

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session, Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:03 PM. Those present were Mayor Ray Carroll, Bob Moore, Michael Barron, Jennifer Hughey, Bett Jewell, Tom Mikkelsen, Marty Graves, and Fred Ivie. The City Attorney was present.

Motion made by Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Fred Ivie to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

Visitors

Faith Watford and Allison Cook addressed the board. They expressed their desire to open an ice cream parlor in order to provide activities for young people in the community. The parlor would employ young people and teach them a sense of responsibility; in addition to ice cream, the business could have other seasonal offerings. Mayor Carroll asked what they were requesting from the City; Watford said they didn't have a location or funding for the project. Mayor Carroll said, "You are to be commended. It is not normally the City's role to fund or assist in funding new businesses ... if you come up with a list of things the City might be able to help with, we will try to assist you." Alderperson Jewell recommended that Watford and Cook contact other local businesses who might wish to partner with them or expand their existing offerings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carroll reminded those present that the Fire Department would host a street dance on May 21 featuring Buckshot Daisy.

Mayor Carroll updated the Board on the progress at the community center; plumbing is complete except for the installation of fixtures in the counter and the lavatory.

Mayor Carroll announced that two new businesses have opened in Dyer: Volunteer Electrical and Tinman Customs. Carroll also said that budget meeting would be moved to next week, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 PM. Finally, Carroll said he had been to the David Robinson Recreation Park to trim some trees. Another local resident has offered to assist Mayor Carroll.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to appoint Jennifer Finch McEwen Municipal Judge Pro Tempore through July 31, 2022, and regular Municipal Judge beginning August 1, 2022. Judge J. Mark Johnson will be unable to continue serving as Municipal Court Judge for Dyer after he becomes the full-time Juvenile Court Judge. Motion carried with all ayes.

Department Reports

Street Department Supervisor Dale Carroll asked the Board to approve hiring two students as seasonal workers for the summer. Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Fred Ivie to approve hiring two seasonal workers through August 15, 2022 at \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried with all ayes.

The City Recorder asked if there were any objections to advertising for sale to an adjacent property owner 197 South Royal. A resolution will follow if there are no objections. The City Recorder provided an update on the success of the credit card payment program.

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Randy Gregory asked the Board to approve hiring Cody Worrell as a water and wastewater worker on the certification track. Motion made by Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Tom Mikkelsen to hire Cody Worrell at the pay scale provided. Motion carried with all ayes.

Gregory also informed the board that the lab processes must be recertified; this is a regular process every several years. The cost for the certification kit is approximately \$1,500.00. Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by Tom Mikkelsen to approve up to \$1,500.00 to ERA for the DMR QA kit. Motion carried with all ayes.

Committee Reports

Park Committee Chairperson Jennifer Hughey said she and Dale Carroll had some ideas about improving the area around the concession stand at the park. Carroll proposed removing the existing flower bed bounded by railroad ties and replacing it with a gravel pad, installing a canopy, and placing picnic tables underneath. This would provide a shaded area near the concessions stand. The City Board expressed some concern about the sturdiness of the canopy; Dale will return with more information about the canopy. The work will proceed on removing the flowerbeds and placing the picnic tables. The Board also discussed some brighter lightning at the gazebo.

New Business

Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve PO A-5594 to Hawkins, Inc. for \$1,470.92 for Water & Wastewater Chemicals. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by tom Mikkelsen to approve PO A-5603 to Thompson Machinery for \$1,268.80 for Backhoe 500 Hour Service. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Bob Moore to pay the accounts. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.



Raymond E. Carroll, Mayor



Nathan Reed, City Recorder