

City of Dyer Council

Minutes April 26, 2022

The Dyer City Council meeting was called to order on April 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm by Mayor Paul Brown and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry present

Alderman Rhonda Rowell present

Alderman Staci Satterfield present

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Myrna Burns present

Alderman Jeff Baxter present

Public Forum:

Veronica Robins, my driveway, last month we talked about fixing driveways, you also told me that you have 2 other projects to do, and I would like to get a date that I can get that done, so I can take off another day. Mayor states you said if we fix Betty's we did not have to fix yours. We did talk about that but if you will listen to your recording, Donna talked about fixing our driveways and that is when I said, if you just bring me a load of gravel, I will do the work on my driveway. I wanted to get Betty's fixed, that's not my fight, I don't have anything to say on that. We fixed Betty's and she come down and thanked everybody for the hard work they did on her driveway. I would like to get a load of gravel and get my driveway fixed. Alderman Staci Satterfield states she listened to the minutes and heard there were 2 members that agreed that we needed to fix Ms. Betty's and yours. I drove out there and looked at both and Ms. Betty's was bad, and I drove down red hill street and looked at yours and it doesn't need a whole deal of gravel. There are holes that need to be fixed and in the January 2022 meeting there were 2 members that said it needed to be fixed. I feel like it should be fixed. Mayor stated I do not agree with that, Veronica has directed the city workers to drive the trash truck up their driveway for 15 years to get her trash cans by the house. They did not do it on their own, they did not do it out of mischief or anything else, they were doing what they were told to do. My thing is there are several other people who have driveway problems that were told that did not, Sean is on of them, Sean asked if the sanitation truck could come down his driveway to pick up trash and was told no. If we went down this driveway, his driveway or her driveway and messed something up because we should not have been there to begin with, I would not have a problem fixing something like that. The workers were directed to do that for 15 years. Veronica stated They also used my driveway as pit stop in between so they would not have to go all the way back to the city to use the bathroom. We allowed them in our shop to go to the bathroom for 15 years. City Worker Kim Aldridge stated I did not know you had a bathroom there and Veronica states I am not going to argue with that. I am going to say people used that bathroom many, many, times. There was a time they were asked not to use it by Mayor Randy Beard, they had to come all the way back to town. I said they could use that bathroom. My deal is if you felt

that way why didn't you tell me that at that time. Mayor stated he has thought about it and that there was no vote taken on it. That was their recommendation, but they are not the mayor. Veronica stated after the meeting you and I had a conversation and you said I do not have the employees to fix your driveway. I told you then that if you would get the gravel, I would fix it. You know how the budget works; we did not budget for your driveway. Veronica states that the funds would come from the sanitation department not the road department. Mayor states it is still not in the budget. Veronica states that not everything you do in this town is in the budget. You have that discretion and if you did not want to do it don't lie to me. Mayor states I did not lie to you. Veronica states if you do not want to fix it just say Veronica, I don't want to fix your driveway, but I will fix everyone else's. Mayor states I am not fixing everyone else's, and I am not going to fix your driveway. Veronica states that are all I needed to hear. Veronica goes on to say that the 1 cent sales tax is coming up for renewal, that is 43% of your general budget income. Last year the city of Dyer received \$127,161.00 from this tax. If you do not campaign to get this passed, treat it like you are campaigning for your position and it fails that is how much of your general budget you are losing. It is used to keep our ISO ratings down, our police protection and fire protection. Mayor states that this is not a new tax, you have been paying this for a while and it up for renewal. Mitch Carolan states he mentioned this to Jeff and others, and they did not know about it. If this gets beat on May 24 it will not be able to be voted on again until January and I am afraid the economy will be so bad, then that nothing will pass. If this does not pass the county will have to cut 10 deputies minimum. What will you cut if this does not pass? Mulberry will lose 2 officers'; some other towns have said they will have to shut their police department down.

Betty Beckham states she wanted to thank the city of Dyer for their hard work on her driveway and to apologize any issues my daughter caused. As far as she is concerned the work on the driveway is complete.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter to approve March 22, 2022, minutes and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Financials:

Alderman Donna Staton asked about the supplies in the amount of \$4000 on the street department. It was determined to be the purchase of asphalt.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter to approve General, Street and Water sewer financials and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Alderman Staci Satterfield asked about salaries and who come out of what salary. It was explained to her that some people have percentages from each budgeted salary from each department and that some people are at 100%.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Mayor Report:

We have started yard of the month and Mary Herring has won this month.

May 21 will be our spring cleanup. Dumpsters will be out back on that day 7-1.

Fish fry June 12 proceeds will go to the fire department, and we need volunteers for donations and workers.

