

Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Dyersburg  
October 20, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in called session on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the municipal courtroom at 7 p.m.

Mayor John Holden presided with all Aldermen present.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” followed by a moment of silence in honor of the local National Guard unit the 168<sup>th</sup> military police, who are leaving October 27<sup>th</sup> for overseas deployment.

The minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Aldermen Norman and Kirk.

Sign Ordinance

Aldermen Chaney, Walker, and Norman asked that a comparison of the existing and the proposed sign ordinance be presented for the Board’s review.

The sign ordinance discussion was tabled on a motion by Aldermen Chaney and Walker.

Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Road Hawg Saloon

Police Chief Terry Ledbetter stated that the applicant meets all the minimum standards. On a motion by Aldermen Kirk and Dudley, an on premises beer permit was granted to Road Hawg Saloon at 1140 Highway 51 Bypass South with permit holder Brigitte Goade.

City Attorney Invoice

The City Attorney invoice for September 2008 in the amount of \$12,402.00 was approved on a motion by Aldermen McCright and Williams.

Street and Sanitation Committee Report

Chairman Freeman Dudley reported on the meeting of October 10, 2008. Mr. Vic Young of Fisher and Arnold presented the pavement management assessment program. GIS coordinator Carmen Cupples explained that the record of pavement problems, repairs and expenditures will be kept on a street by street data base.

A new street sealing program will be instituted. Sealing and paving will be prioritized based on the street assessments ranking the streets on a score of 10 to 100 with the lowest scores indicating the greatest need.

Chairman Dudley stated that the multiple year plans to get streets back to a desires state will begin with work in the spring of 2009. Mayor Holden reminded the Board that \$250,000 budgeted in 2008-2009 for street repair matches the total expenditure for the previous 6 years combined.

Reports

Alderman Kirk reported on the activities of the Chamber’s Legislative Affairs Committee. In 2008 the committee has sponsored legislature Coffees and two meet the candidate forums, coordinated efforts with the Existing Industry Committee and keep communications open with City and County Boards.

Alderman Williams thanked City Treasurer Steve Anderson for the quarterly financial statement.

Alderman Dudley expressed concern about flower theft and the neatness of City cemeteries. His concern was shared by Alderman McCright.

Alderman Walker cautioned parents about Halloween. He asked that the skateboard park be studied to see if locking the gate after DAC hours would prevent unsafe use.

Alderman Moody inquired about the Mayor’s letter to DES authorizing traffic light modernization on Troy Avenue.

Alderman Norman inquired about the airport restaurant vacancy. Mayor Holden stated that the fixed based operator had not responded to inquiries made during a July 31 meeting with the Mayor.

Alderman McCright asked for a Cemetery Committee Meeting to be called. He asked that scooters be required to have flags to help alert automobile drivers.

Mayor Holden urged everyone to remember our National Guard Unit and their families.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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John Holden, Mayor

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Gleyn T. Twilla, City Recorder