

City of Dyer
Council Minutes
April 28, 2020

The City of Dyer called to order the April 2020 City council meeting to order via Zoom. The pledge of Allegiance was omitted, and Roll call was conducted by Recorder Treasurer Lynn Hubbard.

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter present
Alderman Randy Beard present
Alderman Myrna Burns present
Alderman Katherine Fry present
Alderman Donna Staton present
Alderman Nancy Smith present

A motion was made to approve the Council minutes from March 2020 by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Nancy Smith.

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
All yea.

Financial discussion:

Alderman Randy Beard questioned Water and Sewer fund operating budget. Veronica Robins stated after reviewing states first column is everything that was spent in the month of March. Second column is January-March 2020 and third column is the actual budget that was passed by the council. The fourth column is the annual budget with a variance, the amount we have left in that budget. The fifth column is the percentage of the budget we have used.

Alderman Randy Beard stated he reviewed March and February 2020 and both those months we are in the hole. This month we are \$7244 in the hole. Veronica Robins explained that even though the revenues are due by the 21st of each month right now we are behind on people paying their bills quite a bit. Alderman Beard states 2 months in a row we are working in the negative. Veronica Robins explained that there was a carry-over from last year and she did not want him to think our account balance was in the negative by looking at that, we are running behind because a lot of people are not paying their bills right now and we are not allowed to shut off as per the email from Arkansas Rural Water asking us not to do shut offs due to Covid 19. When customers call and state, they cannot pay their bill we explain to them that once this is over, they will have 10 days to pay their bill and it is best to pay something on it.

A motion was made to approve March 2020 Financials was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

All yea

Lynn Hubbard questioned if the incoming Revenue packet needed to be discussed and it was stated that this was only requested to be placed in the agenda packet to review.

Mayor Report:

Police Chief- Josh Winford was moved to Police Chief on salary with the understanding:

1. He will give 32 hours to in town leaving 8 hours for court and transport.
2. As of right now his salary is based on \$12.00 an hour and after graduation from the academy, he will be given a raise to \$32,500.00 which equals \$15.63 per hour.
3. Chris Martin is a part time officer and is required to work a minimum of 12 hours but limited to 20 hours per week at \$12.00 per hour.

At this time, we have one car that the motor is blown and another that reverse is out only. To get a new motor pricing from the only shop that returned the call was Wilson Brothers and the range of \$8500.00 and the new transmission around \$3000.00 to \$3500.00. Car quotes for replacing cars are as follows and included in the agenda attachment.

2012 Dodge Charger Police package with 95,000 miles is \$7,900.00.

2016 Dodge Charger 50-55000 miles \$16,950.00

2017 Dodge Charger 50-55000 miles \$17,950.00

2018 Dodge Charger 50-55000 miles \$19,500.00

Citizens Bank sent a letter of preliminary financing estimates to fund purchase a new police cruiser.

As of right now with the adjustments we are making we are saving approximately \$30,000.00 in Police Department in the General Fund.

The floor was opened to questions from the council.

Alderman Randy Beard questioned where the \$30,000.00 is coming from and Veronica Robins explained that the reduction from 2 full time officers and we are now down to 1 full time and a part time.

At this time, we have 1 fully functioning car.

Alderman Randy Beard asked what would have to be added to the car to get it fully functional, Police Chief stated Cage, side lights, light bar, console and prisoner partition.

Alderman Randy Beard asked if we purchase a car for \$17,950.00 how much more would have to be added to loan to get the car where it needs to be, and Police Chief stated the total price

would be \$20,085.00. Alderman Beard asked if there were any funds in the police account for car and Veronica states, she thinks they have \$1100.00 in the ER fund.

Alderman Katherine Fry asked if the old cars could be sold and Veronica Robins stated that would be the plan to sell the 4 cars and pay towards the loan.

Alderman Robert Porter questioned jail fees in the future.

Alderman Katherine Fry asked if the payment of \$400-500 be afforded each month and Veronica Robins stated yes that payment would be approximately \$465.00 month.

Recorder Treasurer asked which department the 911 fees would come out and City Attorney stated study incomplete, and that it would come out of Police ticket money and general fund.

An Ordinance was proposed to purchase a police car;

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04-28-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM FINANCING UNDER AMENDMENT IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN DYER, AR; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND THE INTEREST ON THE NOTE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM GENERAL REVENUES; REPEALING ANUY OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

A motion was made to suspend the reading rule and read once only for Ordinance 2020-04-28-01 except by title only was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Adermin Robert Porter.

Roll call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

All yea

The Ordinance No 2020-04-28-01 was read by Veronica Robins by title.

A motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04-28-01 proposing that the city issue its Promissory Note in the principle amount of \$20,000 was made by Alderman Randy Beard and approved by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

All yea.

A motion was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter to declare an emergency to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04-28-01.

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
All yea.

City Attorney stated we could make a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize disposal of 4 police cars to remove from asset list and auction them off and we could complete the resolution next month.

A motion was made to adopt a Resolution to dispose of the 4 police cars by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
All yea.

Administrative Assistant Report
Sanitary Survey 2020

Fun Park Grant Resolution (\$75,000)

This was pointed out specifically that this is not a grant requiring the City to donate funds towards this project. No Match.

Resolution 2020-04-28-01 Fun Park

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2020- 04-28-01 by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
All yea.

New Business:

Ward Map

Ward Ordinance

Old Ward Map

ORDINANCE 2020-04-28-02

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED WARD MAP FOR THE CITY OF DYER, ARKANSAS.

A motion to read the Ordinance in its entirety was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

The Ordinance adopting a revised ward map for the City of Dyer was read in its entirety by Recorder Treasurer.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:35 pm by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll call:

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

All yea.

Mayor Bill Morse

Rec/Treasurer Ann Hubbard