We discussed a planning committee for the fish fry and Tammy is getting this together.

Easter event was a great success thanks to donation from Staci Satterfield, Donna Staton, United Methodist church, Wilma Jones, Pat Bodine, Mattie Selby, Hope Leakey, Brenda Morell, Church of Christ, Chris Tuck, Lynn Hubbard, A-Z Infinity outdoors and Luvenia Aldridge.

The Park on Highway 64, at night when Kim Aldridge leaves, we will be locking the gate due to vandals. If you need it open, we can accommodate you.

BINGO, we need to pick a night and get everyone out to do Bingo, Alvie Frazier is interested in getting it together. We could have this on Saturday night once a month or what ever the folks want to do. There has been a lot of interest in this.

Public Works:

We are getting the final quote on the telemetry for the Sewer pump station which will be paid out of the COVID money the meters will be here in the next couple of months and the radios will not be here until September or October. He mentioned having another water rate study by October. Mayor states we will get another one so his name will be on it. Alma is going up on the water rates next year.

Police Chief:

Written report of stops, tickets, etc.

Fire Department:

A few medical calls and assisting other districts.

City Attorney: Sean Brister

911 Rhoades Street, the divorce hearing was moved up to July. The couple are fighting over who owns it, we only took one of the 2 to court for the clean up order.

Old Business:

Handbook

It has been edited up to where Mayor and I sat down and discussed it. I have sent this out in an email to you all and asked for comment and review. Question from Alderman Jeff Baxter regarding policy and procedures for city use of credit cards and receipts being mentioned in the handbook and was told no, we could add that to the handbook later.

A motion to adopt the Handbook for the City of Dyer was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Staci Satterfield.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry abstain

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Donna Staton abstain

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Question posed by Alderman Rhonda Rowell about repair on Ridge Road. City worker Kim Aldridge states that it is still on but on hold currently, there is too much traffic, and it is unsafe for the workers to be out there. We are waiting until we have an available officer to sit at the top of the hill to slow traffic down so they will not be hurt. Rain has also hampered efforts as well.

New Business:

None

Zoning and Planning Committee

We had a gentleman that didn't comply with the ordinance, and we will have to have a Public Hearing to bring this into compliance. We will have to run an ad in the paper and post a sign on the property and you can approve a conditional use permit with this due to intent of Mr. Fisher to move this mobile home beside his mother's home to care for her until her passing. The mobile home will be removed at that time. We should keep the zoning as it is and approve the conditional permit and resolve this mishap. The Ordinance on the city website has plain and simple instructions. Public Hearing will be held on May 24, 2022, at 6 pm.

Resolution 2022-04-26-1 A resolution setting a public hearing before the city council/planning commission of the city of Dyer AR related to a manufactured home at 708 N Washington Street.

Alderman Jeff Baxter made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04-26-1 A resolution setting a public hearing before the city council/planning commission of the city of Dyer AR related to a manufactured home at 708 N Washington Street and it was seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Public Comment:

Evie Goff: We have asked for the last year to have the agenda and the financials to be put on the website and it has not been yet. Alderman Baxter states we do not usually put the financials on the website until they are approved. Evie Goff asked what if we want a copy of them beforehand. Can we come get a copy the day of? Mayor states he has no problem with that. Evie Goff offered to come up and pass out flyers for the tax. We were advised that if it were reworded to be informational and not appear that we are campaigning out of the office it could be done. Any information can be put on the city website.

Mayor Brown states someone posts on the Facebook politics site asking for help paying an individual's water bill or paying whatever, give them the money or bring them to the office to pay for it. The problem is that people are calling to state "Someone is supposed to pay for my water bill" and it puts the city in the middle of it. It has also been said if the city is in the business of getting donations to pay peoples water bills why don't they get mine donated also. Evie Goff states when she pays on someone's water bill, she would rather pay on it and not let that person know about it.

Also, since we are having to make so many copies for FIOAs we are setting a rule that when you request copies minutes or reports it goes thru mayor or recorder treasurer, give us a few days to get it done. There will be a .10 cent per copy charge and \$4.00 for a thumb drive unless you bring your own in an unopened sealed package. It was questioned about putting a draft copy on the website and was told

that there could be many copies out there with each change and then the approved one. Veronica asked when, do you send the council out the packet, I answered I aimed for Thursday but did not get it out until Friday.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

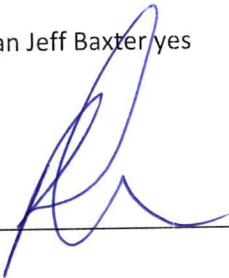
Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Mayor



Recorder Treasurer

