

**Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
March 4, 2019
Dyersburg Municipal Court Room**

(1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with prayer by Mayor John Holden. Mayor Holden noted all Aldermen were present, with the exception of Alderwoman Meghan Gilbert.

(2) **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Alderman Wille Cole made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Dennis Moody seconded the motion. Alderman Edward Burks noted a minor correction for a date change. Under Section D. Joe Enoch- request to discuss status of audit, Alderman Burks noted the date recorded in the first bullet point should state “February 19, 2019, rather than February 12, 2019”. The correction was noted for the record. The minutes were approved following the correction.

(3) **Unfinished Business:** None presented.

(4) **New Business**

a. Bids – Greg Williams.

1. Department: Cemetery
Item: (2) Zero-turn Mowers
Purpose: Replace older mowers used to mow cemeteries
Budgeted: Yes - \$22,000
Notification – State Gazette and direct to 5 vendors
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| Bids: | Dickson County Equipment | No Response |
| | The Grasshopper Company | No Response |
| | First Choice Farm & Lawn | \$17,170.44 (\$8,585.22 each) |
| | Tennessee Tractor | \$16,659.44 (\$8,329.72 each) |
| | Century Equipment | \$15,890.00 (\$7,945.00 each) |

Recommendation: Mr. Williams recommended awarding the bid to Century Equipment, Dyersburg, TN at \$15,890.00.

Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Alderman James Baltimore motioned for approval, with a second by Alderman Ricky Hammond. The bid was approved.

2. Department: Solid Waste
Item: Front-load Garbage Truck
Purpose: Replace truck that was destroyed by fire
Budgeted: No – \$209,000.00 will be covered by insurance
\$ 43,400.00 will be used from proceeds from sale of old dozer
\$ 19,863.00 will be used from savings on other equipment items
budgeted
\$ 19,965.03 will have to come from Solid Waste fund, if needed at
year-end
Notification – None – purchased through an NJPA contract
NJPA is a national agency that has contracts we can buy through (*See information below)
- Bids: River City Hydraulics \$292,228.03

Recommendation: Mr. Williams recommended awarding the bid to River City Hydraulics, Sherwood, AR, at \$292,228.03.

**** Contingent on settlement of insurance claim in the amount of \$209,000.00**

***National Joint Purchasing Alliance (NJPA) Information**

FAQ - Can my public agency use NJPA contracts without issuing our own solicitation?

Yes, in most states and local jurisdictions, though it is the responsibility of individual members to make the determination. All NJPA contracts have been competitively solicited nationally, reviewed, evaluated by committee and recommended to the NJPA Board of Directors for award in accordance with Minnesota public purchasing and contracting rules, guidelines and regulations applicable to NJPA. Each solicitation is issued on behalf of NJPA and current and potential NJPA members nationwide. Each RFP advises all responders that NJPA most desires and invites a vendor whom can sell and service participating member agencies in all fifty states and, optionally, provinces and territories of Canada. All RFP respondents understand that these contracts will be under consideration for use by government, education and non-profit member agencies throughout the United States.

TENN. CODE ANN. §12-3-1205. Cooperative purchasing agreements.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any municipality county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any goods, supplies, services, or equipment with one (1) or more other governmental entities outside this state, to the extent the laws of the other state permit the joint exercise of purchasing authority, in accordance with an agreement entered into between or among the participants; provided, such goods, supplies, services, or equipment were procured in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding and were advertised, evaluated, and awarded by a governmental entity and made available for use by other governmental entities.

Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the recommendation. Alderwoman Vanedda Web motioned for approval, with a second by Alderman James Baltimore. The bid was approved.

Reports from Aldermen Board:

Alderman James Baltimore: Asked the Mayor if the board could receive the most recent list for street paving, and for information he missed at a recent grant update meeting that he was unable to attend.

Alderman Edward Burks: Asked about the availability of the audit report.

Alderman Wille Cole: Gave an impassioned presentation regarding his experiences with visiting

Distressed communities: “In 1980, that was my first year as a member of staff at Dyersburg High School. That year, the teachers went on a field trip and that field trip consisted of us going through a community to see where some of my students lived, and try to figure out what the behavior was coming out of the community.

Jump forward to 2019. I began my political journey by taking that same field trip. At one point in time it was disheartening for me to take that trip because, really, nothing had changed...the mill is gone. You go down Bruce, the school is gone, but some people still live there. That field trip consisted of me and several other teachers going through your community, Ricky.

That trip was almost 40 years ago. It is really hard to go there and look at the condition now. Someone said they didn't see how people lived there. Someone said--and this was 40 years ago--they didn't understand how this could happen. I am just here to say to the board: if we don't look at it and we don't come up with a way to fix some of these problems that we have in these communities-- I'm talking street; I'm talking housing; I'm talking education--if we don't come up with some plan, we are going to lose a lot of people. I had the pleasure to talk to some people after the trip, they were homeowners; they were renters. They had been there as long as I have... I didn't realize how much land my district encompasses until I walked it and drove it. There are people who feel disenfranchised. They felt we, as board members, looked over them.”

Alderman Cole further discussed the current conditions of city roads, as well as concerns expressed to him directly from residents in his district.

Alderman Meghan Gilbert: Not present.

Alderman Ricky Hammond: Also agreed with Alderman Cole noting the state of the roads and communities to be in need of attention. He noted the board had a lot of hard work ahead, he stated that he promised the Board would work for improvement.

Alderman Mary Claire Hopper: stated her desire for board members to be proactive in addressing the current state of communities.

Alderman Dennis Moody: thanked the staff at Public Works for their effort with the recent flooding experienced in Dyersburg.

Alderman Vanneda Webb: proposed the board ask the city's Finance Committee to meet and explore a means of seeking proposals from accounting firms for the current year's audit.

Communications from the Mayor: no report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7: 17 p.m.

John Holden, Mayor

Robert C. Jones, City Recorder