

City of Dyer Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2026

Meeting Called to Order

The regular council meeting for the City of Dyer was called to order at 6:30 PM on January 29, 2026, by Mayor Lynn Hubbard. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Present
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Present
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Present
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Present
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Present
- Alderman Robert Childers – Absent

Agenda Adjustment

Alderman Joseph Saunders made a motion to move the topic of Austin Gattis's zoning and planning request up on the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stacey Gunn.

Roll Call Vote on Agenda Adjustment

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for December 2025 was made by Alderman Eric Bixby and Alderman Joseph Saunders.

Roll Call Vote

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Approval of December 2025 Financials

The council reviewed the financial statements for the General, Street, Water, and Sewer funds for December 2025. Following the review, Alderman Stacey Gunn made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Joseph Saunders.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Mayor's Report

Resolution for amendment to the credit card holders

RESOLUTION 2026-01-29-1

A resolution updating authorized city credit card holders and related matters. Motioned by Alderman Eric Bixby, seconded by Alderman Stacey Gunn.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes

- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Resolution 2026-01-29-2 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AI POLICY FOR THE CITY OF DYER AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

A motion to adopt the AI resolution was made by Alderman Stacey Gunn and seconded by Alderman Eric Bixby.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Resolution 2026-01-29-3: A resolution in support of the federal surplus program and other related initiatives was proposed. Alderman Joseph Saunders moved for adoption, with a second by Alderman Stacey Gunn.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

RESOLUTION 2026-01-29-4: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COUNCIL PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF DYER AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

Alderman Stacey Gunn introduced the motion, which was seconded by Alderman Eric Bixby.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes

- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Street aid letter: The State denied our request for street aid. We have two bids for Porter Place repairs and several pending bid requests. The council requested rebids for Porter Place and Hazel Street, and asked ISG to review proper repair options.

Public Works

Rick McClellan reported a THM violation in the water department. The four-quarter average is 83, above the required 80; public notification will follow receipt of a certified letter. Flushing was discussed. Alma added oxy chemical treatment in October, with results pending. The city needs a new mini excavator; the current one remains in the shop. Alma replaced the master meter module, increasing our usage, and their rate hike is in effect—our water bill has risen from \$7,000 to \$12,000, with higher sewer rates as well.

Police Department

The police department has successfully passed the ACIS audit. Efforts are currently underway to update all personnel files to ensure accuracy and compliance. In addition, there were felony arrests made last week, demonstrating ongoing enforcement activities. All department vehicles are now fully operational.

Fire Department

The Fire Department is currently awaiting the results of the ISO inspection, with no significant discrepancies identified at this time. Recent changes to ISO standards have increased training time requirements for staff. To address operational needs, the department is actively submitting grant applications to secure funding for two brush trucks, a generator, a cascade system, and self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). Despite these efforts, the department still requires an extractor for equipment maintenance. Radios are available and operational, while the county continues to update repeater systems. During the meeting, Jeff Brooks raised a question regarding District 7's extractor and washing machine purchased from Lowes.

Zoning and Planning Request

Mr. Austin Gattis addressed the council to request a change to his property plat at 720 S Red Hill Street. He is seeking approval to modify the plat to allow his in-laws to build a home on a parcel of land he owns adjacent to his current residence.

A motion was made by Alderman Eric Bixby and seconded by Alderman Stacey Gunn.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Sanitation Rate Adjustment Request

Curtis Lovell, representing Cards/Eco Waste Solutions, addressed the council to request an increase in sanitation rates. The rate adjustment was proposed due to rising operational costs and an increase in landfill fees.

After deliberation, the council requested that Mr. Lovell determine whether Cards/Eco Waste Solutions would prefer to renegotiate the existing contract with the city in light of these changes. Mr. Lovell responded that he would consult with upper management regarding the possibility of contract renegotiation and would follow up with the council at a later date.

Water System Upgrade Presentation

TJ Wells from ISG provided an overview of the water model developed for the city's water system upgrade. This model is intended to be presented to Congressman Steve Womack to support the city's case for improvements to the water infrastructure. A copy of the presentation was attached for council members to review.

The council will take time to review the details of the water model and presentation. A decision regarding the available options for moving forward with the water system upgrade will be made during the February meeting.

Old Business

Solicitation for recorder treasurer position continues; Jeff Brooks is considering it. Sean emphasized the need for appointment at this meeting, but there are no candidates. Sean proposed recessing until one can be found, noting that failure to appoint would violate State law and could lead to a legislative audit finding.

Alderman Stacey Gunn moved to declare the recorder treasurer position vacant, as the resignation was accepted on December 31, 2025, and an appointment is planned for February 2026. Alderman Eric Bixby seconded the motion.

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

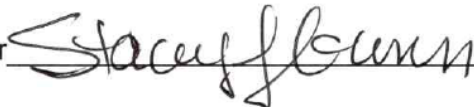
Adjourn:

- Alderman Stacey Gunn – Yes
- Alderman Joseph Saunders – Yes
- Alderman Eric Bixby – Yes
- Alderman Aaron Bray – Yes
- Alderman Michael Scantlin – Yes

Mayor

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Council Member

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