

## **Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting Monday, October 3, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** The Board of a Mayor and Aldermen convened for their scheduled board meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm inside the Municipal Building Courtroom. Mayor John Holden called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Alderman Willie Cole.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor John Holden called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022, meeting. Alderman Willie Cole made a motion to approve the minutes and Alderman Edward Burks seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **Old Business:** Mayor Holden also recognized Mike Goff, Dyersburg Wastewater Superintendent.

“We asked Mike to come here tonight. We recognize City employees who do an outstanding job for the City,” stated Mayor Holden. “Mike is very humble. He is a dedicated, self-conscious employee that does his job.”

Mayor Holden noted Goff began his tenure with the City of Dyersburg in 1988 and was promoted to Wastewater Superintendent in 2009.

In 2021, Goff was awarded the William D. Hatfield Award at the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Professionals Conference and named Operator of the Year for the Kentucky/Tennessee Region of the Water Environment Federation.

“Just recently, Mike received the Wastewater Operator of the Year, 2022, at the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts Conference in Gatlinburg,” added Mayor Holden. “Mike, we want to recognize you for your outstanding work for the City for the past 34 years. We appreciate you very much. Thank you for doing a great job.”

#### 4. **New Business:**

##### **A. Attorney Invoice – August 2022 - \$8,095.25**

Alderswoman Mary Claire Hopper made a motion to approve the attorney invoice in the amount of \$8,095.25. Alderman James Baltimore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

##### **B. RESOLUTION 10032022 – Acceptance of the ARPA funds from Dyer County and the State of Tennessee.**

Alderman Dennis Moody made a motion to approve the resolution and Alderman Ricky Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

##### **C. RESOLUTION 10032022A - Resolution authorizing and providing for the financing of the construction of a water facilities project, including authorizing the execution of applications, contractual agreements, and other necessary documents, and making**

**certain representations, certifications, and pledges of certain revenue in connection with such financing.**

Alderman James Baltimore made a motion to approve the resolution and Alderwoman Mary Claire Hopper seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**D. Bids – Greg Williams**

**2 unmarked SUVs for Police Department**

The lone bid received from Tim Castellaw Ford was in the amount of \$83,000, which surpassed the budgeted amount (\$77,000). The additional \$6,000 needed to complete the purchase would come from the JAG Grant funding, which has been received.

Alderman Hammond motioned to approve the bid with a second from Alderman Baltimore. The motion passed by all.

**7.5-ton rooftop HVAC unit for Public Works**

The new unit would replace a failed unit over the Street Department and police property and evidence. The repair was listed as an emergency to protect the police evidence room and not listed in the budget.

Two bids were received with the lowest being \$11,811 from Billy Rogers Plumbing of Dyersburg.

Alderwoman Vanedda Webb motioned to approve the HVAC unit with a second from Alderman Willie Cole. The motion passed by all.

**Okeena Park Basketball Court resurfacing (Recreation Department)**

The item was budgeted at \$30,000 and notification was given through the State Gazette and to 2 plan rooms. Two bids were received with the lowest being Peebles Sports Courts of Hot Springs, AR in the amount of \$22,500. The bid was awarded to the company. This did not need board approval.

**E. Dyersburg Police Chief Steve Isbell presented the department’s annual report for the year 2021.**

According to Chief Isbell, the DPD is commissioned to house 60 officers and 8 support staff personnel. He noted in the current year, the DPD has 7 support staff and one part time.

As for additional vacancies within the department, Isbell stated, “We have been hit in law enforcement, and most other businesses, with vacancies. We currently have 6 vacancies. That’s a big hit to our overall personnel. We have 4 in the pipeline and are currently going through the backgrounds and testing.”

Of the \$6.2 million annual budget, the report noted employee salaries and benefits account for 54 percent of the operating budget.

The 2021 report can be viewed on the City of Dyersburg's website, or the Dyersburg Police Department Facebook Page.

Isbell also thanked the board members for their support of the men and women within the Dyersburg Police Department.

## **REPORT FROM ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN**

### **James Baltimore:**

Alderman Baltimore asked if board members could receive text messages notifying him of scheduled committee meetings. Mayor Holden noted the City could do so and added meeting invitations are sent out to all board members via email.

### **Edward Burks:**

Alderman Burks reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. at City Hall.

### **Willie Cole:**

Alderman Cole said he had a community member ask about ownership of property on Elmo Ozment Road. Mayor Holden said he would check on the ownership. Additionally, on Ferrell Avenue Cole said he was asked about natural gas or propane tanks near the roadway.

"I believe it is still an active business," said Mayor Holden. "Is their concern about things sitting outside of the fence?"

"Yes," said Cole. "It's been sitting there for a while."

"We will check it out," replied Mayor Holden.

### **Meghan Gilbert:**

Alderwoman Gilbert asked for an update regarding the South Dyersburg Soccer Complex.

Scott Ball said he hopes to close out on the contract at the end of the week.

"We're going to try to get the fields striped in the next couple of weeks," he added. "We have had our goals ordered for a while, but they just keep getting pushed back. We would like to get everything out there and striped by the end of the month. The police precinct building is completed as well."

### **Ricky Hammond:**

Alderman Hammond said he had been asked by an individual who they would need to contact regarding a farm located in the county along Menzie Rd. and Frank Maynard. Mayor Holden said the County Mayor would be the contact person.

### **Mary Claire Hopper:**

Alderwoman Hopper thanked the community for their patience during the curbside pickup transition. She also thanked Sanitation Director Greg Wilson and his team for their efforts.

**Dennis Moody:** No report

**Vanessa Webb:** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

In closing, Mayor Holden noted the Dyer County Community Cancer Fund BBQ will take place on the north side of the court square on October 21 and added the splash pad at the Forked Deer River Park will close for the season on October 14. He also thanked the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce staff, including Brianna Roser, for their efforts in last weekend's fall festival.

He also provided a copy of the September Codes Enforcement Report which listed a total of 92 complaints – 30 sanitations, 4 motor vehicles, 1 curbside, 1 condemnation, 2 sub-standard housing, 1 notice of repair, 8 no utilities, 4 overgrown grass/vegetation, 1 pool, 8 driveway/autos, and 32 others. There were also 4 demolished structures, 96 re-inspections and 10 citations in September.

Prior to adjournment, Hammond asked about the status of paving within the City.

“Do we have a date or a timeline of when we might start seeing some paving?” asked Hammond.

“The contract was signed 3 or 4 weeks ago [with Ford Construction],” said Mayor Holden. “The City budgeted \$475,000 for paving. Also, as far as paving, we have spent \$6.2 million over the past 5 years in local paving. We budget \$475,000 a year for paving within the City of Dyersburg. We continue to work on that. We will give John Ford a call and ask about that.”

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor John Holden

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Scott Ball, City Recorder