Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Dyersburg November 17, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Charles McCright.

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

The minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Williams.

<u>Chamber – Education</u>

D.S.C.C. President Karen Bowyer highlighted the Chambers educational efforts: dual enrollment 192 students; 60 high school students training at voc – tech; 70 GED grads; career readiness certificate; Tennessee scholars; Dyer County Promise. She commended the Board for their support of these educational efforts.

Mr. Connor Ladd thanked the Board for the aid he has received from Dyer County Promise. Aldermen Kirk, Norman and Williams commented on the various successes. Enrollment is up 7%, but the area is still underserved based on national standards. The name change at the community college is not an issue in the near future.

<u>Chamber - Transportation</u>

Transportation Vice – Chairman John Ford explained the current status of local transportation projects and the state's funding short fall. He stressed that the 21.4 cents of flat gasoline tax adopted in 1989 is bringing in less money due to usage cut backs. Rising petrol prices have driven paving material costs to all time highs.

The committee has assisted in issues involving the Cates Landing Fort, I-69, shipping issues, the airport and long range planning. Three projects will begin, spring of 2009: paving 3.24 miles from Viar to the Court Square; 2.16 miles on 51 Business from the Bypass north to McGaughey; 1.39 miles on St.John Avenue from Frank Maynard to Sylvan Road.

Aldermen Dudley, Norman, Kirk, and Chaney expressed strong support for transportation efforts.

<u>Bids</u>

1. Department: Street Department / Wastewater Plant

Item: (3) - ½ ton Pickup trucks (2 for Street & 1 for Wastewater)

Purpose: Replace older model trucks in bad shape

Budgeted: Yes

Notification – State Gazette, Direct to 5 Vendors

Bids:Moody-WadleyNo ResponseRick Hill Nissan\$61,941.002009 modelsUnited Dodge\$59,469.002009 modelsAlexander Ford (state contract)\$50,823.002009 modelsTim Castellaw Ford\$46,408.952009 modelsTim Castellaw Ford\$42,810.702008 modelsDelta Chevrolet\$42,539.522008 models

Recommendation: award bid to Delta Chevrolet, Dyersburg, \$42,539.52.

Motion by Aldermen Kirk and Chaney.

Alderman Dudley stated that he has done business with Delta Chevrolet.

City Attorney Invoice

The City attorney invoice for October 2008 in the amount of \$6,918.75 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Kirk.

Reports

<u>Alderman Williams</u> congratulated the DHS football team for their post season victory over Sheffield. The third round game against Mitchell is Friday night.

<u>Alderman Walker</u> reminded everyone to attend the Recreation Committee meeting at 3:30 Thursday. He announced that Chimes for Charity will be broadcast on Channel 4 this week.

Alderman Moody inquired about the leaf pickup schedule.

<u>Mayor Holden</u> announced the Christmas Parade will be held December 1st at 7 p.m. He congratulated the Trojans on their football season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

	John Holden, Mayor	
Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder		