

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
May 3, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2010 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.

The minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Williams and Norman with an amendment clarifying that a comment attributed to Alderman Norman was actually made by Alderman Kirk.

Flooding on Forked Deer River

Fire Chief Veal outlined the ongoing flood rescue and aid mission that began when the Forked Deer River overflowed its banks. Flooding has occurred in the Southtown, Evansville and Cotton Villa areas. Mayor Holden has signed a declaration requesting federal assistance. City crews have disconnected utilities in the effected areas. City crews have assisted in the evacuation and are preventing unauthorized persons from entering the effected areas. The levee surrounding the Bruce Community is under constant observation.

Citizens have pitched in to help: the Boy Scouts are filling sand bags on the parking lot at Station #1; the Red Cross Shelter has been opened at the First Methodist Church with assistance from the Dyer Baptist Association; the First Baptist Church will be cooking for the shelter; Union Mission and Matthew 25:40 are assisting with food and clothing.

Public Hearing – Ordinance BB-610 Close Alley Sharp Street to Phillips Street

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Norman the alley between 519/527 Sharp Street south to between 520/526 Phillips Street was closed and abandoned by the City.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Shiva Investments, Inc.

Police Chief Art Heun stated that the applicant met all of the minimum standards. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Horner, an on premises beer permit was granted to Shiva Investments, Inc at 610 Tucker Street permit holders Panna Patel and Hemang Patel.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit – X Factor Bar and Grill

Police Chief Heun stated that based on the investigation by the Dyersburg Police Department the application does not meet the minimum standards of the Beer Ordinance. The determination was reached upon review of the following: Beer Ordinance Section 8-205 ; TCA 57-5-109 ; survey provided by the applicant.

Pastor Jeremy Ballinger of Holy Hills Baptist Church spoke on behalf of a group attending the meeting. He stated that the church was opposed to the issue of the beer permit for obvious reasons.

The beer permit request for X Factor Bar and Grill at 405 Highway 51 Bypass North with permit holder Calvin Harris was denied by unanimous vote on a motion by Aldermen Dudley and Moody.

Bids

The following bid was approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams:

Department: Cemetery
Item: Asphalt Paving
Purpose: Finish new road in Fairview Cemetery
Budgeted: Yes
Notification: State Gazette
Bids: Ford Construction \$18,200.00

Recommendation: Award bid to Ford Construction, Dyersburg, \$18,200.00

Reports

Alderman Williams thanked the City employees and all of the volunteers that made the Great American Clean Up a success.

Alderman Horner asked everyone to remember the flood victims in their prayers.

Alderman Moody commended the Street and Public Works Departments for keeping the storm drains open during the weekend rains.

Alderman Norman inquired about the deficit being run in the insurance reserve fund for employee dental insurance. The fund is to be budget neutral. He requested that the City look at repairs to pavement in the Fairview Cemetery.

Alderman McCright stated that in a flyover he had witnessed the devastation in Southtown caused by the flood.

Mayor Holden reminded everyone about the emergency shelter at the First Methodist Church that is a cooperative effort of First Methodist, First Baptist, the Dyer Baptist Association and the Red Cross. The National Day of Prayer is on Wednesday May 5, 2010. The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast will be held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church at 6:15 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder