

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
June 4, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2007 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Williams.

Chamber – Community Development

Chamber Community Development Vice-Chair Paul Carson explained the 3-Star program.

Mr. Jimmy Williamson described the efforts of the 5 county Health Care Consortium that is providing educational experiences for students to acquaint them with career opportunities in healthcare.

Budget 2007/2008 – Dyersburg City Schools

School Director Lloyd Ramer presented a proposed 2007/2008 budget of \$22,400,000 for the City of Dyersburg School System. The budget includes: no increase in local revenues; 3% teacher raise both state and local; increased expenditures for literacy in K-5 and more professional development at all levels.

Taxicab Fares

Mr. Grady Baker of A-1 Cab Company presented a taxicab fare schedule proposing a \$.50 fare increase for each trip with the total cost based on a zone schedule previously adopted by the Board. The last fare increase was in 2004.

Board members stressed: need to clean up area around the taxi stand; non-exclusive franchise; fares are to be charged based on the fare schedule.

Vendall Road

Purchasing Agent Greg Williams reported that no bids were received in the third advertised sale by bid of the lot on Vendall Road. The Board authorized him to consult with the City Attorney to determine if a set price can be offered to all parties making a bid for construction of an appeals office for Social Security.

Power Board – Appointments

On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Walker the Board concurred with Mayor Holden's appointment of Alderman Dennis Moody and Mr. Rawlin Fowlkes to 4 year terms on the Power Board. Alderman Moody abstained.

Finance Committee Report

Chairman Lewis Norman reported on the series of meetings held in the past two weeks. The Committee has met with all department heads to review the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and McCright the Board approved the 2007-2008 Dyersburg City School's budget of \$22,400,000.00. Alderman Williams stated that as a City School employee he is compensated using the same formula that affects all employees. Out of respect for the job done by the school employees he felt compelled to vote for the school budget, but acknowledged that to some there might be a perceived conflict of interest.

On a motion by Aldermen Norman and Walker the Board called for further study on the reduction of cost associated with sanitation collections and the landfill.

The Committee recommended adoption of the proposed ethics code following the June 18, 2007 public hearing.

An across the board taxicab fare increase of \$.50 per trip was approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Williams.

#### Miscellaneous

Steve Anderson, City Treasurer, reported a \$2,416,760 deficit between projected revenues and proposed expenditures at the current stage of development of the 2007-2008 City budget.

Alderman Williams commended retiring Dyersburg High School Principal Sam Miles. He urged continued support of the school system.

Alderman Walker reminded everyone to come out Saturday, June 23 on the courthouse square for bluegrass music from 5-10 p.m.

Alderman Moody urged police to step up patrols in the Poet's Corner area. He asked that the right of way on the north side of Wade Hampton be mowed.

Mayor Holden reported on budget review. While the golf course, sanitation collection, and other items are being studied, no decisions have been finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder