

City of Dyer
Regular City Council Meeting
August 24, 2021

Mayor Paul Brown called the city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell present

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Katherine Fry present

Alderman Myrna Burns present

Alderman Jeff Baxter present

Public Forum:

Michael and Thomas Scantlin addressed the council asking to be added back to the fire department. Mayor Brown addressed the Fire Chief.

Alderman Rowell made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employee issue with Fire Chief. Alderman Myrna Burns seconded.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Mayor Brown called meeting back into regular session.

Mayor Brown addressed Thomas and Michael Scantlin and informed them that he would sit down with them and the fire chief and discuss where to go from here.

Approval of July 2021 Minutes.

A motion was made to approve July 2021 City of Dyer Regular meeting minutes and August 11, 2021, special meeting minutes by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Approval of June 2021 Financials
General, Street, Water/Sewer/Sanitation

A motion was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell to approve the July 2021 General, Street, Water/Sewer/Sanitation financials.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Mayor Report:

Mayor Brown asked council if they had questions regarding the amended budget.

There will be at least another amendment before the end of the year, to catch jail fees and supplies. Alderman Rowell asked what type of supplies and was told it would be office supplies such as toner etc.

A motion to adopt resolution 2021-08-24-1 A resolution approving a 2021 amended budget for the City of Dyer for General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Fun Park Grant has been submitted and we will find out if we make the cut. If we do make the list, we will go to Little Rock and give a 5 minute speech and tell why we deserve it.

Employee handbook is in old business. Alderman Rowell said we are at 98% complete.

There are several bids for the roof job for community building and city hall. Some people can do some things but could not do all that was asked, and some could get right on it and others could not get to it for 6-8 months. The community building has 1x6 all the way across and there is no ventilation. The nails are backing out of the wood and up into the shingles causing leaks. I would like to have the roof decked and then roofed. I am proposing the money that we allocated for the new outside employee that we did not hire to be used for the repair of the community building roof. It is approx. \$24k. We have already budgeted \$15k for building repair and that would be allocated for the repair of city hall roof. The BIDS I have are from July. The community building is leaking and longer it goes the more we would have to fix inside. The City Hall is more cosmetic and is not leaking but it doesn't represent the city well in appearance. We would have approximately \$4000 left over.

Alderman Donna Staton made a motion to accept the BID for \$9187.07 from Russell Exterior for Dyer City Hall roof repair along with the BID for \$26,413.36 from Russell Exterior for the Dyer Community Building and to allocate the money from the new employee that we did not hire and the already allocated building repair moneys and was seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.

Roll Call:

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Mayor Brown also states he is trying to obtain BIDs for road work from Ridge Road starting at the bridge and going to 64 highway and Porter Place. The Public works department has patched the areas on Ridge Road to start and we are trying to get BIDs to get finished. Fall Clean-up will be October 2. We will have 3 dumpsters to collect items that cannot go into regular trash pickup. I need volunteers to help with this. Fall Festival is coming up and everything we do I would like to see get bigger each time. Fall Festival date will be October 30. We are still working on the survey for being able to obtain block grants. Some council members are taking surveys to complete in their area and will return. This would allow us to apply for grants for new fire trucks. Big things we cannot apply for right now. Mayor is asking Water Operator to check into getting water from Mulberry. We are also trying to find another provider for phones/internet etc that costs less than the amount we are paying.

City Attorney: None

Police Report:
Chief Winford passed out an activity report.

Fire Department report:
Chief Winford passed out an activity report.
Alderman Donna Staton asked how many volunteers were on the roster. He stated approx. 7.

Planning/Zoning Committee: None

Old Business: Employee Handbook 98% complete.

New Business:
Alderman Richard Swearingen resigned due to moving out of ward.
Tammy Gardner had sent in a letter of interest for the vacant position. Tammy is unable to attend due to being in COVID quarantine.
Mayor has talked to Hunter Moore and although he is unable to attend, mayor let the council know of his interest. Hunter is a baseball coach; he has his own business and is very smart business wise.
Stacy Satterfield is present and expressed her interest and did a brief intro and why she is interested in being on council.
A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter to appoint Stacy Satterfield as next ward 1 council member and seconded by Alderman Katherine Fry.
Roll Call:
Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes
Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes
Alderman Myrna Burns no
Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

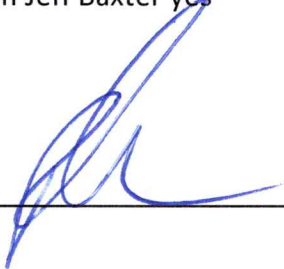
Evie Goff brought a check and bill and placed on desk in front of Kathy Fry and said I haven't been billed for sanitation for 3 months and I am paying my bill. Kathy said I will take care of it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer

