

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Those present were Mayor Scott Jewell; Alderpersons – Judy Baker, Bitsy Gilliland, Nathan Reed, Roger Gray, Robert Johnson, George Fisher, and Attorneys Bill Barron and Hillary Lawler. Alderpersons Cody Childress was not present.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by George Fisher to approve the June 23, 2008 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with all ayes.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Jewell informed the Board of Alderpersons of a shortfall in the General Fund checking account.

Motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Robert Johnson to borrow \$75,000.00 from the Special Building Fund and transfer it to the General Fund to cover operating expenses. The borrowed funds will be repaid when property tax revenues are collected. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Jewell advised that the Old City Hall Building at 123 East Maple had been inspected for the presence of asbestos. He advised that there were 4' x 8' sheets of asbestos in the Fire Department bays of the building. Mayor Jewell was advised by Richard Bailey, the City's Building Inspector, that the asbestos would have to be removed. There was much discussion concerning whether or not the demolition contract would have to be revised and re-publicized to include the removal of asbestos. The decision was made to wait for the final inspection report from Mr. Rhodes, the asbestos inspector, before making any further decisions concerning the demolition of this building.

Mayor Jewell reported that he attended a meeting on July 8, 2008 along with Severn Trent personnel and supervision from the Dyer Nursing Home concerning the ongoing sewage problem occurring at the lift station serving the nursing home. Mayor Jewell advised that Severn Trent personnel are still having trouble with grease, rags, and gloves blocking the sewer lines and causing the pumps at the lift station malfunction. Mayor Jewell advised that the nursing home denies any infractions. The meeting attendees then went to the manhole serving the nursing home. Everyone witnessed rags, gloves, and grease coming from the sewer line. Mayor Jewell asked Severn Trent personnel to take pictures and document every time that they have problems with this sewer line. The city council had previously voted to exercise legal options to recoup expenses incurred related to this situation.

Mayor Jewell also reported that Steven Tucker has been serving as the interim Public Works Supervisor since the unfortunate death of Marc Estes. Mayor Jewell recommended to the Board of Alderpersons that Steven's rate of pay should be raised to the supervisory pay rate while he assumes this position.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Judy Baker to confirm Steven Tucker as the Interim Public Works Supervisor and to set his pay at the supervisory rate of pay until further decisions

are made regarding the permanent filling of the Public Works Supervisor position. Motion carried with all ayes.

In Department Reports, Judy Baker questioned the sudden death of the Police K-9, Chios. The autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was a heat stroke and heart worms.

Severn Trent Water Plant Operator, Randy Gregory reported that he had attended a pre-construction meeting earlier in the day regarding the two new water wells for the City of Dyer. Mr. Gregory met with city officials, the engineering firm, and a representative from Wilson Well Company. Contracts were signed during the meeting and Wilson Well Company immediately began setting up equipment to begin construction. Mr. Gregory advised that one well should be completed within forty days.

In Old Business, several alderpersons asked the status of a Bond Issuance. Assistant City Recorder, Jason K. Griggs, advised that the Bond Broker was waiting on the City to compile a comprehensive, detailed list of items to be financed and exact dollar amounts to be financed.

In New Business, Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to pass on the first reading, Ordinance Number 2008-166 (An Ordinance to levy a property tax for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to adopt Resolution 2008-168 (Water Wells Three-Year Capital Outlay Notes). Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by George Fisher to approve P.O. 5434 to American Development Corporation for \$454.25 for water plant chemicals. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Roger Gray to approve P.O. 5439 to Area Wide Communications for \$450.00 for a light for the newly purchased Street Department truck. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve P.O. 5440 to Higdon Electric for \$898.96 for electrical work related to moving the tornado siren. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Roger Gray to approve P.O. 5442 to Sullivan Fabricating for \$688.00 for materials related to moving the tornado siren. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Judy Baker to approve P.O. 5444 to Alford's Tire Center for \$581.15 for tires for the water department service truck. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve P.O. 5446 to King Construction Company for \$4,169.75 for sand. Motion carried with all ayes.

Roger Gray reported that a citizen had contacted him to complain that there were 2 kids staying out at all hours of the night, laughing, playing, and beating on houses. This is happening on the corner of East College St. and Fremont St. Several other alderpersons advised that they had also been contacted by citizens complaining about the same situation. Officers Rodney Wilkins and Knott Bailey advised that they had been called on several occasions concerning this situation. The officers advised that they would monitor the situation and take care of it.

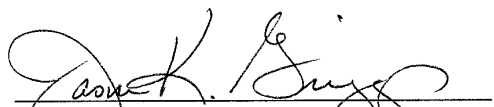
Mayor Jewell brought to the Board's attention that since the unfortunate death of Marc Estes, part-time employee, John Bailey had been working more hours to help the Public Works department. Mayor Jewell recommended that John Bailey's pay rate be increased. Nathan Reed recommended that this situation be dealt with in committee.


Mayor Jewell also advised the Board of Alderpersons that he had been contacted by Crossroads Wireless concerning renting space on the Ashley Street water tank for \$500.00 per month for the placement of a cellular tower. Nathan Reed referred this to committee and asked that a copy of the rental agreement be given to the city attorney for review.

A joint Public Works / Public Safety Committee Meeting is set for Monday, July 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by George Fisher to pay the general accounts of \$77,126.77. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by George Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.

  
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Jason K. Griggs, Assistant City Recorder

  
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C. Scott Jewell, Mayor