

**City of Dyersburg
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Monday, May 2, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dyersburg Municipal Court Room. Mayor John Holden called the meeting to order. All members were present except for Alderwoman Meghan Gilbert. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor John Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting. Alderman James Baltimore made a motion to approve the minutes and Alderman Willie Cole seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **Unfinished Business:** None
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Public Hearing – Ordinance BB705 – An Ordinance to amend the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning map to rezone property near Hwy 51 and Brewer Road from PB (Planned Business) to B-2 (General Trade and Business) District.**
 - B. **Public Hearing – Ordinance BB706 – An ordinance to amend the text to the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning Ordinance to adopt new procedures for zoning amendment applications.**

Board members also approved two ordinance amendments during public hearings Monday night. Ordinance BB705, an ordinance to amend the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning Map to rezone property near Hwy. 51 and Brewer Road from PB (Planned Business) to B-2 (General Trade and Business) District, a motion was made by Alderman Baltimore with a second from Alderwoman Hopper all voted in favor. Ordinance BB706, an ordinance to amend the text to the Dyersburg Municipal Zoning Ordinance to adopt new procedures for zoning amendment applications, a motion was made by Alderman Baltimore with a second from Alderman Hammond the motion was approved unanimously.

C. City of Dyersburg – Annual Financial Report – June 30, 2021 – Chloe Humphrey

Chloe Humphrey of Cowart Reese Sargent reviewed the City's annual financial report for year ended June 30, 2021.

Humphrey, reviewing the City's financial highlights listed in the report, stated, "The City's net position on June 30, 2021, which is government wide, was \$115 million. Of this amount \$12 million is unrestricted and able to meet the City's ongoing operations. The City's total net position increased by \$8.6 million, and the governmental funds reported combined ending-fund balances of \$16 million, of which \$5.2 million is unassigned and available for use at the City's discretion. Governmental fund balances increased by \$5.3 million. During the fiscal year ended, we were able to decrease our total notes by \$2 million."

Referring to the City's pension, Humphrey noted, "Based on the actuarial assumptions applied this year, the pension plan's net position is projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members through June 30, 2066."

Mayor Holden commented, "This board was not here when the State passed the Defined Pension Benefit Act of 2014. Prior to that, the City of Dyersburg was not subject to the ERISA Laws about retirement plans, which means it did not have to be fully funded. The State changed the plans because there were several municipalities and cooperatives that were heading in the wrong direction. The City took the initiative, at that time, based on the state law, to address that situation. Everybody knows the rest of the story. I am very proud of what the City has done, both the previous board and this board. There were some things going around several years ago that people were not going to get their retirement money – that it would be pennies on the dollar. I heard it in meetings with former elected officials, and that simply was not true. This report tonight reflects what we did as a City with the previous board and this board to make sure this plan is solid and folks get their retirement. Every employee who has retired with the City of Dyersburg has received their full pension benefit even when all of this was going on and moving forward."

Humphrey added, "The City is in good financial shape," and moved on to discuss the lone finding in the report, Expenditures more than appropriations in Government Funds. According to the report, the City expended more than budgeted appropriations by major appropriation category in the Communication Services Fund, Internal Service Fund, and the TIP Fund.

"The budget was not amended to cover the necessary expenditures incurred during the fiscal year," the report read.

"After the audit adjustments have been posted, a calculation is made to allocate internal service funds. What happens at the end of the year, after our adjustments get made, the last piece is to make a journal entry based on the activity in those internal service funds. What has happened is when we make that entry, it causes those funds to be over budget."

D. Dyersburg Fire Department – 2021 Annual Report – Chief Brett Sipes

Dyersburg Fire Chief Brett Sipes presented the department's annual report. Highlights from the report included the following:

- Class 2 ISO Rating
- 3,390 total calls in 2021 (increase of 5.2 percent from 2020)
- 715 of 3,390 calls were fire-related: 2,675 EMS-related calls
- Thirty-three doses of Narcan administered
- Over 7,700 training hours logged
- 2,043 fire inspections completed
- Forty-six fire drills held at schools

- 183 burn permits issued
- 441 smoke alarms installed

Sipes added the department has filled 8 of 9 open positions with an additional employee set to begin at the end of the current week.

E. Street & Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2022 – Chairwoman Mary Claire Hopper

Alderswoman and Street/Sanitation Committee Chair Mary Claire Hopper reviewed the committee meeting minutes from April 19.

The committee heard from Sanitation Director Greg Wilson of the City’s upcoming transition to curbside pickup. According to Wilson, the new trucks from River City Hydraulics have arrived, and the new trash cans are scheduled to arrive in July. Mayor Holden said items would still need to be resolved prior to the change including a text amendment to the current ordinance and an approved agreement for a hardship application would need to be passed, in addition to fees for additional cans.

F. Bids – Greg Williams

REPORT FROM ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN:

James Baltimore: Alderman Baltimore complimented the Dyersburg Fire and Police departments. He also thanked City Treasurer Steve Anderson for his work on the audit.

Edward Burks: No report

Willie Cole: No report

Meghan Gilbert: Not present

Ricky Hammond: No report

Mary Claire Hopper: Alderswoman Hopper stated, “I would like to go on record, on a personal level, and say as a recovering schoolteacher, I am very disappointed at what has happened with Mr. [Carey] Sanders at the middle school. I do not know him personally. I assume my children had him, but I have seen him at work in that cafeteria over an extended period, and that is a very hard job. I can only imagine what he was going through at the time the fight broke out – numerous times I have been told. I would like to say I am disappointed in the way things turned out.”

Dennis Moody: No report

Vanedda Webb: Alderswoman Webb asked for the Finance Committee to meet prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Prior to adjournment, Alderman Hammond followed up Alderwoman Hopper's comments, stating, "I have talked to her [Hopper], Chief [Steve Isbell], and numerous individuals about this. It's an unfortunate incident all the way around, and it has given our City a negative light. My hope and prayer are that everything is managed the way that it should be. I have all the confidence in the world in our police department and our judicial system, and I hope it turns out the way it should turn out and we are not caving into any social media or anything like that. I know there are a lot of hard feelings right now, but Dyersburg is good at coming together when we have a crisis. We have great teachers and a great school system. We must rally around one another."

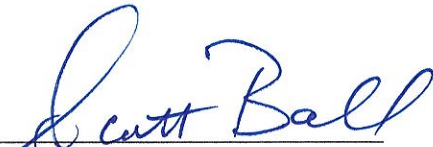
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

In closing, Mayor Holden thanked the street and sanitation departments for their efforts in the cleanup days on the Saturdays in April. He also reminded everyone of the cookout benefit being held Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for Dyersburg dispatcher Sherry Butler at the Downtown Safe Room. Finally, Holden said the National Day of Prayer will be Thursday with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast occurring at Dyersburg First Baptist at 6:30 a.m. and Prayer on the Square at noon at the Dyer County Courthouse.

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



John Holden, Mayor



Scott Ball, City Recorder