

**City of Dyersburg**  
**Board of Mayor and Aldermen**  
**Monday, February 7, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room. Mayor John Holden called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Alderman Baltimore. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mayor John Holden.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor John Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. Alderwoman Vanedda Webb made the motion to approve the minutes and Alderman Willie Cole seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. **Unfinished Business:** None
4. **New Business:**

**A. Public Hearing – Beer Permit – Tiger Mart #2**  
**Reenaben Patel**  
**2175 St John Avenue**  
**Dyersburg, Tn 38024**

During the public hearing, Dyersburg Police Chief Steve Isbell presented the background information on the applicant, Tiger Mart #2 (Reenaben Patel at 2175 St. John Ave.). Isbell said the permit would be for off-premises consumption and recommended the approval. Mayor Holden asked for public comment, no one in the audience commented.

Alderman Ricky Hammond motioned to approve the permit with a second from Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper. The motion passed.

**B. Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022 – Chairwoman Meghan Gilbert**

Alderwoman Meghan Gilbert reviewed the minutes from the February 2, 2022 Cemetery Committee meeting. The committee heard an update regarding the expansion project at Fairview Cemetery.

Referring to the minutes, Gilbert said a pavilion and columbariums have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed in April. The committee decided to meet in March to discuss the fee for the columbariums.

**C. Attorney Invoice – December 2021**

Mayor Holden presented the attorney invoices for the month of December in the amount of \$2,942.00. Alderman Willie Cole motioned to approve the invoice and Alderman Edward Burks seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **D. Bids – Greg Williams**

Under bids, board members reviewed an item not part of the current budget, the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit SUV for the police department.

According to the bid sheet prepared by City Purchasing Agent Greg Williams, the new SUV would replace a destroyed vehicle in the DPD fleet. Notification was not given for the vehicle; however, the City used the State of Tennessee contract. Greg Williams recommended the City award the bid to Columbia Dodge of Columbia, Tenn. in the amount of \$39,509.56.

Insurance from the damaged vehicle would pay \$18,315 with the remaining \$21,194.56 to be taken from the drug fund to make the purchase.

With the item not budgeted, it was required to be voted upon by the board.

“What was the year of the one that was wrecked?” asked Alderman Dennis Moody.

“It was a later-model Ford Explorer,” replied Chief Isbell. “It was in the range of a 2016. I will tell you from previous vehicles that we had over the years I was surprised in a good way with the amount we’re getting from insurance. It has been much lower than that on some other vehicles.”

Isbell said the damage occurred when an officer was en route to assist as backup in a felony traffic stop.

“He was running emergency lights and sirens and a car pulled out in front of him,” added Isbell. “There were no injuries.”

A motion to approve the bid was made by Alderwoman Vanedda Webb and seconded by Alderman Willie Cole. All were in favor.

#### **REPORT FROM ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN:**

**James Baltimore:** Absent

**Edward Burks:** No report

**Willie Cole:** No report

**Meghan Gilbert:** Alderwoman Gilbert said she had individuals reach out to her with issues about stray dogs and the humane society. Gilbert said she would follow up on those concerns.

**Ricky Hammond:** No report

**Mary Claire Hopper:** No report

**Dennis Moody:** Alderman Moody asked Mayor Holden to check with the state on the status of the bypass. “We’re getting bad places out there and probably needs to be repaved,” said Moody. He also commended the City’s Street Department on their efforts of clearing the streets following last week’s winter weather.

**Vanedda Webb:** Alderwoman Webb commended the street department.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

In closing, Mayor Holden thanked the street department, wastewater, police department, and fire department for their efforts during the winter weather and reporting to work in the bad weather conditions. He added the next board meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 22 due to the Presidents Day holiday.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



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John Holden, Mayor



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Scott Ball, City Recorder