

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
January 5, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2009 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 Walker.

The minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright.

Cable Committee Report

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of December 29, 2008. The committee had met with Cable One manager Elvis Brown about the termination of channels 6, 7 and 12. Eight members of the City Board were present and expressed citizens' concerns about quality of service, loss of network channels and rising prices. Chairman Dudley reported that Cable One was later able to retain channel 7 while dropping channels 6 and 12.

Aldermen Kirk and Moody commented on cable disruptions in the past two days. Aldermen Norman inquired about Cable One operating the past four months without a renewed franchise contract. It was noted by Mayor Holden that the City is reviewing the definition of "gross revenue" to determine if Cable One owes additional franchise fees.

Aldermen Moody requested that Mayor Holden contact AT&T about their plans to offer cable service in Dyersburg.

Reports

Alderman Kirk requested a report on the cost of traffic light improvements on Troy at Oak and Watkins. He inquired if reduced fuel costs would allow a reduction in expenditures in the 2008/2009 budget.

Alderman Williams commended everyone for the community's generosity in the holiday season by helping in charitable projects.

Alderman Dudley stressed the need to have a plan to encourage commercial and economic growth in Dyersburg. Mayor Holden discussed the City's "Shop Dyersburg First" initiatives and the Chamber's efforts to promote local business.

Alderman Walker asked about natural gas purchases. Purchasing Agent Greg Williams stated that 80% of March 2009 was purchased at \$7 to \$8, summer gas is 50% purchased in the \$6 to \$7 range and 20% for November 2009 at \$5.60. The Munigas discount has saved \$700,000 that has been passed along to the customers

Mr. Walker inquired about the 2008-2009 budget and was assured by City Treasurer Steve Anderson, that the budget is on track.

Alderman Norman mentioned the numerous favorable comments about the traffic signal improvements on Troy Avenue at Oakland and Watkins.

Alderman McCright urged energy efficiency and conservation as a means of budget reduction. Mayor Holden explained that a energy audit of City facilities has been planned.

Mayor Holden reported that the audit of the 2007-2008 fiscal year was released on December 30, 2008. He commended Steve Anderson and City Hall Staff for a job well done. Mayor Holden also welcomed back Alderman Dudley after an illness.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder