

## Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2020

**Meeting held pursuant to Executive Order No. 16 issued by Governor Bill Lee permitting local governing bodies to conduct meetings electronically and extended by Executive Order Nos. 34, 51, 60, and 65 until December 27, 2020.**

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen convened for their regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 via phone conference at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman Ricky Hammond. All members of the board were in attendance. Dyersburg Mayor John Holden noted under the Governor's Executive Order, all action must be recorded via roll-call vote.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting. Alderman Willie Cole made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Edward Burks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** None.
- (4) **New Business:**

### A. Debt Obligation Form for Sanitation Truck Lease

Discussion pertaining to the City entering a buyback program for sanitation trucks initially began on Dec. 11, 2019 during a Street and Sanitation Committee meeting. Landfill Operator and Sanitation director Greg Wilson proposed the idea for joining a program with River City Hydraulics in an effort to lower maintenance costs and keep trucks on the road. In the meeting, the committee also heard from Jamie McCoy, sales manager of River City Hydraulics, and Pat McHugh of Crows Truck Service.

In the initial meeting, McCoy told the committee, "Basically the way it works is we sell you the new truck. It belongs to you. We guarantee a buyback in 24 months on a balloon note, which we pay off provided that the truck meets the terms and conditions. The truck is covered under warranty for 2 years, bumper to bumper."

"...Any failures are covered under warranty. We can do this on any piece of equipment you have in the solid waste or street department," added McCoy.

He noted if the City participated in the buyback program, it would not require a down payment and the first payment would be due 30 days after receiving the vehicle.

In case of a failure, McCoy and McHugh noted their companies could make repairs on site depending upon the severity of failure. If the vehicle needed to be taken to either one their shops, the truck would have a 2-year towing warranty.

McCoy added his company would come in quarterly to inspect the truck and offer suggestions for repairs, if needed. Additionally, 2 months prior to the end of the 2-year program, another inspection would be completed and any repairs would be made.

Though action was not taken by the committee in the Dec. 2019 meeting, Wilson advocated joining the program during budget discussions in the summer of 2020. Wilson asked the Finance Committee for their thoughts on joining the program during their Aug. 10, 2020 meeting.

During the Aug. 10 meeting, Alderman and committee chairman Edward Burks asked, "If we do this program, you shouldn't be looking at any unexpected maintenance costs or anything?"

"It will be under warranty for two full years. The only thing we'll be responsible for is basically tires, brakes, and any other wearable [parts]," said Wilson. "We still maintain insurance. We technically own these. There'll be a balloon payment at the end, and if we decide to keep it we'll pay the balloon."

Wilson also added following the two-year lease period, he would opt for River City Hydraulics to take the vehicle back and pay the balloon note, while the City would receive a brand new vehicle for an additional two-year period. Wilson said the monthly lease payment would cost less than the maintenance the department has had to pay on its aging fleet.

The committee voted to join the buyback program on Aug. 10, with the full board offering their approval on Aug. 28.

Funds were placed in the City's budget to partake in the program; however, with the program being considered a lease it would first have to go before the state Comptroller for approval prior to the City receiving any vehicles.

The form listed the face amount of the lease being \$710,708.58 with interest of 2.03 percent. For 2021 and 2022, the City would annually pay \$134,354, with a payment of \$442,000 in 2023 if the City decided to keep the truck(s) from the program. If the City decided to continue in the program, a new lease agreement would be issued and the older truck(s) would return to River City Hydraulics then the Dyersburg Sanitation Department would receive new trucks.

When asked about the balloon payment for 2023, Mayor Holden stated, “We won’t ever fully pay it because the trucks will be traded at that time.”

With the program being budgeted, the board did not have to take action Monday evening regarding the debt obligation form.

B. Attorney Invoice -

The mayor also presented the attorney invoice for the month of October in the amount of \$8,680.75.

Burks said “I noticed the attorney invoice for the last three months – August, September, and October is close to \$18,000. I know we’re having to defend the appeal. Can we get a status on that?”

Mayor Holden said he would get with the attorney and provide board members with an update.

Aldерwoman Mary Claire Hopper motioned to approve the invoice with a second from Aldерwoman Vanedda Webb. In a roll call vote, the invoice passed unanimously.

