

City of Dyer
City Council Meeting
July 27, 2021

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

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell present

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Jeff Baxter present

Alderman Richard Swearingen present

Alderman Katherine Fry present

Alderman Myrna Burns present

Public Forum:

Jeremy Howell not present.

Brenda Morrell asked if Mayor had spoken to council about an issue they talked about. He states he had talked to all of them except Alderman Jeff Baxter. Mayor stated he talked to him on phone but has not shown him the paper.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Richard Swearingen abstain

Alderman Katherine Fry abstain

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Executive session entered by Council at 6:36 pm. Mayor called recess for executive session.

Mayor called meeting back to order at 7:15pm.

Mayor explained that when the city was in litigation with the Morrells he made packets for the council members of research and documents in the file and a letter dated in 2017 was in the file and the same letter in the file dated March 10, 2021. This letter was entered into the packet by mistake and should have not been put into the packet. I apologize for it being in the file. The letter explained about a water licensure that might have been required.

Dog situation: we have no facility to house stray dogs. We do not have volunteers to feed, clean and water the dogs. We will need to come up with a solution to house stray dogs for City of Dyer. Pictures of Mulberry pen was passed around to council.

Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A motion to approve June 22, 2021, minutes and July 21, 2021, special meeting was made by Alderman Katherine Fry and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Jeff Baxter yes
Alderman Richard Swearingen yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Approval of June 2021 Financials

General Fund

Water/Sewer/Sanitation

Street Fund

Alderman Rowell asked about the outgoing expense for permits and it was explained that the inspector is helping from Alma at this time, and we are not having to pay anyone.

3887.00 Legal services out of General where did this go. This was litigation and other legal.

The \$400+ phone bill is this the office only or does this include cell phones. No

In street we have a 3239. and 2375. Income, where will this go to? Where is our priority list for street works? Alderman Rhonda Rowell states she has some streets to submit to the list.

What is the transfer of the \$6 k out of water? It was determined that it was for the cost of meters. Water meter checking \$150 what was this? Water Meter money was deposited into the wrong account.

A motion to approve all financials General Street and Water June 2021 was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Jeff Baxter yes
Alderman Richard Swearingen yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Mayor Report:

We are needing help going door to door to get survey to complete so we can get grants for fire trucks etc.

City workers hours changed from 6-2 for trash pick-up etc.

Kathy and Lynn completed paperwork to get American Rescue Plan money in the amount of \$93,194.00 to be used for improvements in the water and sewer.

4th of July was fun, there was over \$900 raised for fire department. We had a quilt square judging, bake off and a corn hole tournament.

BIDS for community building repair; The roof is not decked, there is 2x6 across the entire roof and estimates have gone way up. Quote I received yesterday was a little over \$24k.

Rick McClelland passed out letters about water compliance. We had our 2nd quarter samples drawn and I am working on flush program with Kim. We are working on water loss, sewer and flushing and are just trying to tackle one thing at a time.

Police Chief: we received new uniforms and vests.

He was asked how he is going to handle the dogs and Chief states we can write tickets. He was also asked if he had the noose to catch the dogs.

Fire Chief:

Alderman Rowell asked what the \$900 expense was, and Chief stated it was for 2 stihl chainsaws when the storm came thru and blew trees down. This was purchased for fire and rescue with act 833 money.

City Attorney: We received the dismissal on the litigation with the Morrell's/

Old Business: none

Zoning and Planning: none

New Business:

Employee Handbook will be discussed in a special meeting when we can talk about just that.
Dog situation possibly addressed in Mayor Q & A.

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

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Richard Swearingen yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:00pm

Mayor

Recorder Treasurer


