

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Walton Thompson; Alderpersons – Judy Baker, Nathan Reed, Jimmy Landrum, Robert Johnson, Cody Childress, and Roger Gray. Alderpersons Bitsy Gilliland and George Fisher were absent. Attorney Jennifer Deen was present.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by Judy Baker to approve the October 25, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

Ann Hunt asked when the potholes on Broad Street will be repaired. City Recorder Jason Griggs stated that PRI Pavement Restorations Inc. was awarded the pothole repair bid and they were contacted the day after being awarded the bid. PRI is scheduling the pothole paving now. Robert Johnson asked Steven Tucker to fill the potholes with gravel until the paving can be completed.

Joe Gathings asked when citizens can expect answers to the questions that were posed at the town meeting. Attorney Jennifer Deen advised that a meeting was held today to formulate the answers to the questions posed at the meeting. Citizens can expect a response from the city in next week's paper.

#### **Department Reports**

In the Water and Sewer Department Report, Randy Gregory updated the city council on three projects. First, Gregory stated that the clear well at the water plant had been cleaned and inspected. This proved to be very helpful and was money well spent. Second, Gregory advised the city council that it is time for the annual calibration for the meters at the wastewater plant. The cost for this is \$280.00 plus mileage. The total charge for this should be around \$330.00. Third, Gregory stated that one of the aerators at the wastewater plant has a reel bearing going down. It causes the aerator to jerk and run out of balance. Gregory asked if the city council wanted him to run this as long as possible before repairing it. Robert Johnson asked Gregory to run it as long as he could. Johnson asked Gregory if the repair could wait a couple of months. Gregory replied "Maybe." Gregory advised that Newbern Machine and Welding repaired the equipment the last time it broke down.

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Jimmy Landrum to pay to have the meters calibrated at the wastewater plant. Motion carried with all ayes.

#### **Committee Reports**

In the Police Committee Report, Judy Baker advised that Brad Lindsey and Rodney Wilkins were in Memphis for Search and Seizure training.

In the Health Committee, Attorney Jennifer Deen updated the board on the status of 130 Poplar Grove Road. The title search revealed that the county owns this property. The county purchased this property in March 2010. There is a one year redemption period for the previous owner. This means that the county will not be in possession of the deed until March 2011. The procedure that the city went through to condemn the property was insufficient because condemnation orders were served on the wrong owner. The county attorney informed Deen that the county might possibly deed the property to the city after the one year redemption period. Mayor Thompson asked Deen to try to find more answers to the board's questions before the next meeting.

In the Park Committee Report, Jimmy Landrum advised that he met with Fairview Baptist Church regarding a sewer easement. Landrum advised that the church had tabled this issue until November 21, 2010.

In the Water and Sewer Committee Report, Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Judy Baker to purchase a John Deere Z920A Mower from Tennessee Tractor, LLC for \$8,450.00. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Nathan Reed to purchase a John Deere 5055D tractor from Tennessee Tractor, LLC for \$15,870.69. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Robert Johnson seconded by Cody Childress to award the HVAC bid for the wastewater plant to Parham Refrigeration for \$4,500.00. Motion carried with all ayes.

In the Building Committee, Nathan Reed reported that the Tennessee Municipal League had conducted an audit of city property and asked for corrective action to be taken on the following items:

1. Ground the radio towers at City Hall, Fire Department, and Public Works buildings.
2. Public Works building – move the propane tank on the grill outdoors.

Nathan Reed asked Steven Tucker if he could take care of these two issues. Tucker replied "Yes."

**Unfinished Business**

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to reject all previous demolition bids for 130 Poplar Grove Road and rescind authorization to begin demolition at this property. Motion carried with all ayes.

Bids were opened for handheld meter reading devices. The bids are as follows:

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| C.I. Thornburg Co., Inc.         | \$ 8,400.00 |
| Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Inc. | \$10,700.00 |
| HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd.       | \$ 8,995.00 |
| United Systems                   | \$ 9,025.00 |

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to accept all bids. Motion carried with all ayes.

City Recorder Jason Griggs advised that he had been contacted by Grey Scott about the possibility of getting handheld devices from a utility that is upgrading. These units might either be free or acquired at a minimal cost. Scott will further look into this option.

Robert Johnson referred the Handheld bids to committee on November 22, 2010.

**New Business**

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve P.O. 6193 to Heritage Fire for the purchase of a "turn out" coat. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to pass on first reading Ordinance 2010-194 (Establishing a Leak Adjustment Policy). Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Jimmy Landrum to approve P.O. 6198 to Higdon Electric for \$773.70 for electrical repair at the wastewater plant. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed seconded by Robert Johnson to approve P.O. 6189 to American Development Corporation for \$500.00 for chemicals. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Judy Baker seconded by Nathan Reed to pay the general accounts of \$63,402.73. Motion carried with all ayes.

Robert Johnson asked Steven Tucker to schedule the camera from the City of Newbern as soon as possible for the sewage issues on East College Street. Tucker advised that the City of Dyer is first on their list as soon as they get their camera head back.

Motion made by Roger Gray seconded by Robert Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.

  
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 Walton Thompson, Mayor

  
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 Jason Griggs, City Recorder