C. Bids – Greg Williams –

Board members also reviewed a list four approved bids provided by City Purchasing Agent Greg Williams. Four total bids were reviewed with the first two being approved by the board.

Bids reviewed were as follows:

- Tractor, batwing mower, and zero-turn mower for the airport

Though the items were not budgeted, they were fully funded by a TDOT Aeronautics CARES Act Grant, with no cost to the City of Dyersburg. Notification was not given due to using the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract.

Behind a motion from Alderman Dennis Moody and a second from Aldерwoman Vanedda Webb, the board approved to award the bid to First Choice Farm & Lawn of Dyersburg in the amount of \$69,000, which included the trade-in of an existing tractor and batwing mower previously acquired by a TDOT Aeronautics Grant.

- 5 Police Pursuit SUVs for Dyersburg Police Department

Though \$183,000 was budgeted to help replace an aging fleet of vehicles, a bid of \$187,963.20 was obtained from Columbia Dodge in Columbia, Tennessee using

the Tennessee State Contract. The additional \$4,963.20 would be taken from the Drug Fund to cover the remaining cost.

Alderman Edward Burks motioned to approve the bid with a second from Alderman Willie Cole. The motion passed.

The remaining bids did not require board action.

- Directional Underground Boring Machine for the Gas Department

The item was to replace the existing boring machine, and \$150,000 was budgeted for the item. Notification was not given due to using the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract. The bid was awarded to Vermeer Midsouth of Cordova, Tenn. in the amount of \$133,842 in addition to trading in the current boring machine.

- Single-axel dump truck for the Water/Sewer Department

The newer truck would replace an older model truck, and \$85,000 was budgeted. Notification was given through the State Gazette. Two bids were received – one amount being \$64,872 with using the Tennessee State Contract and the other at \$77,451.76.

The bid was awarded to Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$64,872.

**Report from Aldermen and Alderwomen:**

**Alderman Baltimore:** Alderman Baltimore asked if the City is currently paving streets.

Mayor Holden said he would find out from City Street Superintendent Mike McCulloch and report back.

Baltimore also asked if the City would hold a Christmas party or issue bonuses for City employees.

Mayor Holden said the Christmas party would be difficult to hold while social distancing is being encouraged.

“I don’t think at this time we are having anything for Christmas,” said the mayor.

In regard to bonuses, Mayor Holden replied, “We haven’t discussed it, but we certainly can. We didn’t budget that this year.”

**Alderman Burks:** Alderman Burks asked of the status of the repaving project for the east end of Mall Blvd.

“If we’re not able to get it done this year, could we at least look at restriping the double yellow lines? At night and rainy times it’s really hard to see those lines,” Burks said.

City Recorder Scott Ball said TDOT sent an email last week and the project is now in the design phase.

“The contractor, AECOM, should be sending us the design packet next week,” Ball stated.

Ball added Mall Blvd. would not be paved this season, but he has hopes of being the first project in 2021.

In regard to striping, Ball said he would get pricing on Tuesday.

**Alderman Cole:** Alderman Cole thanked Mayor Holden for taking part of the food distribution event that was held recently at New Macedonia Church in the Bruce community.

**Alderwoman Gilbert:** Alderwoman Gilbert noted the Equality with Accountability Committee will hold a forum next Thursday at 5 p.m. She added the topic would be policing with Dyersburg Police Chief Steve Isbell and Dyer County Sheriff Jeff Box speaking.

**Alderman Hammond:** Alderman Hammond wished City employees and board members a Merry Christmas, just in case the board does not meet again prior to the holiday.

**Alderwoman Hopper:** Alderwoman Hopper thanked Mayor Holden for taking care of the paperwork for the comptroller in regard to the sanitation buyback program.

**Alderman Moody:** No report

**Alderwoman Webb:** No report

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Holden presented the following items:

- Prior to adjournment, Mayor Holden noted Monday was the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.
- The Mayor also recognized the Dyersburg Police Department and Chief Isbell. DPD was selected by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to participate in the first ever 9-month officer safety and wellness learning collaborative, along with the Department of Justice Educational Development Center. Isbell was

appointed by the IACP to serve on the IACP Violent Crime Policy Council and Firearms Committee as well as being appointed by the Tennessee Commerce and Insurance Department to serve on an advisory council.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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**John Holden, Mayor**

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**Scott Ball, City Recorder**