

Dyer City Council Meeting November 26, 2019

Dyer City Council meeting for November 26, 2019 was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Bill Morse. The pledge of allegiance was said, and roll call performed by Recorder/Treasurer Lynn Hubbard.

Present for Council meeting was:

Alderman Randy Beard
Alderman Donna Station
Alderman Myrna Burns
Alderman Nancy Smith
Alderman Robert Porter
Alderman Katherine Fry

Public Forum:

Randy Elliot with Elliot Towing introduced himself and offered his services to the city of Dyer.

Mayor Morse addressed Thomas Scantlin referencing his phone call to be added to the agenda and he declined to speak at this time. He did mention that he had called on behalf of his brother who wanted to get back on the fire department. He declined to address the council.

Approval of October 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Myrna Burns to approve the October 22, 2019 meeting minutes and was seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Donna Station yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
All yea and motion carried.

Approval of October 2019 Water Financials.

General Financials are not available until December 2019 as the checking accounts are still being prepared for transfer from Quick Books into the new software CSA.

Attached was Balance Sheet October 2019. Shows you what is in the accounts. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures October 2019 Year to date balances and the budget and the percentage of the budget that has been used will be on the statement next year.

General Ledger Account activity for October 2019. In this ledger you will see the deposits and checks.

Alderman Robert Porter pointed out that the forms say General instead of Water Department and Veronica explained that because of the upcoming account changes it will be called General for the Water and will be labeled General Water and General City.

There will be 4 companies going into next year, under General you will have Fire Department, Police Department, City General. Street will have its own. Water and Sewer and Sanitation will be one company.

A motion was made to approve the October 2019 Water Financials by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Donna Station yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

All yea and motion carried.

Mayors Report:

Annexation report given by Sean Brister. Sean Brister stated that the Public Hearing in county court was today. Presented was the statement of being in favor of the annexation and Sean Brister filed an objection with things he felt was wrong with the petition. Judge reserved ruling and should be ruling within 5-10 days. We have an ordinance for you all to bring it back as well if you want to pursue it again although we cannot pass it on an emergency basis anymore due to a change in legislative session. It will be read three times in its entirety. If Judge rules in their favor it will be moved to the Alma City Council to accept or reject.

Administrative Assistant/Public Works Report: Veronica Robins

FEMA check did come in and the breakdown is as follows:

Police Vehicle \$4071.56, Police Payroll \$4735.97 will go into General.

City Vehicles Sewer\$5000.75, Payroll \$5870.00.

Veronica posed the question to the council how do you want the Police department reimbursement to put in General, do you want to pay outstanding bills or ear mark the \$8807.53 for an updated police vehicle? Do we want to revisit the possibility of the city truck going to the Police Department and purchasing a new truck for the City Water AND Sewer?

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Randy Beard to allocate the money \$8807.53 in Police General to be used as needed.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Donna Station yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

All yea and motion carried.

Proposed Revenue coming into City General Department includes anticipated Revenue from the police department is calculated into the 2020 budget and if this is not achieved there will have to be cuts in the Police Department.

It was asked by Alderman Robert Porter if we could do signature bonds here at City Hall. We are looking at site and release and process here and we are looking at fingerprinting here at City Hall.

The money spent on the pumps has not come in yet and when it does it will have to be put in Sewer reserve.

A motion was made to merge Fire and Police checking in with general checking with the new CSA software will keep this separated per legislative audit and they will all be in the same account was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Donna Station yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
All yea and motion carried.

A motion to merge water and sewer operations together into one combined account made by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Donna Station yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
All yea and motion carried.

A motion to close down the water depreciation account completely and deposit it into Water Reserve in the amount of \$802.19 made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Donna Station yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
All yea and motion carried.

Water Rate Study 2019

We have a short fall of \$8378.74. Veronica Robins has met with City of Mulberry and Alma after meeting with the Rural Water guy that comes around and she is looking at things we are not doing that the other cities are that could eliminate the short fall. Bi-level billing is not utilized here in Dyer, we bill everyone across the board whether they are in or out of city limits. Veronica recommendation would be to add \$2.00 to our per thousand gallons inside the city limits and outside the city limits we would have to add at least \$1.00 to the minimum and then 50%increase to the per 1000 gallons after that.

The apartment buildings that have meters that have more than 1 unit on it and they charge per unit on that meter. So, if the unit has 10 units on it, they will get charged 10 minimums and would get the 1000 gallons for each unit. Jim Barky said our minimum looked pretty good but we needed to go up by \$2.00 on our per thousand after the minimum inside the city. Outside the city increase by the \$1.00. Inside the city minimum is \$15.06 and every thousand after that is \$9.04 with the \$2.00 increase.

Outside city limits would be \$16.06 for the first thousand and every thousand after that would be \$13.56. Mulberry and Alma charge a \$25.00 minimum for outside the city limits. Alderman Randy Beard asked if there was not some other place to look at cutting costs besides raising water rates. Veronica said that as far as this being an employee issue, none of the employees have had a raise in 3 years. It is not really an hourly or employee issue it's the cost of the water, Alma has increased rates by \$2.78 and it was reported by Mark Yardley that Alma would continue to go up every year.

Once this is decided we have an ordinance in front of us to vote on.

A motion made to table this discussion to a special meeting on December 10, 2019 made by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes
Alderman Donna Station yes
Alderman Myrna Burns yes
Alderman Nancy Smith yes
Alderman Robert Porter yes
Alderman Katherine Fry yes
All yea and motion carried.

City Attorney: Sean Brister introduced an ordinance to be read on 3 occasions
Ordinance No. 2029-11-26-01 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DYER, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER AFFECTED PERSONS, THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY.

This ordinance was read in its entirety and will be read again in its entirety twice more. No vote is necessary until after three readings.

Police Report:

Troy Leonard gave report on the need for another police vehicle.

Old Business

The third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-09-24-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DYER EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

This updates and clarifies the policy on employee meals while out of town on city business. This Ordinance was read in its entirety.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-09-24-01 made by Alderman Robert Porter and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton

Roll Call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Donna Station yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

All yea and motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Josh Winford had to leave.

New Business: Recorder Treasurer Lynn Hubbard asked Veronica Robins to report to the council receipt of the New Wal Mart Credit cards and how they would be handled.

We received 4 Wal Mart Credit cards and each department will have one. A folder has been created and when someone goes to Wal Mart they must sign out the credit card, and when it is returned they must return the receipt and the card to the folder and sign them in.

A motion to adopt the credit card policy outlined above was made by Alderman Randy Beard and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter.

Roll call:

Alderman Randy Beard yes

Alderman Donna Station yes

Alderman Myrna Burns yes

Alderman Nancy Smith yes

Alderman Robert Porter yes

Alderman Katherine Fry yes

All yea and motion carried.

Alderman Katherine Fry mentioned that there are several checks that we have been ordered by auditor to void and approved by the council. Veronica instructed Katherine Fry Payroll clerk to list and put together the checks to void and bring before the council when we reconcile the 2019 budget in January 2020.

Adjournment:

A motion made by Alderman Randy Beard too Adjourn and seconded by Alderman Robert Porter at 6:53pm.

MAYOR
Bill Morin

Simon Hubbard

1/28/20