

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
August 25, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2008 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" followed by prayer by Alderman Dennis Moody.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the August 19, 2008 Finance Committee meeting where the proposed 2008-2009 Budget and the property tax freeze for the elderly were discussed and recommended to the full Board for adoption.

Public Hearing – City Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright, the Board agreed unanimously on a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance BB-597, the City Budget for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Highlights of the 2008-2009 budget include:

* Total Proposed Expenditures	\$47,634,400
* Total Proposed Revenues	\$47,742,200
* General Fund Expenditures	\$18,219,600
* Property Tax Rate	\$1.99
* COLA Employee Salaries	3%

Ordinance BB-598 – Property Tax Free for Elderly

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk, the Board approved a property tax fee for the elderly over age 65 with all qualifications and guidelines as established by TAC 67-5-705. The maximum income for qualification to be set each year by action of the State Comptroller's Office.

Street and Sanitation Committee Reports

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on actions at Committee meetings on July 24, 2008 and August 18, 2008. The Committee had discussed property maintenance codes, landfill hours of operation, Reagan Road level project and purchase of a landfill dozier.

Landfill hours were changed. Weekday hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Saturday hours will be 7 a.m. to noon.

On a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Chaney, the Board approved a bid by AMV Development for \$87,340 to restore the east retention lake at the flood gates on Reagan Road.

The following bid was approved on a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Chaney:

Department:	Solid Waste Management	
Item:	New Dozer with Landfill Package	
Purpose:	Replace 1998 CAT D7R Dozer that is currently out of service	
Budgeted:	Yes – FY 80-09	
Notification:	State Gazette, Direct to 5 vendors	
Bid:	Tiger Equipment	No Response
	Power Equipment	No Response
	Scott Construction Equipment	No Response
	Stribling Equipment	No Bid
	Thompson Machinery	\$289,378

Also, Thompson bid the following on trade-in of existing dozers:
\$74,177 on 1998 CAT dozer and \$9,148 on 1991 John Deere Dozer

Recommend approval of bid to Thompson Machinery for the purchase of new CAT D6TXL dozer for \$206,043.00, this includes trade-in of our two existing dozers.

Gas/Water/Sewer Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of August 21, 2008. The Committee had reviewed an appeal of staff's actions requiring sanitary sewer to be provided to 1984 St. John Avenue before the construction of a building for Start To Finish, an aftermarket auto customizer. The Committee upheld the decision of the Planning Commission and the City Engineer regarding utility line extension.

Habitat for Humanity requested that the City swap a surplus City lot for one of their lots on Tennyson Avenue. Reportedly, the City had installed a five foot culvert on the lot without an easement and rendered the lot unbuildable.

Reports

Alderman Williams commented on the much needed rain that started falling just before the meeting.

Alderman Dudley inquired about the cable contract, since citizens feel service is getting worse. Mayor Holden stated that the Cable Committee is awaiting a proposal from CableOne and that AT & T has two years to make a proposal under new state law.

Alderman Walker asked everyone to wait until a few days before their monthly trash pick up date before pulling out items along the street. He stressed the urgency of enabling City and County law enforcement officers to talk one on one without having to direct everything through dispatch.

Alderman Norman thanked Steve Anderson and Department Heads for their efforts on the new budget.

Alderman McCright thanked the Police Department for their neighborhood patrols and asked that it continue.

Mayor Holden announced that the World Champion Ponytails will be honored at the opening of the Dyer County Fair on Sept 1, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder