

City of Dyer
Regular Council meeting
Minutes
February 22, 2022

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

Roll Call:

Alderman Jeff Baxter present

Alderman Myrna Burns present

Alderman Katherine Fry absent

Alderman Donna Staton present

Alderman Staci Satterfield present

Alderman Rhonda Rowell present

Public Forum:

Evie Goff had passed out a list of concerns during the last council meeting and asked the council if they had an opportunity to look at them and wanted to know their thoughts. Alderman Rowell asked for a general update. Alderman Satterfield asked for executive session. No one seconded. Alderman Satterfield stated this happened before she was even here, and she felt she didn't know anything about this. Recorder Treasurer asked if we could do executive session to bring her up to speed or just discuss it out in the forum. It was decided to bring her up to speed out in the meeting. The question was, were the liens placed against the property. The property was abandoned, and the city came in and cleaned it up and we were to put a lien on the property for cleaning the property up. 911 Rhoades Street is still in court. They are looking to file a quit claim to the city. City attorney did not file the liens and he paid the liens out of his pocket because the liens were not filed. Mayor asked why the liens did not get filed. City Attorney stated he did not have a good explanation. There were changes in office personnel and Veronica was not here to remind him of this. What are we going to do to keep this from happening again? Issues like these will be placed on old business until resolved.

Evie asked about a case in litigation that was referred to during the Morrell lawsuit that was mentioned in passing and has sent emails requesting case information and how to look it up and has not gotten an answer, she asked what am I going to have to do, call the attorney general to get my answer? Evie asked would this not make a difference on how you all would have voted. Alderman Donna Staton stated that the water per door fee was legal but the door charge for sewer rates should have gone before a public hearing and did not, so it was not legal. Veronica spoke up and stated that the apartments was not charged a \$25 door fee for sewer they were given \$25 door fee per water meter and \$16.01 for sewer. Evie wanted to know the name of the litigation so she can read up on it and see if it might have made a difference in the decision made to settle the lawsuit. Evie states that the bottom line is that the attorney did not do his job and the council must make sure he does his job. Alderman Rowell states that old business is never brought up from meetings to meetings.

All yea

Mayor handed out notice from Alma that the water rates will go up in 2023. Mayor states that we are not planning to raise our rates currently. Questions were asked what is the wholesale rate we are being charged? We will be asking what our wholesale water rate is.

Water meters are hopefully going to be here in September. Alderman Donna Staton asked if the customer has a leak can they get into the box and turn the water off and was told no by Water operator. You are supposed to have a shut off valve between the meter and the house. Police officers and mayor both have a key and water key to shut off the meter if they get called.

Public works:

Rick McClellan states he wanted to brag on Kim and all her hard work with the last big issue when the sewer pumps went down. Kim cleaned the holding tank out and found everything from a beach ball to a fishing pole and a mop head. We are going to have Truman's come pump every quarter. If you see a manhole cover off that is a bad thing, and we need to know to replace it. Mayor asked how to get a text message or call when the pumps go down and Rick McClellan is going to work on getting this started.

City Attorney. Nothing

Police Chief is in Texas with a drug dog being trained. No cost to the city except for motel bills there. Food has been donated to the city for the dog.

Fire Department:

Joseph Sanders states 1 brush fire mutual aid for district 7 and 6 medical calls. We are getting donation of medical equipment. We will be doing first aid training. The bags will be in their car for responders.

Old Business:

Edits were made to the employee handbook and mayor was to get with clerks and verify. It is almost ready.

Zoning/Planning committee:

New business:

Line dancing on Tuesday and Thursday please attend, it's a lot of fun and it is free.

Public Comments:

How did the Valentines party? Mayor stated he judged the valentine boxes and there was soup and cupcakes. Pictures of couples was taken.

Easter will be the next community event. Talk to people about donations for this event.

Adjourn:

Approval of minutes from January 2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 2022 meeting by Alderman Jeff Baxter and seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

All yea

Approval of General, Street, Water Sewer Financials January 2022

A motion was made to approve General, Street, Water Sewer Financials for January 2022.

Community event question why was \$1154 spent and 6940 reimbursements of \$1107 made?

Community event was Wal Mart bill for Fall Festival and Christmas parades in November and December 2021. In November 2020 a past employee receipted ACT 833 on a temporary deposit slip and was found and corrected and put into the ACT 833 account.

A motion was made to approve financials for Street and Water for January 2022 by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Jeff Baxter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

All yea

Mayors Report:

We borrowed a concrete cutter to cut portions of Ridge Road. On Goff Circle there is a can that is caved in and busted and there are metal plate guards over it, and they have been driving over it. I want to purchase a can for that, and I have a guy from Van Buren Street department that will assist us to replace the can. The cost of the can is \$3668.91, and I need approval from you all to buy the can and rock to complete this job. Recorder Treasurer asked City attorney if Goff Circle is a city street/right of way and he stated he believes it to be. Mayor states that Goff Circle goes up the city owned dump which is closed. There is only one resident on this road. This will come out of street repair. Alderman Jeff Baxter made a motion to allow mayor to purchase the can and materials to make this repair and was seconded by Alderman Rhonda Rowell.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

A motion was made to adjourn was made by Alderman Rhonda Rowell and seconded by Alderman Myrna Burns.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jeff Baxter yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Staci Satterfield yes

Alderman Rhonda Rowell yes

All yea

Acting Mayor Gunn Hubbard

Recorder Treasurer Gunn Hubbard