnings \$35,000.

Mr. Anderson explained that fuel costs would be approximately \$200,000 higher than in the 2006/2007 budget. Street lighting costs now exceed street aid funds received by the state. The Public Defender's office will receive \$13,500 in the next budget per a formula in state law passed in 1992. The City share of the runway lighting grant is \$45,000.

Mr. Anderson stated that the equipment expenditures and street paving are important considerations in the 2008/2009 budget.

Reports

Alderman Kirk inquired about enforcement efforts regarding digital signs. After Building Official Gleyn Twilla's report on the status of the eight signs, the Board by consensus agreed to delaying enforcement of the current sign ordinance standards and renew efforts after adoption of a new sign ordinance currently under study by the Planning Commission.

Alderman Williams commended City employees for their hard work during times of extreme heat.

Alderman Dudley asked the Police Department to take appropriate action regarding basketball being played in the middle of Ross Street each night. He inquired about progress on Frank Maynard paving. Mayor Holden explained that TLM is moving the project through the TDOT local managed project procedure.

Alderman Chaney informed the public that the City Board had made no decisions regarding the future of Okeena Pool.

Alderman Moody asked if the City could mow the western leg of the Bypass and ask TDOT for reimbursement. Mayor Holden stated that the City had done some mowing on the Bypass in the past. Recorder Gleyn Twilla reported that grant work on Parr Avenue at Mall Boulevard should be completed by late summer of 2009.

Alderman Norman inquired about the Property Maintenance Code. Mayor Holden stated that he had just received the final copy from the City Attorney.

Alderman McCright commended the School Board for the new student dress policy.

Mayor Holden congratulated the Dixie Girls Ponytails Division team on their state championship. They will compete in the World Series July 31 in Louisiana.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder