

City of Dyer

City Council Meeting

08/27/2019

The August 2019 Dyer City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Morse at 5:30 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said and roll call was completed by Recorder/Treasurer Lynn Hubbard.

Present were

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

Public Forum: Bob and Thelma Morrell residing at Hancock Street Dyer, Arkansas, AR came in to complain about vicious dogs running loose and coming into their yard and behaving in a threatening manner. The council discussed having a special session to discuss dog registration in the city and building of a Dog Kennel.

Executive Session called by Mayor Bill Morse to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made to bring the regular council meeting back into order by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

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

A motion was made to approve the July 23rd, 2019 minutes was made by Alderman Myrna Burns and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

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

A motion was made to approve the July 23rd, 2019 financial minutes was made by Alderman Myrna Burns and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard-yes
Alderman Myrna Burns-yes
Alderman Donna Staton-yes

Alderman Robert Porter-yes
Alderman Nancy Smith-yes
Alderman Katherine Fry-yes

Mayors Report: Mayor Bill Morse gave the owners of DVR LLC properties an opportunity to address the council and they had nothing to bring to the council at this time.

Administrative Assistant/Public Works Report:

City of Dyer received an audit finding on the fraudulent checks that were written on the city accounts late last year. To recap the situation, city workers noted activity on accounts and immediately contacted Mayor, City attorney and the bank to report fraud. The Municipal League was also notified of this and it was assumed by the Deputy Clerk Veronica Robins and City Attorney Sean Brister that the Municipal League would take it from there. Legislative auditors give kudos to the City of Dyer for being on top of reconciling their accounts each month and getting their money back from the bank however it should have gone a step further and be reported to the County Prosecutor and the legislative audit team.

The Council was made aware that there were more monies used to bring the police department current on their bills than was originally agreed upon in the July 2019 council meeting. In July the council approved the City to move \$3532.26 from the General Fund to bring all bills in at that time current. After the council meeting a telephone bill in excess of \$200 came in and this was added to the amount of monies taken from the General Fund to the Police Department to cover these bills in the amount of \$3770.53. It was also mentioned that the Police Department received a check to be deposited into their account approximately \$2200. \$1000 was taken from this check and deposited back into the general fund as payment on the monies owed to general by police. It was asked of the council if they wanted to set a dollar amount to be paid each month until debt recovered, and it was decided to continue and recoup as the monies are available.

Clerks training will be September 15-20 and the water and sanitation recertification classes will be that week also and the office will be closed. Citizens will be notified with a message at the bottom of the water bill and a sign will be placed on the door at City Hall.

City Attorney:

Sean Brister presented an ordinance and resolution to council for consideration.

Ordinance 2019-08-27-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DYER EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES to set a clear policy dealing with employee meals while traveling on city business. A motion to suspend the reading rule was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard- yes
Alderman Myrna Burns-yes
Alderman Donna Staton-yes
Alderman Robert Porter-yes
Alderman Nancy Smith-yes
Alderman Katherine Fry-abstain

No motion made to approve an emergency clause and this ordinance will be read and voted on in the next 2 council meetings.

Resolution establishing overtime policies for the city of Dyer and for related purposes was presented to the council for review and consideration and was deferred to an upcoming study session to discuss. This was brought before the council due to an error caught this month. Employees were being paid over time on work time not reaching the 40-hour threshold. Sean Brister stated that he had misguided the clerks about this issue stating that they could be paid overtime when hours worked did not equal 40 hours while including PTO and holiday to equal that 40-hour work week.

Police Report from Troy Leonard was included in the packet mailed to the council for review.


Fire Report from Chief Jim Dapson was included in the packet mailed to the council for review.

No old Business brought up.

New Business: Study Session to be held September 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm to discuss animal registration and building of a Dog Kennel and Resolution for Dyer Overtime Policy.
It was also discussed to hold Council meetings two times per month through the end of the year on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to get caught up and work on City Budget.

Adjournment: A motion to Adjourn meeting was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Mayor

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Recorder/Treasurer

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