

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen convened Monday, August 2, 2021 in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room at 7:00 p.m. Mayor John Holden presided. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderwoman Vanedda Webb. All members were present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting. Alderman Baltimore made a motion to approve the minutes and Alderman Cole seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. **Unfinished Business:** None
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Public Hearing – Ordinance BB704 – An ordinance amending the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning map by rezoning property located on Forrest Street and Brewer Road from B-2 (General Trade and Services) District to PB (Planned Business District)**

A public hearing was held pertaining to Ordinance BB704, an ordinance amending the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning map by rezoning property located on Forrest St. and Brewer Rd. from B-2 General Trade and Services to PB Planned Business.

Mayor Holden noted the rezoning was approved by the Dyersburg Planning Commission.

Alderman Willie Cole shared his concern, "I have read where 1601 Forrest St. has applied for a package store license, and my biggest concern is if the state awards the license to that property, the negative impact it's going to have in Ward 1 and Future City," said Cole. "We already realize we have a crime issue and poverty issue. A liquor store does nothing for that community."

Thomas Mullins of the City's Codes Enforcement department said the property being reviewed for rezoning did not include 1601 Forrest, only an area of property west of the Hwy. 51 Bypass.

Speaking of the property referred to by Cole, Mayor Holden said, "That's already zoned for that type of business. The package stores and alcohol locations are governed by the State of Tennessee Department of Alcohol and Beverage Commission. Our ordinance says we have a certain number of package stores allowable in the City of Dyersburg, and that number is 4. Currently we have 3."

The Mayor added an application had been submitted to the state for a fourth store for 1601 Forrest. He added he had sent information regarding the package store to some of the board members to allow for public comment to be sent to the State.

"We do not take action here. That is all done by the state," said Mayor Holden.

According to the Mayor, the State granted the license on July 22 based on three conditions – certificate of occupancy, certificate, and license.

“It’s a shame that the State of Tennessee cares nothing about the community,” said Cole. “All they see is a dollar sign. I’ll say it here, and if I have an opportunity, I’ll say it before them, this is not going to bring in any money to my community. It’s going to lead to some things that’s going to get out of control.”

Alderman Baltimore made the motion to rezone the property and Alderman Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. Dyersburg Police Department Agency Report – Chief Steve Isbell

Dyersburg Police Chief Steve Isbell presented the agency report.

In 2020, the Dyersburg Police Department responded to 24,253 calls for service.

According to the crime report, offenses increased from 2,472 in 2019 to 2,797 in 2020. Of the 2,797 offenses, a total of 1,257 were cleared (44.94 percent). Arrests also increased from 1,896 in 2019 to 2,163 in 2020, consisting of 2,055 adults and 108 juveniles. There was also a total of 72 use-of-force incidents recorded in 2020, a decrease of 12 percent from 2019 according to Chief Isbell.

Chief Isbell also discussed calls received from July 2-6 over the Independence Day holiday. He said over the 5-day period, the department answered 546 calls for service with 132 being noise complaints.

Pertaining to the recent violence, Isbell noted the City, along with the District Attorney’s Office, presented gang injunctions through Chancery Court. Two hearings have been heard – one for each gang and the second for those accused as members. Chief Isbell said more hearings are to come and asked for the public’s help and support through the process.

Mayor Holden commended Chief Isbell and the department and added his congratulations to Chief Isbell as he had recently been named as the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Chief of the Year last week.

Upon the announcement, the board members gave Chief Isbell a standing ovation.

Chief Isbell noted, “This is a team effort and the officers and support staff are the ones who get it done.”

C. Street & Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes – July 29,2021 – Chairwoman Mary Claire Hopper

Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper reviewed the minutes from the Street and Sanitation Committee meeting held on July 29.

A discussion on the renaming of city streets was also held. Mayor Holden asked the committee for an opinion regarding this issue. The committee was generally concerned

about changing the names of existing streets because of the confusion it may cause through postal deliveries as well as other companies that make deliveries.

Alderwoman Hopper motioned to deny renaming requests with a second from Alderman Hammond. The motion passed.

Mayor Holden added a church or individual who would like to rename a street could add a memorial or marker on their property along that street as long as it did not violate any City ordinances and the sign ordinance.

D. Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2021 – Chairman Ricky Hammond

Alderman Ricky Hammond reviewed the minutes from the Recreation Committee meeting held on July 30.

E. Resolution 08022021 – A Resolution to adopt the Dyersburg 10 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The committee approved the 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to improve the parks within the City and also due to it being a requirement through TDEC to apply for future parks and recreation grants.

A resolution to adopt the plan was approved unanimously behind a motion from Alderman Hammond and second from Alderman Baltimore.

F. Bids – Greg Williams

Board members reviewed 4 items, which had been awarded due to being approved in the current-year budget. Items included the following:

- 120,000 gal. of liquid chlorine bleach for Water Plant/Wastewater/Recreation

Notification was given through the State Gazette and direct to 3 vendors. The bid was awarded to Harcos Chemical Co. of Memphis for \$112,800.03.

- ADSI Software Maintenance for the Police Department

Bid awarded to the sole source, Application Data Systems, Inc., for \$17,060.

- 2 Zero-Turn Mowers for Cemetery Department

Notification was not given as the City went through Sourcewell. The bid was awarded to First Choice Farm and Lawn of Dyersburg for \$16,400.

- New Mini-Excavator for Water/Sewer

Using Sourcewell, the bid was awarded to First Choice Farm and Lawn of Dyersburg for \$32,431.57.

REPORT FROM THE ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN:

James Baltimore: Alderman Baltimore asked when discussion could be held about making Juneteenth a holiday for City employees. Mayor Holden said the Local Government Committee could meet to discuss it at any time.

Baltimore also asked the Mayor about having a salary evaluation, which had been discussed during budget talks. Mayor Holden said he had talked to MTAS and other communities who have re-evaluated salaries.

“We are moving forward with that,” said Mayor Holden.

Alderman Baltimore also congratulated Chief Isbell and asked if DPD still has community policing.

Chief Isbell stated, “That is very much an important part of our day-to-day activities.”

Chief Isbell added due to COVID, the Community Changer events were put on hold for 2020 and 2021.

Edward Burks: No report

Willie Cole: Alderman Cole thanked Thomas Mullins, City of Dyersburg Code Enforcement, for his hard work and congratulated Chief Steve Isbell.

Meghan Gilbert: No report

Ricky Hammond: No report

Mary Claire Hopper: No report


Dennis Moody: No report

Vanedda Webb: No report

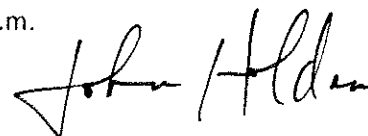
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

In closing, Mayor Holden reviewed the Codes Enforcement numbers from 2018-2020 as well as from July 2021. From 2018-2020, the City has removed 127 structures, issued 409 court citations, and addressed 3,471 other violations. The July numbers show a total of 110 complaints, 1 demolished structure, 128 re-inspections, and 10 citations issued.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Scott Ball, City Recorder



John Holden, Mayor