**City of Dyer**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**01/24/2023**

The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser present

Alderman Jannie Elam present

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Joseph Saunders present

Alderman Arron Bray present

Alderman Cindy Looney present

Public Forum:

Jessie Valencia, I apologize for this being placed on you, but I felt I was getting nowhere with the past administration. I was directed to do things by Mayor Paul Brown, Clerk Kathy Fry and councilwoman Rhonda Rowell and City Attorney Sean Brister and spent over $1700 and came before them for placement of tiny homes and I complied with their direction. This has caused me financial hardship and not counting the frustration it has caused me. I asked for the unnecessary expenses to be paid back to me and the request was ignored. I have each of you a copy of my expenses and respectfully ask for reimbursement. He states is only putting 1 tiny home on the property that he has square footage for. When I first came, I was told I would have to rezone and then have a plot plan and it was not approved, I had to have this redrawn up and this is included in the costs. Alderman Kiser asked if he was told by the city to get all this done and Jessie stated yes and then it was denied. Alderman Donna Staton states Jessie wanted to put 6-8 tiny homes in 2 lots, one of which had a house on it, when we got to looking at the situation he is in a single residential zoned area. A public hearing was conducted, and it was voted 6-0 that the zoning could not be changed. Ordinance states 885 sq ft needed to put 1 each dwelling on it. He was told he could put 1 tiny home on the second lot. I do not know what Rhonda Rowell told him, but he spoke with him person to person, and he needed to plan to show what you intend to do. I feel like this is something he needed to do before he even came to the city. Sean Brister stated he first came to do a subdivision and there was going to have an engineer for driveways, drainage, water system, traffic and plans and blueprints for subdivision. He was told by Kathy Fry if he wants to put multiple houses on those lots, he will have to have it rezoned.

Approval of December 2022 Minutes:

A motion was made to approve December 2022 was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

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Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

January 4, 2023, minutes to be amended by title and include special meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton to accept January 4, 2023, minutes.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A motion was made to accept January 9, 2023, meeting minutes by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Aaron Bray.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Approval of December 2022 budget amendment was tabled until council had more time to review.

Approval of December 2022 financials was tabled until council had more time to review budget amendment and review financials.

Alderman Elam questioned hotel expenses, meals mileage and where should it go in police expense, RT stated that police departments funds could not support these expenses. Discussion and questions answered regarding what each expense line.

A motion to table 2022 budget amendment was made by Alderman Joseph Saunders and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A motion was made to table the December Financials was made by Alderman Donna Staton and Alderman Jannie Elam.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Mayor Report:

We did not receive the approval for the street aid because we went over $400,000. Next time I ask will be for repair of roads. I am looking to enter a partnership with the county to repair Ridge Rd. I have two new hires in the office, Riley Walker and MyKenzie Hawks, Riley has experience with the city of Mulberry with the same type of software we have here. She will be office manager. Joey Wertz has been hired on the outside and has been taught a lot from when he worked here before. Trash truck, we are on the third mechanic and determined the pump they said was bad wasn’t bad, there is some issue with engine and our injection problems. I would like to see if the council would agree to go another month with River Valley Waste until we can get the truck fixed or get a trash service to do this for us. Discussion about trash truck and expenses.

The council made a request for Mayor to get proposals for trash services for roll offs in spring and fall and weekly trash removal. Mayor suggests fixing the truck and selling it or scraping it.

One of the concerns in the past was the size of the other company trucks and the wear and tear on the streets. Mayor states we could create an ordinance requiring all the town residents to be on the same trash pickup service.

A motion was made to authorize Mayor Robert Porter to contact trash removal services to acquire proposals for trash pickup for the city of Dyer was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Computer updates, systems are operational and the data purge from DBest we lost all data. DBest downloaded it all to Kathy’s computer and they did not send an email outlining how to access. We were served with a Federal Lawsuit outlining one of the Deputies involved in the Mulberry lawsuit naming the deputy as a Dyer police officer and naming Chief of Police as well. The council was made aware that the deputy did not work for Dyer, and it is in the process of being amended and Dyer being taken out of the suit.

