

The City of Dyer Mayor and Board of Alderpersons met in regular session Monday, April 27, 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, Roger Gray, George Fisher, Robert Johnson and Attorney Hillary Parham. Alderperson Cody Childress arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to approve the April 13, 2009 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with all ayes.

Janice Mealer, Meals on Wheels Driver, spoke to the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons and asked approval to start a congregate meal site in the City of Dyer. Janice advised that the Federal Stimulus Plan had earmarked funds for a congregate meal site for the City of Dyer for an 18 month period. Janice further stated that this program will function in addition to the current Meals on Wheels Program which delivers meals to homebound citizens. Janice stated that Federal allocations would fund this program at no cost to the City of Dyer. This program would require the use of the VFW 5 days per week for the facilitation of this program. She advised that if approval for this site was given, the program would feed approximately 25 people 5 days per week as well as promoting health nutrition education, offer blood pressure checking, and other health related activities. Janice advised that upon approval of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons, she would need assistance in finding 25 people who would be interested in benefiting from this program.

Dorothy Fisher, who lives at 219 Davis Street, complained about the dumpsters for the “April Clean Up Month” being put in the lot across from her residence. She complained that the dumpsters and garbage were unsightly and smelly. She repeatedly asked, “Is this the only lot that the City owns and can put these dumpsters?” Mayor Sam Thompson and Alderperson Robert Johnson advised Ms. Fisher that this would never happen again.

Lindsay McDaniel, who lives at 207 North Poplar, informed the Mayor and Board that there was a severe drainage problem at her residence. She informed that the Storm Water from Parkview Drive runs into her yard. She asked if there was anything that the City could do to resolve this issue. Supervisor Steven Tucker advised that resolving the issue would require working on Private Property. Robert Johnson and Jimmy Landrum want to meet with Ed Hargraves to get an engineer’s opinion of how this issue could be resolved.

Dorothy Bearce, who lives at 126 South Peck Switch Cove, asked why the owners of the lots for the group homes were not mowing the vacant lots. She would like the City to do something about this. She asked the City to send a letter to the owners asking them to mow the lots.

Alderperson Cody Childress arrived at 7:28 p.m.

In the Mayor’s Report, Mayor Sam Thompson informed the Alderpersons of a letter to be mailed to Gerald Parish asking for approval to use Gibson Electric Membership Corporation, as a “sole source provider”, to repair the lights at the ball fields for this

portion of the Park Grant. Bitsy Gilliland asked to have a Park Committee Meeting on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the next steps to complete the Park Grant. Mayor Thompson also advised that he had received several complaints about pot holes in different areas of the city. He advised that he would like for Supervisor Steven Tucker to get an assessment of the pot holes and plan for a paving project for pot holes.

In the Street Department Report, Supervisor Steven Tucker advised that he had received the meter for the recreation park and it would be installed as soon as the locations for the various utilities were completed. Tucker also advised that he had attended a "Backflow" Seminar in Jackson presented by J.E.A. He advised that he passed the course with a score of 90.

In the Finance Department Report, Assistant City Recorder Jason Griggs advised that while working on the upcoming year's budget, he had noticed an oversight for the inspection and cleaning of the South Main Street water tank. The deadline for having this tank inspected is June 30, 2009. Griggs further advised that upon conferring with Kenneth McEwen, he had asked for the submittal of bids from 4 different companies for the cleaning and inspection of the South Main Street water tank. The bids were as follows:

Liquid Engineering	\$2,750.00
Liquivision Technologies	No Bid
Pittsburgh Tank & Tower	\$4,950.00
Mid South Tank Consultants	\$2,750.00

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Jimmy Landrum for Mid South Tank Consultants to clean and inspect the South Main Street water tank before June 30, 2009. Motion carried with all ayes.

Severn Trent representative, Randy Gregory stated that he had received a phone call from Roy Corley in which Mr. Corley thanked Mr. Gregory and the City of Dyer for making recommended improvements in a timely fashion.

Health Officer George Fisher asked the Alderpersons that when they receive complaints about un-mowed yards, to please write down the address and forward it to him. He also advised that citizens with un-mowed yards would start receiving citations as of May 1.

Jimmy Landrum advised that Tom Lannom had asked permission to move 2 of the small bleachers that are currently located behind the Jr. High school to the recreation park for the summer ball season.

Water and Sewer chairman Robert Johnson advised that the budget for the Public Works department was in the red.

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Jimmy Landrum to cease employment with part-time employee Jason Stephens after a 7 day notice and to reduce part-time employee John Bailey's working hours to 2 days per week. Motion carried. Baker – No, Gilliland –

Pass, Reed – aye, Landrum – aye, Fisher – aye, Gray – aye, Childress – aye, and Johnson – aye.

Finance chairman Nathan Reed requested a Finance Meeting for Monday, May 4 following the Park Committee Meeting.

Nathan Reed requested a joint Building/Finance Committee meeting for Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the repair or replacement of tables and chairs at the VFW and also to meet with Greer Lashlee.

In Unfinished Business, motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Roger Gray to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2009-168. Motion carried with all ayes.

In New Business, motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve the annual audit contract to Alexander, Thompson, Arnold for \$17,485.00. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum to pay Lashlee-Rich in the amount of \$1,221.00 for repairs to the Water Plant. Motion carried with all ayes.

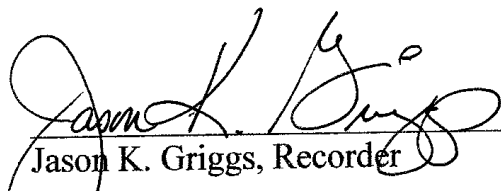
Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum to pay Lashlee-Rich in the amount of \$1,190.00 for repairs to the WasteWater Plant. Motion carried with all ayes.


Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Judy Baker to approve PO 5675 to Kenton Chevrolet for \$651.48 for repairs to the Public Works ton truck. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to allow the Meals Program to use the VFW 5 days per week for the new program funded by the Stimulus Plan. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve the general accounts of \$11,228.66. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by Cody Childress to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.


Jason K. Griggs, Recorder


Walton Thompson, Mayor