

**City of Dyer**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Hubbard. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam	Present
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Present
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Present
Alderman Donna Staton	Present
Alderman Cindy Looney	Present
Alderman Aaron Bray	Present

Public Forum: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Saunders to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting. Second by Alderman Looney.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Financials: The May financial statements for all departments were presented with no questions from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Staton with a second by Alderman Looney to accept the May financial statements as presented.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders requested clarification on the balance remaining to be spent for the 2024 budget. A budget amendment will be presented to the board to be approved at the July meeting.

#### Mayor's Report:

The Mayor stated that it is time for a water rate study which must be done every five years by state statute. The Mayor has also received a letter from Alma that in January of 2026 there will be a water rate increase of an estimated 63%. The Mayor would like to start doing incremental increases to lessen the shock of the total increase. All area municipalities are having to raise their rates in the next couple of years. The rate increase would be split into an increase of 21%-25% in three increments. There is also a sewer rate increase coming before the end of this year, which will require a public hearing.

The auction for 911 Rhodes Street will be held on July 20, 2024, 1:30 pm. There will be a reserve of \$5,000. The auction may be held at the community building.

The Mayor is proposing a town hall meeting to make citizens aware of this coming increase. The date of the town hall will be July 27, 2024 at 12:00 pm at the community building.

An ordinance to establish returned check fees, numbered 2024-06-25-1 was read by the Mayor. A motion to accept this resolution was made by Alderman Staton with a second by Alderman Looney.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Sean Brister reported that the notices for clean up of the following properties have been mailed to the owners and they will be served:

Highway 64 by the bridge

The Hackler burned apartments on Melody Lane

Heier house on Main St, Dyer

An ordinance numbered 2024-06-25-01 was presented to authorize Josh Winford to conduct business with the city as contract labor. A motion was made by

Alderman Staton with a second by Cindy Looney to read by name and title only.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Second reading; A motion was made by Alderman Saunders with a second by Alderman Staton to approve the second reading of ordinance 2024-06-25-01.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes

Alderman Cindy Looney Yes

Alderman Aaron Bray Yes

The Mayor made a motion to enact an emergency clause for ordinance numbered 2024-06-25-01. A motion was made by Alderman Staton with a second by Alderman Blaine Kiser to enact the emergency clause.

Alderman Jannie Elam Yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser Yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Cindy Looney Yes

Alderman Aaron Bray Yes

A resolution proposing the sale of the garbage truck for salvage of scrap metal numbered 2024-06-25-02. A motion was made by Alderman Looney with a second by Alderman Saunders to approve this ordinance.

Alderman Jannie Elam Yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser Yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders Yes

Alderman Donna Staton Yes

Alderman Cindy Looney Yes

Alderman Aaron Bray Yes

Public Works Report: Director Lonnie Robins was absent at a training with Joey Wertz repairing a water leak. A complete copy of the directors report will be attached to the minutes. Alderman Blaine Kiser asked the percentage of water loss the city has and the number of water leaks in the past few months. The flushing of culverts was also discussed.

The mayor reported on the application for a parks grant to build a pavilion at the community building lot. Sidewalks would also need to be built.

A resolution numbered 2024-06-25-03 was read to approve the application for the park grant at the Dyer City Park. A motion was made by Alderman Staton with a

second by Alderman Looney to approve applying for this 100% grant. A sign up sheet was passed to all the meeting attendees.

Alderman Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

The Mayor reported that all water samples have been good. There will be water repairs that will occur east of Washington Street that require the water to be shut off. This will occur on July 10 and the water will be shut off approximately 1-2 hours. Some ditches also need to be cleaned out in the near future. The Director's city truck is still in the shop for repairs. The repairs are being done at Gary's Body Shop. The remaining repairs will be \$6700.00 and need a motion to approve those repairs. The repairs will be costed out to water/sewer/streets. A motion was made by Alderman Elam with a second by Alderman Looney to approve the additional repairs.

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Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Police report: A police report was presented by Chief Josh Winford.

Fire Department report: A report was presented by Chief Joseph Saunders. A copy of this report will be attached to these minutes. The Chief discussed the recruiting efforts by the department and the need to keep the ISO rating at 5 or below. The Dyer Hose Company will be having a fund raiser and selling pulled pork sandwich with sides for \$10 on July 1, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

Old Business: Bids for the air conditioning replacement at the Community Building were presented. Copies of all the bids will be attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Looney with a second by Alderman Kiser to accept the bid for \$14,800.00 from Temperature Controllers.

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Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

New Business: None

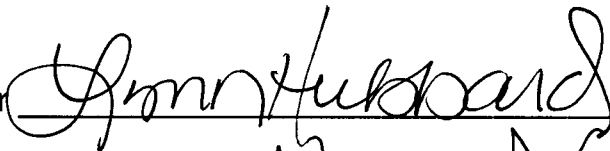
Planning and Zoning: A noise ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

Public Comments: A citizen inquired over the dog ordinance in the City of Dyer. A discussion was also held concerning non-paying water/sewer bills and what should be done to correct this situation.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Joseph Saunders with a second by Donna Staton.

Aldermen Jannie Elam	Yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser	Yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders	Yes
Alderman Donna Staton	Yes
Alderman Cindy Looney	Yes
Alderman Aaron Bray	Yes

Mayor



Recorder Treasurer

