

## Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** The board of Mayor and Aldermen met for a special called meeting at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall in the second-floor conference room. All board members were present with the exception of Alderwoman Meghan Gilbert and Alderman James Baltimore. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting. Alderman Willie Cole made a motion to approve the minutes and Alderwoman Vanedda Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. **Unfinished Business:** None
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2021 – Chairman Ricky Hammond**  
Committee chairperson, Ricky Hammond, gave a recap of previous committee meetings. The board reviewed the meeting minutes. No action was taken.
  - B. **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2021 – Chairman Edward Burks**  
Committee chairperson, Edward Burks, gave a recap of previous committee meetings. The board reviewed the meeting minutes. No action was taken.
  - C. **Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes– June 22,2021 – Chairwoman Mary Claire Hopper**  
The committee chairperson, Mary Claire Hopper, gave a recap of previous committee meetings. The board reviewed the meeting minutes. No action was taken.
  - D. **Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2021 – Chairwoman Meghan Gilbert**  
The Cemetery Committee approved a motion to bid out surveying services for plots in the newly expanded portion of Fairview Cemetery. On Tuesday, Alderman Hammond motioned to approve the committee's recommendation with a second from Alderman Willie Cole. The motion passed unanimously.
  - E. **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2021 – Chairman Edward Burks**  
The Finance Committee heard from City Sanitation Superintendent Greg Wilson who proposed a monthly rate increase of \$15 for commercial dumpsters. Additionally, extra pickup would increase from \$25 to \$35.

Alderman Edward Burks motioned to approve the rate increase with a second from Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper. All were in favor. The motion passed to increase sanitation rates.

Also, the Finance Committee approved a request from Cemetery Superintendent David Fowlkes to increase fees for cremations Monday-Friday, cremations on weekends and City holidays, and infant burials.

Alderman Edward Burks motioned to approve the cemetery request with a second from Alderman Ricky Hammond. All were in favor. The motion passed to increase cemetery rates.

**F. Amended 2020/2021 Budget – Steve Anderson**

Steve Anderson, City of Dyersburg Treasurer, addressed the committee.

“According to our budget ordinance, you aren’t supposed to spend more than you budget. I usually look at the budgets sometime at the end of the year to amend anything we may be in danger of expending more than we budgeted,” said Anderson.

Only two budgets were in need of amending, according to Anderson, the Insurance Reserve and Water & Sewer Funds.

The Insurance Reserve Fund was amended due to claims being higher than initially budgeted. For the Water & Sewer Fund, it was amended due to work being completed on wells and ongoing sewer work. Anderson said the revenue was up enough to cover the repairs.

Board members approved budget amendments behind a motion from Alderman Willie Cole and a second from Alderman Edward Burks for the current year (2020-21). All were in favor.

**G. Public Hearing for approval of 2021/2022 Budget on June 29, 2021 – Ordinance BB702 – Steve Anderson**

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the board approved the budget with the state Certified Tax Rate (\$2.37). Though the rate decreased, it allowed for the same amount of money (\$300K) to be placed in the paving line item.

The 2021-2022 budget proposed to the full board on Tuesday by the City’s Finance Committee would increase the property tax to \$2.42. With the nickel increase, it would allow an additional \$175,000 to be placed into the annual street paving line item, resulting in a dedicated yearly street paving amount of \$475,000.

The Board members approved Ordinance BB702, the 2021-2022 City of Dyersburg budget, with a motion from Burks and a second from Cole. The motion to approve Ordinance BB702 passed unanimously. The budget will take effect on July 1.

**H. Notice of Public Hearing – Text amendment for Municipal Zoning Ordinance, Section XXI H-M (Hospital-Medical) District – July 19, 2021**

The board is scheduled to hold a public hearing pertaining to a text amendment recently passed by the Dyersburg Municipal-Regional Planning Commission. The text amendment is for the Municipal Zoning Ordinance Section XXI H-M (Hospital-Medical) district and will be held at the next board meeting on July 19. No action was taken.

**REPORT FROM ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN:**

**James Baltimore:** Not Present

**Edward Burks:** Alderman Burks asked if the City would have a fireworks display. Mayor Holden noted the City of Dyersburg and the City of Newbern partnered together to sponsor the Dyer County Rescue Squad's fireworks celebration on Saturday, July 3 in Newbern.

**Willie Cole:** Alderman Cole said he had spoken with Alderman Baltimore who wished to thank the Finance Committee for their efforts on the budget.

**Meghan Gilbert:** Not Present

**Ricky Hammond:** Alderman Hammond thanked Steve Anderson and the Finance Committee for their efforts on the budget.


**Mary Claire Hopper:** Alderwoman Hopper said she had spoken with Greg Wilson and asked for another Sanitation Committee meeting to be held soon, in addition to a Local Government Committee meeting.

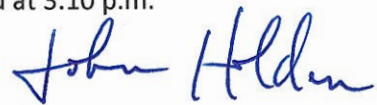
**Dennis Moody:** No report

**Vanessa Webb:** No report

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:** In closing, Mayor Holden also thanked Steve Anderson and the board for their efforts in completing the 21-22 budget. He also pointed out HR Director Sue Teague and thanked her for everything she does for the employees.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

  
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Scott Ball, City Recorder

  
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John Holden, Mayor