

CITY OF DYER
JANUARY 26, 2021
COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made to remove Veronica Robins, Billy Gale Morse, Torrie Abshire and Nancy Smith from Signature cards from all City of Dyer Bank Accounts by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Jeff Baxter.

Roll call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

All yea

A motion was made to Add Paul Brown, Lynn Hubbard, Donna Staton to signature cards for all City Of Dyer Bank Accounts by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

All Yea.

A motion was made to add Katherine Fry, Lynn Hubbard, Paul Brown to drop off and pick up list for all City of Dyer Bank Deposits by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

City of Dyer

January 26, 2021

Council Meeting Minutes

The Dyer City Council was called to order at 5:30pm. The Pledge of allegiance was said and roll call completed.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Katherine Fry present

Alderman Paul Brown present

Alderman Myrna Burns present

Alderman Jeff Baxter present

Alderman Rhonda Rowell present

Recorder Treasurer asked for Council to make a motion to appoint someone to position of mayor and or poll audience for an interested party. Alderman Paul Brown states I want to throw my hat in the ring for mayor. Alderman Rhonda Rowell made motion to nominate Alderman Donna Staton as Mayor and was seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton abstain

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns no

Alderman Paul Brown no

Alderman Jeff Baxter no

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Myrna Burns made a motion to appoint Paul Brown as Mayor and was seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton no

Alderman Katherine Fry no

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Paul Brown abstain

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell no

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns to take to executive session to discuss the matter and interview each candidate.

Meeting called meeting back to order.

A motion was made by Alderman Myrna Burns to appoint Paul Brown Mayor, seconded by Alderman Jeff Baxter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Paul Brown abstain

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Paul Brown sworn in as Mayor by Recorder Treasurer.

A motion was made to make vacant position in Ward 1 seat 2 by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Paul Brown abstain

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Announcement made for interested parties that Ward 1 Seat 2 open and to be voted on next month.

Public Forum: Evie Goff and residents of Line Street about the condition of the roads and culverts that are caving off at the sides. Evie stated she wanted it on record that these were issues that could impact the in and out travel for the residents on that street. River and Line street is caving and needs to be top priority because there are a lot of elderly that live on that street and school kids that need to be able to get out as well as families who work. This needs to be top priority. Line Street and River Road and Line Street and Goff Circle are the areas of concern. Some residents from Line street were there as well to speak about their concerns although the recording was inaudible. All issues noted by Mayor Brown.

Policy and Procedure resolution for the Dyer City Council Meetings.

Resolution 2021-01-26-1 A resolution setting the Policies and Procedures for the City of Dyer Council meetings.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter to adopt Resolution 2021-01-26-1 and was seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Approval of November 2020 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made to approve November 2020 Meeting minutes by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Approval of December 2020 minutes. No Quorum for December 2020.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Approval of November 2020 Financials

A motion was made to approve November General, Street, Water and Sewer financials by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Approval of December 2020 financials.

Approval of December 2020 financials was tabled until next month as November financials were duplicated in place of December 2020 financials.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Mayor: No report

Recorder/Treasurer Public Works

In the packet you will see a BID for Water Meters and a wand to read the meters.

Veronica Robins explained about the water meters and a wand. The company stated that there was support that would be an additional cost. Alderman Rowell asked for more bids. The meter system we had was Metron and they did not work as they should and we are down to about 80 meters in the ground. They did not work as they should, and we spent more man hours changing them out and sending back and decided to discontinue the use of them.

A motion was made to table the approval of the water meter and wand purchase until the budget approved and to review in a study session by Alderman Katherine Fry. A second was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Consideration to purchase of a line tracer. The one we have does not work accurately and cannot be repaired. The cost is approximately \$2500.

A motion was made to collect BIDs for a line tracer was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

The Ford Truck that is used to pull the dump trailers and trailer that hauls the track hole is smoking and the driver often must wait until traffic clear both ways before pulling out because it sometimes might start moving and stop before getting across the road. The Ford truck with side toolboxes is the one referred to and is unsafe to be on the road.

A motion was made to park the Ford truck as it is unsafe to drive by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Each council member was mailed a letter by Mr. Lee Hackler regarding his water bill. City Attorney Sean Brister spoke up to say he has been working on this and that the meter is going to be sent off to be checked to make sure it is working correctly.

Adjustment of Tap fees.

Currently, we are charging \$650 and it costs us approx. \$850-\$1000.

Other cities are charging >\$1000. We need to obtain itemized list and discuss this in study session. We also need to determine if the water meter fee is included in this tap fee or in addition to.

Discussion of runoff water into the sewer. When we get hard rains, the runoff goes into the sewer and as a result our sewer bill is more than it should be. An email was sent to each of you today with the locations of the 5 worse manholes in the city that needs to be repaired. Alderman Rhonda Rowell and Mayor Brown agree that we need a study paper outlining costs so it can be budgeted in. The city can repair some of them, but it will take another company to repair the worst ones. There was a smoke study done some years ago and the report said this was the worst sewer system they had ever seen just being 10 years old. A motion was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry to collect BIDS for repair of the worst manholes to start.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

City Attorney Report:

Annexation report: motion for summary judgement.

Mulberry Court has been approved by state and we can move forward with it. A motion was made to suspend the reading rule and read by number and title only by Alderman Jeff Baxter and Alderman Myrna Burns seconded the motion.

Ordinance number 2021-01-26-01

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE TRIAL OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF LAW OR ORDINANCE WITHIN THE CITY OF DYER, ARKANSAS, PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 80 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND OTHER LAWS

OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns to adopt Ordinance 2021-01-26-01.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

A motion was made to pass emergency clause and make this ordinance immediate was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter and Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Police Chief Josh Winford

Alma has 2 cars that they have offered for our consideration.

I turned in BIDS for dash cams and new radios.

Fire Chief report:

4 calls last month

Due to COVID the meetings were suspended. They attended about 6 months of meetings and we are asking if they are going to be paid for the year or only

meetings attended. Alderman Rowell asked who assisted with truck maintenance on the trucks, Fire Chief stated that he did this.

A motion to table decision on payment for fire meetings was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

New Business:

City audit for General side 2019 no findings, however on the budget stating we would be contacted for the next leg audit committee due to exceeding the budget by \$110,000. City Attorney states that when this has happened before it is because the budget was not amended or there was FEMA money that came in and was not adjusted into the proper account.

Upcoming update to the employee manual in future.

A motion was made to direct City attorney to draft resolution to remove former Mayor Bill Morse, council member Nancy Smith and former employees Veronica Robins and Torrie Abshire from banking documents/accounts and add new Mayor Paul Brown and another council member Donna Staton and R/T Lynn Hubbard was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Mayor Paul Brown, R/T Lynn Hubbard, and Clerk Kathy Fry need to be added to the list pick up and drop off bank deposit bag. A motion was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

City Attorney brought up that the new administration looks at annexation and determine the course they want to take.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Donna Staton yes

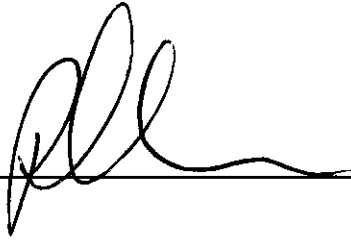
Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

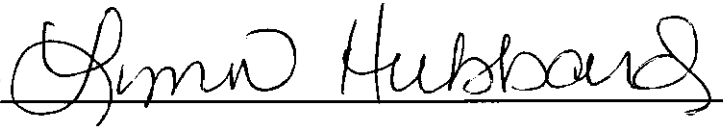
Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Mayor

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Recorder/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Hubbard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.