

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
January 20, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 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 a moment of silence for Corporal Keith Eric Essary, who was killed in Afghanistan.

The minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Williams.

Ordinance BB – 603 Alley Closing – Sugg Place

After a public hearing the alley between 518 and 524 Sugg Place was closed and abandoned on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman. The West – East alley is 10 feet wide and 132 feet long starting on the east side of the right of way of Sugg Place.

Bids

Department: Street Department

Item: (2) 115hp MFWD tractors w/ 60” side-mount mowers

Purpose: Mow street right-of-ways

Budgeted: Yes

Notification – State Gazette, Direct to 4 Vendors

Bids: CMI Equipment No Response

Alamo Industrial Equipment \$127,100.00

Dandridge Equipment \$124,500.00

Tennessee Tractor \$119,053.68

Recommendation: Award bid to Tennessee Tractor, Dyersburg, \$119,053.68.

Motion by Aldermen Williams and Dudley.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for December 2008 in the amount of \$7039.02 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Progress Report 2007-2008

Mayor John Holden made a midterm report on the projects, changes, and progress of the past two years. The comprehensive power point presentation covered numerous items including: formulation of a mission statement; website updates; code red city watch; pictometry; pavement management program; 311 service; property clean up and demolition; river front clean up; relocation of impound yard; Bruce levee clean up; downtown grants and revitalization; Great American Clean Up; fair booth; industrial road improvements; NSK opening; construction of spec building #2; Front Door Award at airport for 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year; \$500,000 in airport grants; street scape on Upper Finley Road; utilities under interstate 155; Reagan Road retention improvements; firefly installation; northview ditch improvements; storm shelter database; vial of life; color coded fire hydrants; emergency manuals updated; major crime statistics decreased in 2008 from 2007; bike patrol restarted; landfill cell completed; new equipment at landfill; sanitation pickup schedule; Shop Dyersburg First campaign; local purchases by City; recycling sites; positive balance in water – sewer fund for two years after seven year deficit; number of employees reduced 381 to 349 by attrition, retirements, and cross training; City Hall tours.

## Reports

Alderman Williams commended the Mayor and everyone involved in the progress of the past two years. He asked for a forum to be called to review long range planning.

Alderman Dudley expressed the need for the nation to get behind our elected officials so we can move forward.

Alderman Chaney inquired if water rates would have to be adjusted in the 2009-2010 budget. He was told by Mayor Holden that the City is reviewing web hosting proposals for web casting Board meetings.

Alderman Walker expressed concern about vicious dogs. He inquired about the City's comp time policy. He agreed that a round table forum should be held to discussion planning. Chief Veal told him renovation at station #2 will be finished in 3 weeks.

Alderman Moody was told by the Mayor that the project at Mall Boulevard at Parr Avenue is ready to be bid.

Alderman Norman expressed more concerns about Cable One's performance. The Mayor explained the letter from Cable One that has been received just prior to the meeting stating had channels WLMT and WPTY may have to be dropped due to excessive fee requests.

Mayor Holden stated that the mid-year financial report has been completed, the EOC annual report is done and the Chamber is sponsoring a small business clinic on survival in difficult economic times.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder