

City of Dyer July 24th, 2018 Regular Meeting

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| 1. 5:30 pledge | Here | Absent |
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| 2. Roll Call : Alderman Staton | X | |
| Porter | X | |
| Brown | | X |
| Smith | X | |
| Fry | X | |
| Tillery | X | |

3. Public Forum:

David Goins.....High water bill.

David explained that he uses a lot of water this time of the year but doesn't understand how one meter can use twice as much as the other when they are set on same timer. He said he had problems in the past with his meter and at one time Mayor Richard Leakey even had to write him a check. He went on to explain he went back 3 years and his bills were not this high. Veronica explained that David had a 2 inch and a 3 inch meter and that the 3 inch flow's more volume. She also stated what the reads were as of this morning and the amount of gallons used and that she can't explain where the water goes after it goes through the meter. Alderman Kathy Fry asked David about his greens and if they were really green because we have had an unusually hot June where in the past we had a more wet summer. People don't realize how much they are using.

Ralph Tillery makes motion to table until next month want an average for three years and test both meters. Seconded by Robert Porter. Ralph Tillery yea, Nancy Smith yea Kathy Fry yea, Robert Porter yea, Donna Staton yea. Motion Passes.

Gary Moore.....High water bill continued from last month.

After much discussion with water supervisor and a reminder of the Arkansas Rural water testing on Mr. Moore's meter and found the meter not faulty in fact was giving customer 11% on low flow and that she cannot explain where the water goes once it goes through the meter. Alderman Tillery expressed his opinion of it being a mechanical device nothing is perfect and something could go wrong. Then Alderman Porter asked about the meter being moved while turn on if there could have been a mistake like that. Water Supervisor gave the steps of moving the meter. First the water has to be turned off then meter removed then box dug up and placed in new location. After that line is attached and meter is reset and water service restored. During the discussion, the City Attorney Sean Brister advised that following objective standards with regard to water bill adjustment was preferred to case by case subjective decisions. Alderman Fry ask what about other people that have not got adjusted and the Lee Hackler Lawsuit. She asked if this would be retroactive for past customers that have not received adjustments when asked.

Alderman Ralph Tillery makes a motion to wave \$251.97 of Gary Moore's water bill Seconded by Donna Staton. Ralph Tillery yea, Nancy Smith yea, Kathy Fry NO, Robert Porter abstain, Donna Staton yea. Motion failed.

Robert Porter makes a motion to wave the \$251.97 on the condition stating construction was Being performed by the city and mistakes could have been made. Second By Nancy Smith. Ralph Tillery nay, Nancy Smith yea, Kathy Fry no, Robert Porter yea, Donna Staton yea. Motion Failed.

Ralph Tillery made a motion to table for one month for a full quorum. Seconded by Robert Ralph Tillery yea, Nancy Smith yea, Kathy Fry yea, Robert Porter yea , Donna Staton yea.

Financial's and Minutes:

**Ralph Tillery motions to approve June 2018 minutes Robert Porter seconds. ALL YEA
Donna Staton motions to approve June 2018 financial Nancy Smith Second ALL yea**

RP asked about a animal being euthanized Chief Ramsey explained

4. Mayors/Public Works/Admin Assistant Report:

In mayors absent admin assistant Veronica Robins gave report for all Departments

A. River Road Update: on 7/16 Judge Gilstrap text me an update and said it would be about 2 weeks.

B. Public works department request to purchase a trailer for hauling trac hoe.

Robert Porter makes a motion to table for a month and get estimate on fixing trailer make sure trailer will work with both tractor and trailer. Ralph Tillery second. YEA

C. ANRC has a loan available for ½ % interest for water meter upgrade. Bid for completion attached with resolution of intent.

RP makes a motion to adopt resolution to adopt 2018-07-24 RT Seconds All Yea

D. Admin request a budget for mayor to frame in office for privacy and quite space to do work.

Council discussed options but then we realized that the needed space could be in the mayors discretion of his spending limits.

E. Need motion for City employee Torrie Phillips to take over Cleaning of Community Bldg. Admin discussed a mistake that had been found on overpayment of cleaning the community building and office. Kathy Fry had overpaid herself 4 times on community building and one time on office cleaning and an overpayment to Veronica Robins one time on office cleaning . Kathy had already paid back one cleaning by not accepting pay for a cleaning and Veronica did not accept pay in July for her overpayment when recorder treasurer Lynn Hubbard sent a memo out asking that the overpayments from this point forward be paid back at time instead of paying back in future cleanings to help with total transparency . Kathy paid back \$125.00 after memo to reimburse the city and is cleared. Kathy stated she wants to separate herself from that to avoid any more mistakes

Donna Staton makes motion for Torrie Phillips to take over cleaning community bldg in place of Kathy Fry Nancy Smith Second. All Yeas

F. We need a motion to take off Ford Explorer and police cars that have been sold.
Donna Staton motion to take ford expedition 2001...73742, and police cars 8934 to mulberry, 6157 sold 6712 wrecked/INS. To be taken off asset list. Ralph Tillery seconds ALL Yea

G. Rail Road Diagnostics will be done Aug 16th for Main Street.

H. Fall Clean-up Date.

Sept 29th

I. Employee handbook on heat.

Veronica voiced her concerns about the outside public works department and their schedules of working in the heat. She told council that we have had two related heat illness and currently one is still hospitalized. Council agreed this would be at the discretion of mayor/supervisor.

5. City Attorney:

A. Annexation of mayors property.

Map was handed out and attorney advised council that there was a piece of property of OG&E that was not put in that had to be dealt with but reassured council it would be added by election time.

B. David Rhoades property condemnation.

Law suits have been filed court order by next meeting to haul off.

C. Property on 64 Hwy

Lawsuit has been filed

D. Price rate for clean up and a resolution to pass for it.

After discussion Alderman Robert Porter suggested that the council pass a resolution to charge \$100.00 dollars an hour for equipment and \$50.00 an hour for man/handtools. City attorney will bring resolution next meeting

Police Department Report:

Chief Ramsey gave report from June 23 to July 21st 30 felony arrest. Talked about repair on vehicles spending \$5075.75 in repair in the last few months. Alderman Ralph Tillery ask what are you looking for with this report? Chief Rasmey stated that they were having a hard time keeping ahead.(Many talking at one time)

Fire Department Report: Jim Dapson gave report:

said new doors have been installed.

New Business:

Veronica Robins submitted alma's customer service policy and ask the council review it and next month pass a resolution or ordinance to set a policy that would be fair to every citizen and one that going forward the office could follow. Council will review next week.

Kathy Fry resigns her seat moving to another ward. Announces she will be running in ward 1 position 2.

Adjournment: Donna Staton motion to Adjourn Kathy Fry second ALL YEA Meeting ended 7:29Pm