

## **Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting**

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**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, 65, and 71 until February 27, 2021.**

- (1) **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen convened for their regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 via phone conference at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman Dennis Moody. 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 a roll call vote.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting. Alderman Willie Cole made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderwoman Vanedda Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- (3) **Unfinished Business:** None.
- (4) **New Business:**
  - A. Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Neon Nights  
551 Horner Road  
Dyersburg, TN 38024

A public hearing was held for an on-premises beer permit for Neon Nights located at 551 Horner 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. Background information noted the request was submitted due to a change in ownership. Mayor Holden asked if there were any comments from the public, hearing none.

A motion to approve the permit was made by Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper with a second from Alderman Willie Cole. The motion passed by roll call vote with all voting yes.

- B. Resolutions – Community Development Block Grant -

Resolution 02012021 – Administrative Services  
Resolution 02012021A – Engineering Services



E911. Alderwoman Vanedda Webb motioned to award the lone bid to Dell with a second by Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper. The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

3. Department: Police

Item: New Police Training Center & Reconstructed Wetland

Purpose: Part of the NDR Southtown Grant

Budgeted: Yes – Park Areas - Capital Outlay

Notification – State Gazette, Jackson Sun, State DBE website, & (2) plan rooms

Plan Holders: Rose Construction No Response

Ford Construction No Response

Allen Searcy Builder-Contractor \$674,940.00

Bid will be awarded to Allen Searcy Builder-Contractor, Union City,  
\$674,940.00.

No action was required by the Board since this item was included in the current budget.

**Report from Aldermen and Alderwomen:**

**Alderman James Baltimore:** Alderman Baltimore asked board members to be in prayer for the police officers who were at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. as well as the men and women of the Dyersburg Police Department.

**Alderman Edward Burks:** No report

**Alderman Willie Cole:** Alderman Cole asked Chief Isbell if the department has any leads concerning the recent gun violence within the City.

“It’s a 24/7 process on the investigations. We’re being as transparent as possible not to jeopardize any future prosecutions,” Isbell stated. “I’ve updated, today actually, several press releases have been posted on the Dyersburg Police Department Facebook page.”

“...To answer your question, yes sir, we’re following up on all the leads we can, but I will tell you, as it’s stated in our release, we’re having issues with victims and witnesses being cooperative,” continued Isbell. “That has challenged our investigations. We’re giving 100 percent, and we’re throwing all of our resources at this problem.”

**Alderwoman Meghan Gilbert:** Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mayor Holden to speak on if there were any plans pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant.

The mayor turned the meeting over the City Recorder Scott Ball, who addressed Gilbert’s question.

“We do have the upcoming 2021 block grant – I believe we voted on that last time to apply for it. These projects are mainly infrastructure projects,” said Ball. “In the past decade, most of the projects we’ve done have been wastewater type projects. I think it’s

time that we turn our attention to our domestic water. We have some aging wells that need work and some other things at the water treatment plant.”

Ball also noted as part of the CDBG grant, surveys would need to be filled out by water customers of the City of Dyersburg. Approximately 400 surveys would need to be filled out by the end of March. He added the surveys are available at City Hall.

“It takes literally two minutes to fill it out,” said Ball.

Additionally Ball noted without the completed surveys, the City of Dyersburg would not receive grant funding.

**Alderman Ricky Hammond:** Alderman Hammond said he would like to plan a Recreation Committee meeting on February 12.

**Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper:** Alderwoman Hopper asked if the surveys, mentioned by Ball, could be accessed online. Ball noted the surveys are only available at City Hall.

Additionally, Hopper said Street Committee members received an email from City Engineer Tiffany Heard last month regarding the drainage issues at Rolling Meadows.

“She [Heard] has had the surveyors out working on a model, so I’m hoping we hear back from her,” stated Hopper. “Hopefully we can get together in the next two weeks, or sooner if possible, to discuss what’s going on out there at Rolling Meadows.”

**Alderman Dennis Moody:** Alderman Moody asked Mayor Holden if there was any progress for the City receiving e-checks for online utility payments. Mayor Holden said he would have to ask Carmen Cupples and Steve Anderson. He added he would check into it and get back with board members.

**Alderwoman Vanedda Webb:** No report

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



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**John Holden, Mayor**



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**Scott Ball, City Recorder**

**RESOLUTION 02012021**  
**CITY OF DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE**  
**FOR**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee desires to apply for financial grant assistance as provided under the State of Tennessee's FY 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Dyersburg finds it in the City's best interest to secure the assistance of an experienced and qualified administrative management services firm to assist in preparing and administering the City's 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application; and

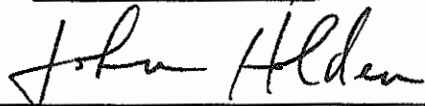
WHEREAS, in compliance with pertinent State regulations, the City has solicited and evaluated statements of qualifications of interested professional CDBG administrative assistance firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that Community Development Partners, LLC has the most appropriate experience, background and qualifications to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Partners, LLC will conduct the work necessary to complete the CDBG application on a no-cost basis, and in the event the project is successfully funded Community Development Partners, LLC will assist in the administration of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Dyersburg hereby selects Community Development Partners, LLC to provide assistance in the preparation and administration of the City's 2021 CDBG grant application.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

  
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John Holden  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Signature, Title

**RESOLUTION 02012021A**  
**CITY OF DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE**  
**FOR**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Dyersburg, Tennessee desires to apply for financial grant assistance as provided under the State of Tennessee's FY 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds it in the City's best interest to secure the assistance of an experienced and qualified Engineering firm to assist in the preparation and implementation of the City's 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application; and

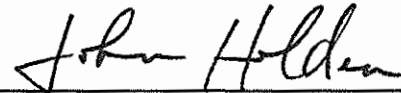
WHEREAS, in compliance with pertinent State regulations, the City has solicited and evaluated statements of qualifications of interested professional Engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. has the most appropriate experience, background and qualifications to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. will conduct the work necessary to complete the CDBG application on a no-cost basis, and in the event the project is successfully funded Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. will assist in the engineering design and implementation of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of City of Dyersburg hereby selects Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. to provide assistance in the preparation and implementation of the City's 2021 CDBG grant application.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2021.



John Holden  
Mayor

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