

The City of Dyer Mayor and Board of Alderpersons met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Those present were Mayor Walton Thompson; Alderpersons – Judy Baker, Bitsy Gilliland, Nathan Reed, Jimmy Landrum, Robert Johnson, George Fisher, and Attorneys Hillary Parham and Bill R Barron. Alderman Cody Childress was absent.

Motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Jimmy Landrum to approve the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with all ayes.

Dorothy Farmer and Essie Barnes of Freewill Shelter and Outreach of Humboldt spoke concerning their program. They help drug addicts, alcoholics, and homeless men and women. This is a faith base program which last 90 days. There is a 50 to 65% success rate that once these complete this program, they do not go back into the same situation as prior to coming to this program. They also operate a Thrift Store to help support this program. They request consideration for financial support from the city.

William McFarland representing Gibson County Visual Art Association located in Humboldt presented each member with a 2009 calendar. He also invited everyone to their Spring Art show May 3rd. He also has a PowerPoint presentation available if a group wants to see this program.

Mrs. Dorothy Bearce of South Peck Switch Cove spoke for the residents of Peck Switch and Scattered Acres. She expressed their appreciation for the city's support concerning the group homes discussed for their area. They plan to meet February 25, 2009 in Nashville with the Health Service Board.

Mayor Thompson spoke in appreciation how well each one who spoke before the Health Services & Development Agency Public Hearing January 22, 2009.

Mr. Tom Lannom representing the Dyer Volunteer League stated that a storage pod is given to them to store their equipment at David Robinson Recreation Park. We will host three to four ball tournaments this year. We also were given 10 to 12 trees to transplant between the ball fields for shade. We ask your permission to locate the pod and plant the trees at the park.

Mayor Thompson asks Kenneth McEwen to read a letter from the "alderperson search committee". The committee recommends Roger Gray to fill the vacant seat from February 9, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Robert Johnson to appoint Roger Gray to fill Alderman Tom Lannom's vacant seat until December 31, 2010. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 2 nays (Landrum, Fisher).

Mayor Thompson asks Kenneth McEwen to administer the Oath of Office to Roger Gray. Following this oath administration, Alderman Roger Gray was seated. Mayor Thompson appointed him to the Fire Committee, Parks & Personnel Committee, Finance/Administration Committee, and Public Works, Water & Sewer Committee.

Randy Gregory stated that the polymer to use with well # 7 cost about \$4,500 per year. This will allow well # 7 to be on line and flow into the system. He states the screw pump at the wastewater treatment plant needs repairs at a cost of \$525.00.

Motion made by George Fisher seconded by Robert Johnson to advertise in the Tri-City Reporter for two weeks in March concerning property which does not meet city ordinance stating that a 7-day warning be give to comply or citation will be issued. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 pass (Gray).

Motion made by Bitsy Gilliland seconded by Judy Baker to extend Alice Inman's mowing contract until October 31, 2009. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bitsy Gilliland seconded by Robert Johnson to permit the Dyer Volunteer Ball League to install an equipment storage pod and 10 to 12 shade trees at David Robinson Recreation Park. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 pass (Gray).

Motion make by Robert Johnson seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to promote Interim Public Works Supervisor to Public Works Supervisor and name John McElrath as Assistant Public Works Supervisor. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Robert Johnson to approve PO 5610 to Newbern Machinery for \$525.00 for wastewater screw pump repairs. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by George Fisher to approve PO 5601 to American Development Corporation for \$506.50 for wastewater plant chemicals. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by George Fisher to approve PO 5506 to Medina BP for \$1,570.40 for K-9 Police Car repairs. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 pass (Gray).

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Judy Baker to authorize the City Recorder to follow the state statue to collect the 2007 delinquent property taxes. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 pass (Gray).

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to pay the general accounts of \$29,573.39. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

Kenneth W McEwen

Kenneth W McEwen, Recorder

Walton R Thompson

Walton R Thompson, Mayor