

City of Dyer
Regular council meeting
Minutes April, 25,2023

The meeting was called to order at 630 pm by Mayor Robert Porter. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam present

Alderman Joseph Saunders present

Alderman Blaine Kiser present

Alderman Aaron Bray present

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Cindy Looney present

Approval of March 28, 2023, minutes.

Alderman Jannie Elam's name was accidentally dropped off roll calls. With the correction to the roll call by adding Alderman Elam's name, a motion was made by Alderman Jannie Elam and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser to approve the minutes.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Approval of March 2023 General, Street, Water Financials (Police and Fire included in General)

Approval of March 2023 General, Police, Fire financials with the following corrections:

Under fire expenses, Lexipol move from 6440 Dues and subscriptions to 6044 training expenses for \$689.00.

Under General expenses, move 7042 vehicle expense and insurance to be moved to 6720

Insurance-vehicle for \$1700.00.

Move Fire chief pay of \$300.00 (\$100.00 per month for Jan, Feb and March) From 6369 Elected Official Pay to 6520 Fire calls and meetings under General Fire.

A motion was made to approve with corrections by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Water Sewer financials to be approved with the following corrections:

Add expense line for sanitation service expense.

A motion to approve with corrections was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Street to be approved as is.

A motion was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Aaron Bray

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Mayor Report:

Mayor updated council with the computer issues caused by server.

Mayor asked the council their thoughts on purchasing the AOG church and parsonage for city venues and rental property. After a brief discussion no decision was verbalized.

Alderman Donna Staton made a motion and Alderman Blaine Kiser seconded the motion to authorize the mayor to get market analysis of 911 Rhodes Street Dyer AR before the May meeting to put on market.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

City Logo discussed and consensus was that no one wanted a dragon, the train and or farm scene was favored, nor did they want the words to be in Latin. Discussion about a committee being formed to accomplish this and assigned to volunteers to handle but no one volunteered or was appointed to a committee for this issue.

Public Works:

Lonnie Robins Jr updated the council regarding his and Joey Wertz training for Water Operator and Sewer Operator licenses.

The intersection of Redhill and Simmons roads were repaired by Crawford County.

Manholes – 7 are to be repaired, still several more need to be repaired.

Tower inspection is upcoming. May need to be relined which will be expensive.

One tap to be completed, two meters to be moved and repairs to lines on N Washington St

Police Report:

Chief Josh Winford informed the council that the hailstorm totaled the 2017 Dodge Charger he drives and a 2010 Dodge Charger for reserve officers. Insurance claims in progress. He would like to take the proceeds of \$17650.00 from insurance after the payoff of approximately \$5500.00 on the 2017 Dodge Charger and put towards a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV with approximately 56000 miles on it he has found in MI for a cost of \$27000.00 The 2010 Charger will bring \$3000 with a \$0 dollar buy back and that can be used to repair windows etc.

Chief Winford passed out an outline of what he would like to do to secure another police vehicle. He is asking to borrow \$20000 from Citizen's bank and add \$6200 from city funds to purchase the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe. Payments will be close to the same with some savings. The remaining proceeds from the 2017 Charger will be used to outfit the Tahoe. Some equipment will be transferrable but not all.

A motion was made by Alderman Jannie Elam to appropriate money from General Fund to purchase 2018 Tahoe and was seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

A motion was made by Alderman Cindy Looney to borrow \$20000 from Citizen's bank for Police car loan. Insurance proceeds to be used to repair another car and outfit the Tahoe, seconded by Alderman Aaron Bray.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Fire Department:

Chief Joseph Saunders reports that the pancake breakfast was a success and they raised \$540.00.

Five medical calls, one structure fire, one brush fire.

We now have Thermal Imaging Gear

An EMR course is being offered soon for anyone interested in becoming certified for medical calls.

Old Business:

New Business:

Amend Community building rental policy/ordinance tabled.

Review and amend Water policy tabled.

Review Employee handbook tabled and set for a special meeting May 9 at 630 pm. A member of the audience had a copy of the former handbook and the new one and states the older one was clearer than the last one.

Compliance of Act 605 of 2021 training classes was mentioned.

Zoning and Planning: Jessie Valencia approached the council asking to be able to combine the lots on his property specifically 19 & 20 to enable him to place another tiny cottage on that lot. Some heated discussion from the audience ensued. The city Attorney advised the council to review the current ordinance to see if it spoke of re-platting or re-zoning. The mayor informed Jessie that the council would review this and let him know of their findings.

Public Comments:

A motion to adjourn was made at 958 pm by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes.

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

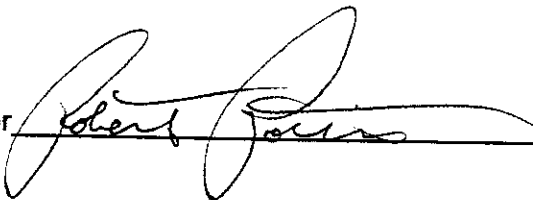
Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Mayor



Rec/Treasurer