2023 Budget is February 1, 2023, you can amend it as many times as needed but you must have one in place by February 1, 2023. This has been sent to you by email. Mayor states he is going to run all payroll out of General. City Attorney states that this cannot include street. Alderman Donna Staton states she has a lot of questions, and she has not had time to review and would like to have another meeting. Why the $22000 line of vehicle and wasn’t the street loan paid off, you have $18,000 in that line. There are different things going to come off the vehicle expense line, separate fuel, maintenance fixing blades, decks, tractor repairs. There is a whole lot more revenue in every account than there was in the last year. I am wondering what you are thinking about this. Mayor states Revenues are close to what they have been in the last years. A motion was made to table the 2023 Budgets until 2 days by Alderman Blaine Kiser and seconded by Alderman Joseph Saunders.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Proposed resolution to change the way the community building is done, increasing rates for inside residents and outside residents. Mayor wants to put a glass door entry to the gym and engrave it with Dyer emblem and keep it locked open the door to entry door so people can go to the restroom. I would like to get rid of the porta potty outside. Alderman Jannie Elam asked about the $50.00 deposit and Mayor explained that everyone would pay deposit and when it is clean, they would get it back. Aldermen stated that it wasn’t a great idea to open it to let people use restroom, people would camp out in there, they might put paper down commodes and turn water on and flood the place. The glass would be broken out of the door. Are you going to bar the window so people will not be crawling through the window? The glass doors would be nice, but it would be far more trouble with vandals, we didn’t have umbrellas 2 weeks before someone burnt a hole in it. Recommended to decrease the rates to $200.00 for residents and $225.00 for nonresidents use of the kitchen and look at it in a year. Mayor wants to fund improvements to the building floors, ceiling and walls. Alderman Donna Staton made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-01-24-01 A RESOLUTION SETTING RENTAL RATES FOR THE DYER COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH THE CHANGE RATES FOR OUTSIDE RESIDENTS and was seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A new credit card policy in front of you for consideration. Alderman Donna Staton states it is very well written. The city Attorney states he will bring in an Ordinance regarding credit card use ready by the next council meeting.

There is a 75/25 grant for police and fire AWIN emergency radios we are working on. Our cost will be roughly $2500.00 plus tax.

A motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-01-24-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FOR THE CITY OF DYER FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES was made by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-01-24-03 A RESOLUTION REMOVING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FROM THE CITYS FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND ADDING NEW SIGNERS was made by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Jannie Elam.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Public works:

We are getting water telemetry put in and Permaliner has been here to repair a couple of manholes.

Police Report:

Vacation time was taken last month, and this is why tickets are down. 2 Felony arrests were made.

Fire Department:

Five medical calls

One kitchen fire

We are working on getting a new truck for us using a 50/50 grant. Hydrant testing is coming up. We will get with Water to mark hydrants and specs.

Old Business

Ridge Rd- going to speak with county judge about partnering with them to repair if cost effective.

New Business: Because Joseph is Fire chief and on council, we will be drafting an ordinance to authorize Fire Chief to be paid and serve on council.

A motion was made to suspend the reading rule for Ordinance 2023-01-24-1 AN ORDINANCE TO CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH SAUNDERS FOR PURPOSES AS SERVING AS DYER FIRE CHIEF REPLEAING ANY OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Jannie Elam.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders abstain.

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Ordinance read by title.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2023-01-24-1 AN ORDINANCE TO CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH SAUNDERS FOR PURPOSES AS SERVING AS DYER FIRE CHIEF REPEALING ANY OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders abstain.

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A motion to enact an emergency clause on Ordinance 2023-01-24-1 was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders abstain.

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Public comment: Jessie Valencia asked where he stood. Mayor asked to put him on agenda for next month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Blaine Kiser and seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Mayor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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