

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2020

Meeting held pursuant to Executive Order No. 16 issued by Governor Bill Lee permitting local governing bodies to conduct meetings electronically.

(1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen convened for their scheduled board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 in the City Hall board room and/or via phone conference at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman James Baltimore. All members of the board were present. Dyersburg Mayor John Holden noted under the Governor's Executive Order, all action must be recorded via a roll-call vote.

(2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting. Alderman Willie Cole made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman James Baltimore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

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

(4) **New Business:**

A. Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.
3055 Lake Road
Dyersburg, TN 38024

A public hearing was held for an on premises beer permit for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, located at 3055 Lake Road.

Dyersburg Police Chief Steve Isbell said the background investigation was completed and upon review he found no reason to deny the applicant the permit as all requirements had been met.

A motion to approve the permit was made by Alderman Willie Cole with a second from Alderwoman Vanedda Webb. In a roll call vote, the motion passed.

B. Attorney Invoice – Mayor John Holden presented the attorney invoice for the month of August in the amount of \$12, 499.10. Alderman Edward Burks noted items such as the pension plan lawsuit and the Southtown Grant project cost over \$5,300 each [\$5,306.25 for the lawsuit; \$5,362.50 for the grant project] in the invoice. He asked

Mayor Holden of the status of the lawsuit and if the City would be reimbursed funds from the grant project.

“The status of the pension plan is, obviously, it was appealed upon Judge Lee Moore’s favorable ruling of the City,” stated Mayor Holden. “It was appealed to the Court of Appeals in Jackson over Judge Lee Moore’s decision. That’s all I know about that right now.”

“As far as the Southtown Grant Project, I don’t know if you would call it a true reimbursement, Edward, but there’s money we got in the grant that we applied for that included some of these items, as far as attorney fees, acquiring property, the deed work, appraisals, and things like that. As much as we anticipated was in there.”

A motion to approve the invoice was made by Alderman Hammond and seconded by Alderman Baltimore. All members approved the motion via a roll call vote.

C. Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2020 – Chairwoman Mary Claire Hopper -

Alderwoman and Street/Sanitation Committee chair Mary Claire Hopper reviewed the minutes from the September 16 committee meeting.

The committee discussed the drainage issues on Woodside Lane, particularly the area next to Michael Simmons’ residence. The committee discussed with City Engineer Tiffany Heard to conduct additional hydraulic reviews to help alleviate or minimize the drainage issues that occur during a flash flood event.

Additionally, Sanitation Superintendent Greg Wilson updated the committee on curbside pickup and illegal dumping. Wilson said there has been improvement, however, there were violators in reoccurring locations. Thomas Mullins with the City’s Codes Enforcement Department added citations would be cited against the tenant as well as the landowner for violations.

The committee did not take any formal action but decided to reconvene in 30 days.

No action was required from the full board.

D. Recreational Committee Meeting minutes – September 16, 2020 – Chairman Ricky Hammond -

Alderman and Recreation Committee chair Ricky Hammond read the minutes from the committee meeting held on September 16, 2020. Hammond opened the floor for the committee and Parks and Recreation staff to develop a plan for reopening the City

of Dyersburg activity centers, parks, and playgrounds, as well as maintain a level of safety for staff and the general public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alderwoman and committee member, Meghan Gilbert, suggested a phased reopening would be better served rather than opening everything up at once. All in attendance agreed to stay within the CDC guidelines and local mandates for COVID-19. Hammond asked the committee to reconvene at the beginning of October to present a phased reopening plan.

No action was required from the full board.

E. Resolution 09212020 -

Additionally, the committee was presented with the opportunity to apply for the upcoming LPRF/Recreational Trail Grant for the 2020 cycle. City Engineer Tiffany Heard said additional features along the Regan Levee Greenway and Forked Deer River Trail would include a new trailhead at the west end of the Greenway, shaded rest areas along the Greenway and restrooms with a shade structure at the River Park. A walking trail with parking and amenities at the former Jennie Bell School location would be included in the grant application as well.

Total construction was estimated at \$250,000 of which the City would be responsible for \$125,000, if approved to receive the grant.

On Monday, the full board also approved the resolution – Resolution 09212020 – behind a motion from Alderman James Baltimore and a second from Alderman Willie Cole.

F. Bids – Greg Williams -

The board also reviewed a bid sheet prepared by Purchasing Agent Greg Williams. The lone item for review consisted of 2 flatbed dump trucks for the street department to replace 1998 model trucks. The trucks were budgeted in the amount of \$25,000.

Notification was not given due to the trucks being used, and according to Williams, used equipment requires comparable market values.

The bid sheet stated, “After researching available trucks in the area, Mike McCulloch determined that, for the money budgeted, they could purchase two good used trucks. These trucks were both pre-emission 2008 regulations for diesel engines. This is a benefit that should lower operation and repair costs.”

The first truck was a 2006 International Durastar 4300 for \$14,000. Comps found included a 2005 International Durastar 4300 in Everett, WA (\$17,900), 2006

International Durastar 4300 in Salt Lake City, UT (\$22,999), and a 2006 International Durastar 4300 in Rolla, MO (\$19,500).

The second truck was a 2003 Sterling Acterra for \$11,000. Comps found included a 2001 Sterling M6500 in Cedar Falls, IA (\$16,900), a 2003 Sterling Acterra in Strafford, MO (\$15,000), and a 2003 Sterling LT900 in Perryville, MO (\$11,000).

The two trucks were purchased from Basking Truck Sales in Covington, TN for a total of \$25,000.

No action was required from the full board.

Report from Aldermen and Alderwomen:

Alderman Baltimore: Alderman Baltimore thanked the Dyersburg Fire Department, the Dyersburg EOC, and Medical Center EMS of Dyer County for their quick response to his residence earlier this month. Baltimore noted his wife suffered a heart attack and credited the emergency responders.

“They saved my wife’s life,” Baltimore stated. “They knew exactly what to do.”

Alderman Burks: No report

Alderman Cole: No report

Alderwoman Gilbert: Alderwoman Gilbert said that it would be beneficial for the Recreation Committee to convene prior to the grant application deadline for the committee to review the grant plan.

Alderman Hammond: No report

Alderwoman Hopper: No report

Alderman Moody: Alderman Moody said residents have continued to complain about the intersection of Pate and West Wheeler by Dyersburg Intermediate School. Moody said there is a ‘pretty good size pot hole’ at the intersection. “I don’t think it is going to make it to when we start paving streets,” he added. Additionally, Moody said he has received calls about potholes on Parkview between Woodlawn and Speedway.

Alderwoman Webb: No report

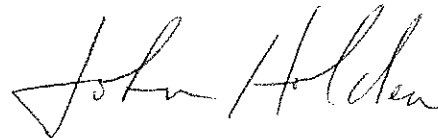
Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Holden mentioned three Dyersburg Police officers were recently recognized during the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security Three Stars of Tennessee Award and First Responder recognition ceremony. Officer Dustin Holley, Field Training Officer Wesley Blankenship, and Field Training Officer Brandon Wheeler were recipients of the First Responder Award.

The mayor said the three officers would be recognized at a board meeting when allowed to meet in person.

“We are certainly proud of them,” stated Mayor Holden.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



John Holden, Mayor



Scott Ball, City Recorder