

**Dyer City Council
Regular Meeting
January 28,2020**

Mayor Bill Morse called the Dyer City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said, and Roll call completed by Lynn Hubbard Recorder/treasurer.

Present were:

Alderman Randy Beard

Alderman Robert Porter

Alderman Donna Staton

Alderman Myrna Burns

Alderman Katherine Fry

Absent was Alderman Nancy Smith

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Approval of Policies and Procedures for council meetings by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DYER # 2020-01-28-01

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes

Alderman Robert Porter Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Myrna Burns Yes

Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

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PUBLIC FORUM:

Marla Keady addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding the Water Rates. Marla reports she resides at 4611 Hwy 64 and she was not happy with the new water rate increase and that they should have been notified up front before the water rates went into effect not on the bottom of the bill in the month it goes into effect. She does not feel that this is proper protocol that was followed to notify residents. She also asked with all the new money coming in where it will be allocated to, will it be going to water repairs or fund the city salaries. She would like to know where it will be going to. Also, she wanted to report there is no financial information on the internet concerning the water since 2017. She was unable to locate any kind of financial reports including water financial on the city website. Also she wanted to state she felt that it was not appropriate for an employee of the city to be posting on her personal Facebook page information concerning the city of Dyer, she feels that it should be posted on the City of Dyer Facebook page not on an employee personal Facebook page and concerning they had not received pay raises. Mayor Morse states he would allow Veronica Robins to address the water rate and financial concerns that was just stated by Mrs. Keady. Veronica Robins stated that the financial were completed every month and placed on the agenda and on the City Website as well. We are also looking at several areas that we can repair from Master Meters to the

replacement on lines as inquiries have been made by Health Department concerning replacement of certain lines, daily maintained, upgrades on meters and daily operation procedures. We buy our water from Alma therefore we have to pay Alma their water rates and we have to pay for all of our maintaince and upkeep too. We are trying to keep website updated as much as possible. Kathy Fry posts the meeting minutes and financials every month to the website. Rhonda spoke up to say that there has been nothing posted since 2017, where are the financials for 2018 & 2019. Kathy Fry spoke up and stated they are all on the website, she pulled the website up on the computer and showed those interested where to locate the questioned financial and minutes. The question was asked of the council why the notice was not sent out and was informed by Donna Staton that it is not required by the State of Arkansas. The Ordinance was posted on the website the day after it was passed. We can offer a payment plan to anyone who this increase has caused a hardship. We have learned a lesson from this increase, Alma has tried to advise us to raise our rates as they did theirs and we chose to try to accommodate our citizens by not doing this and so going forward we will have to raise rates as Alma does. Alma has gone up 11 times since 2000 and we went up three times and as a result of not increasing as Alma did has put us in this position. It was asked why the special meetings were not publicized and Veronica Robins responded by saying that all special meetings are placed on the website prior to the meetings. We also have five posting places for meetings, USPS, City Office, Police Station, Fire department and Library. Kathy Fry explained that October November and December 2019 minutes and financials would not be on there until they are approved by the council which will be tomorrow. Rhonda asked where the water rate study came from. Veronica states that what was offered to the council was the shortfall that we came up with and Rhonda stated she was present for that meeting and she disagreed with it then. Veronica stated she called other cities and asked what their policies were regarding rate studies and all the local towns do a local inside/outside rate and this information was relayed to the council and they took that information and decided what the rates were going to be. Rhonda asked where the second rate came in at by charging per unit, Veronica told her Mountainburg and Mulberry does it. Rhonda informed the council that she called 9 entities this date and none of them charged per door. Rhonda stated the water bill was \$3000 per door. Veronica asked her when she charges rent; does she charge per door or per unit and Rhonda asked her what that has to do with it. She was talking about Municipality charges. Rhonda expressed that Dyer was the highest water rates and taxes. Dyer is higher on their rates than Alma, Dyer is \$15.06, and Alma is \$14.24. Mayor Morse states Matter has been discussed enough.

David Goins not present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion for Approval of November 26, 2019 Council Minutes was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes

Alderman Robert Porter Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes
Alderman Myrna Burns Yes
Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

A motion was made to table December 10, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes due to mistake was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes
Alderman Robert Porter Yes
Alderman Donna Staton Yes
Alderman Myrna Burns Yes
Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

A motion was made to Approve December 21, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Alderman Donna Staton and Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes
Alderman Robert Porter Yes
Alderman Donna Staton Yes
Alderman Myrna Burns Yes
Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

No Quorum for December 2019 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made to approve that there were no minutes for December 2019 Regular Council Meeting by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes
Alderman Robert Porter Yes
Alderman Donna Staton Yes
Alderman Myrna Burns Yes
Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

Approval of November 2019 Financial Statements of Revenue and Expenditures November 2019

A motion was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry to Approve November 2019 Financial Statement.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes
Alderman Robert Porter Yes
Alderman Donna Staton Yes
Alderman Myrna Burns Yes
Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

Approval of December 2019 Financial Statements of Revenue and Expenditures.

Alderman Robert Porter asked if there was an itemized breakdown for repairs and maintenance on the street. Veronica state she would provide him with this.

Alderman Donna Staton asked about the year to date entry on December 2019 report and Veronica explained that it was just for December 2019, we will not amend the budget this meeting because we are having to pull everything off Quick books and the 3 months worked in the CSA software and the year to date totals will be ready for you next month.

A Motion by Alderman Robert Porter to table the approval of this because he would like to see more of the year to date expenses for street expenses if possible and was seconded by Alderman Randy Beard. Veronica Robins explained to Alderman Porter that we should be receiving money for sidewalk in the next couple of weeks. Alderman Robert Porter asked to rescind his motion to table the approval of the December 2019 financial statements.

A motion to approve the December 2019 Financial statement was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes

Alderman Robert Porter Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Myrna Burns Yes

Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

Mayor Report: Mayor Morse: State of the City.

The most substantial improvement to the city for the year of 2019 was the sidewalk on Main Street.

Administrative Assistant/Public Works Report: Veronica Robins

CSA program is fully functional and all that is left to do is work out a few kinks. When we are able to pull all the numbers over from Quick books, we will be able to amend the budget next month. We went through a survey with USDA Rural Development. They checked out sewer lines, our substation, our water tower and substation and noted that we need to have a more secure area around our stations and tower.

City Attorney: Sean Brister.

There is litigation from a property owner.

A court case to stop the first annex order.

A hearing was conducted on revised legal description for annexation.

There was an objection filed by property owners.

Petition circulating to get a referendum to recall the ordinance to annex property north of town.

Police Report: Troy Leonard/Josh Winford

Nothing to report.

Fire Report: Josh Winford

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approval of 2020 Budget

Budget can be amended when all is pulled over from Quick Books into CSA and we will have a more accurate picture when this is done.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures 2020 Budget

Statement of Revenue Expenditures street budget 2020

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Water, Wastewater& Sanitation

Resolution 2020 Budget Dyer (1)

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton to pass Resolution 2020-01-28-02 Approving the 2020 Budget for the City of Dyer Arkansas.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes

Alderman Robert Porter Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Myrna Burns Yes

Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

Alderman Robert Porter would like to address council about developing a new website for City and use existing host.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard Yes

Alderman Robert Porter Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Myrna Burns Yes

Alderman Katherine Fry Yes

Mayor Bill Morse

Recorder/Treasurer Frank Hubbard