

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Walton Thompson; Alderpersons – Judy Baker, Bitsy Gilliland, Nathan Reed, Jimmy Landrum, Cody Childress, Roger Gray, and George Fisher. Attorney Jennifer Deen was present. Alderperson Robert Johnson was absent.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to approve the June 28, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with all ayes.

#### **Visitor's Section**

In the Visitor's section, Kenneth Workman addressed the Board concerning the increase in water & sewer rates. Mayor Thompson explained that the State of Tennessee has deemed the City of Dyer Water & Sewer Fund as "financially distressed". State law prescribes that the Water & Sewer Fund must show a positive change in net assets. Mayor Thompson further explained that the Board had no other choice than to raise the rates. Inaction by the Board would result in the State of Tennessee getting a court order to set the water and sewer rates at a level that would insure a positive net change in assets. Mayor Thompson further advised that the water and sewer rates would be much higher if the State were to set them. After much debate from many in attendance, Mayor Thompson stated that the letter that the City received from the State of Tennessee would be published in the July 22, 2010 publication of the Tri-City Reporter.

Also in the Visitor's section, Tom Lannom and Wyman Branson spoke representing the Dyer Volunteer Ball League. Mr. Lannom provided a financial spreadsheet to the Board which outlined the financial activities of the league for the past year. Mayor Thompson expressed his many thanks to Mr. Lannom, Mr. Branson, and the Dyer Volunteer Ball League for their many hours of dedication and hard work. Mr. Branson advised that he and Mr. Lannom would like to be involved on the Park Committee to be able to better assist with the keeping of the ball fields.

#### **Department Reports**

In the Police Department report, Alderman Cody Childress expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for their assistance to first responders on emergency medical calls.

In the Street Department report, Supervisor Steven Tucker advised the Board that the John Deere 325 lawnmower was inoperable. He stated that a replacement for this mower had been included in the new budget. He asked the Board if they desired for him to fix the old mower or purchase the new mower. The Board asked Tucker to see if he can fix the mower.

In the Water & Sewer Department report, William Caton advised that the wet well at the Highway 45 lift station needed to be pumped out. It was decided to have the wet well pumped out.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Judy Baker to pass on second and final reading Ordinance 2010-183. Motion carried. Yea – Baker, Gilliland, Reed, Landrum, Childress, & Gray. Pass – Fisher.

#### **New Business**

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum to pass on first reading Ordinance 2010-186. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to pass on first reading Ordinance 2010-185. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum for the City of Dyer to apply and become a member of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts at a cost of \$437.06. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to approve P.O. 6083 to Southern Concrete for \$425.76 for repairs to West College Street. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Roger Gray to approve P.O. 6067 to American Development Corporation for \$672.00 for chemicals for the water and wastewater plants. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Thompson stated that he had received a letter from Edna Leitherland concerning the property conditions at 208 South Main Street. Mayor Thompson asked City Recorder Jason Griggs to read aloud the letter from Ms. Leitherland. Mayor Thompson stated that he had received a letter from the owner of 208 South Main Street in response to Ms. Leitherland's letter. Mayor Thompson asked that this situation be referred to the Health Committee and for the Health Committee to give its response regarding this situation at the July 26, 2010 board meeting.

Mayor Thompson advised the Board that Jim Davis had confronted him about the condition of the property at 256 Walnut Street. Mr. Davis advised the mayor that he and his wife owned property near this residence and they've missed 2 to 3 opportunities to sell this property due to the condition of 256 Walnut Street. Health Officer George Fisher recommended that this situation be addressed in a Health Committee meeting.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum to approve P.O. 6064 for \$8,166.40 to Newbern Machine for repairs to the clarifier at the sewer plant. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Judy Baker to approve P. O. 6081 for \$400.00 to American Development Corporation for chemicals for the water and wastewater plants. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to pass on first reading Ordinance 2010-187. Motion carried with all ayes.

Alderman Jimmy Landrum advised the Board that he had investigated the possibilities of using the old police department radios for the public works crew. After debate, the Board decided that the public works crew could use the Verizon cell phones that are offered under the Verizon government contract.

Motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Bitsy Gilliland to pay the general accounts of \$39,012.22.

Mayor Thompson thanked the City Council and employees for their efforts in making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events a success.

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

  
Walton Thompson, Mayor

  
Jason Griggs, City Recorder