

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
City of Dyersburg
December 20, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2010 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present except Alderman Freeman Dudley.

Mayor Holden informed everyone that Alderman Dudley passed away on Sunday evening, December 19, 2010 from complications of his long illness. He spoke of Alderman Dudley's service to the Board since August of 1996 and his current Chairmanships of the Cemetery Committee and of the Street and Sanitation Committee.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by prayer by Brother Rick Crawford, who remembered Alderman Freeman Dudley as a friend and a family man. He spoke of Alderman Dudley's kindness and his contribution to the community.

The minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Chaney.

Resolution # 122010 CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds

Mayor Holden reported that the City is eligible to apply for up to \$1 million in CDBG disaster grant funds due to the May 2010 flood. The funds can be used for infrastructure and other long term recovery efforts. The grant will not require a match by the City.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams the Board approved a resolution to seek the CDBG disaster grant funding.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for November 2010 in the amount of \$11,420.85 was approved on a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Williams.

Water, Sewer and Gas Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the meeting of December 9, 2010. The City Engineer Brad Davis had presented the bids to provide utility extension from Interstate 155 to the new Fifth Consolidated School on the Millsfield Highway. Each property along the road will be given at least one connection to water, sewer and gas. The gas lines will be run by the City crew. Water and sewer was bid out with Maurbury Construction being the lowest of 7 bidders.

This project will complete the City's plan of service under the 2007 annexation of this area. The Dyer County School System has committed to pay \$490,000.00 toward completion of the water and sewer extension.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright the Board accepted the bid of \$511,091.90 by Maurbury Construction for extension of water and sewer lines along Millsfield Highway.

Public Safety Committee Report

Chairman Bob Kirk reported on the meeting of December 20, 2010. The Committee had reviewed the proposal to use the state purchase contract to accept Motorola's proposal to rebuild the City's communication system. The current system is obsolete with no radio support and with no support for the backbone after 2011. The proposed rebuilt to P-25 standards would take 1 year. The system's 500 users will have state wide access. The new form factor radios will be lighter and have longer battery life. Local service will be provided by West Tennessee Communications.

The cost of the new system will be recouped in part by new user and dispatch fees. The Dyer County E-911 Board has pledged \$50,000 per year for 10 years to help pay off the rebuild.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams the Board accepted Motorola's proposal to rebuild the communication system at a cost of \$1,972,561.00 plus a contingency of \$150,000.

The Committee recommended the purchase of 11 firefighter turnout coats and pants. Carbon black from two separate calls to Excel Polymers had affected 20 sets of turnouts. Excel made a donation of \$12,500.00 toward the purchase of new turnouts. After special cleaning, 9 sets will become backup sets.

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Horner the Board accepted a bid of \$12,232.00 by NAFECO of Decatur, Alabama to provide 11 sets of turnouts for the Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Steve Anderson gave a financial overview. The May flood stressed City resources. FEMA will provide \$286,883.60 toward the costs incurred by the City. The NSP grant was also utilized to clear houses in Southtown and it paid \$227,676.60 in landfill charges to the City of Dyersburg.

The audit for 2009/2010 will be available by year end. There are no major findings.

Mr. Anderson further reported that property tax collections are on target. The County Assessor will furnish a tax adjustment statement resulting from the flood. A midyear financial report will be available at the second meeting in January.

Aldermen Reports

Alderman Kirk praised Alderman Dudley's service to the community and asks for prayers for his family.

Alderman Williams stated that Alderman Dudley's courage to carry on without complaint during his illness is an inspiration to us all.

Alderman Chaney remembered Alderman Dudley as a friend who will be deeply missed.

Alderman Horner stated that Alderman Dudley was a good example who worked hard and fought for his district.

Alderman Moody asked that the Dudley family be remembered in our prayers.

Alderman Norman praised his friend Alderman Dudley. He reported that the Future Booster Club's audit had been completed and asked that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman McCright said Alderman Dudley will be missed but we will meet him by and by.

Mayor Holden again praised Alderman Dudley's contribution to the City as Alderman and Planning Commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder