

City of Dyer
Regular council meeting minutes
March 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hubbard at 6:30 pm. 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

A motion was made by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser to go out of order of the agenda and allow K&S Computing to speak about quotes being submitted to the city for updating equipment.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

K&S presented the quotes and the council asked questions. A motion was made by Alderman Jannie Elam and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser to accept the quotes 2512 v3 and 2510 v 5 from K&S for server upgrades and network upgrades.

Roll Call:

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 Forum:

Paul Brown a resident at 1008 Porter Place reported that on March 14, 15 and 16th during the hydrant testing there were 4 houses on his street along that had water leak. Some were significant. The water relief valves on the hot water heaters at my house and there were 6-7 of them. My bill cost me \$135. Mrs. Pope at 1203 Porter Place hot water heater exploded and her cost was \$1800. Mattie Whittenburg their estimate was over \$12000, and their leak was in the slab, and it took them a long time to find it. This was 4 leaks in 1 day on the same street and it cannot be coincidence. Hunter Moore at 903 Porter Place, The Matheny's and the Duncan's had to call a plumber. Vinton Leakey states his hot water heaters both blew off the pop off valves and he had water blowing out in the floor. This is an issue that started happening for some unknown reason. Vinton Leakey states the city of Dyer removed his pressure regulator over 20 years ago and gave him another one to install and he states he will not install it because the city removed it, and they should put it back on. It is setting on his shelf at home.

Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2024, with amendments as follows, by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Jannie Elam. Items to amend, A motion was made by Alderman Joseph Saunders and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser for the \$6000 GIS mapping from WPPADDI. On Financials a motion to approve the financials was made by Alderman Blaine Kiser instead of Alderman Cindy Looney.

Roll Call:

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

Jeremy Whittenburg another resident at 1221 Porter Place reported that he had a big leak, he stated he stood outside his home and watched the Fire Chief hammer the hydrants and the reason he knows this is because he was on Goshen and Fayetteville Fire departments. The opening and closing of hydrants are supposed to be 15-30 seconds per half revolution, you don't just stand there and twist them. I am sure he is ISO testing and everyone on our street has had problems. I am looking at \$12,000 in damaged because "this guy didn't know what he was doing" Pointing at fire chief. Jerry Don McAdoo introduced himself as a retired fire chief and explained that these issues were not a result of hydrant testing. He stated that he felt it was something to do with the city's pump or pressure regulator. Sandy Brown spouse of Paul Brown spoke up to say that the city is responsible for this, and it was not a coincidence. Sandy Brown also stated that all the residents can pool together and hire an attorney to get litigation started. Lonnie Robins stated that the Arkansas plumbing code requires residents have a regulator on their side to help cover if ever there is a malfunction. A motion was made by Alderman Jannie Elam because litigation was brought up and everything needs to be taken to our city attorney and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes
Alderman Blaine Kiser yes
Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes
Alderman Cindy Looney yes
Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Financial Review:

A motion to approve General Fund, Street Fund, Water Fund Financials for February 2024 was made by Alderman Blaine Kiser and seconded by Alderman Joseph Saunders.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Report:

Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program membership has been renewed and 2 of our staff went down to view inventory and purchased a propane cage to hold tanks to ensure OSHA compliance and a hoist.

Act 605 replacement and refurbishment 2023 contribution will be \$14,218.70 and will be moved from the excess in water revenue account. A motion to move funds from revenue to ACT 605 account in the amount of \$14,218.70 was made by Alderman Joseph Saunders and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

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

I wanted to clarify that the lawnmower that was purchased this year was in the budget when it was passed in January 2024. The mower is the same type and close to same cost as the one we purchased last year.

City Attorney:

A motion was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Cindy Looney to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-03-26-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A FEMA ASSIST FIRE FIGHTER GRANT.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

Police Department:

Police Chief not present to give report

Fire Department:

2 medical calls

1 mva

1 grass fire

Training and maintenance

ISO will be here on April 9th.

Public Works:

Water samples coming back good.

New truck almost fully equipped.

Mapping hydrants for GIS with WPPADDI.

Looking into a grant with CFP for water system. A home in River

Vista has been built and no permits were acquired, he was trying to

get the electrical inspection and he had already put-up walls and may have to take them down. Eclipse is coming and there will be many people coming thru our town. Emergency management is recommending that people are kept off property to keep it from being trashed. District 7 fire department needs a lawn mower and wants a lawn mower. We have 2 mowers going to the auction. They are asking us to donate the bad boy to them. A motion was made to donate the bad boy mower to District 7 by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

We have the auction scheduled for April 6m 2024 at 1 pm. At the community building. Pictures will be put on the face book site. Clean up on April 20th. We will have 2 dumpsters that will be limited to city of Dyer citizens only.

City attorney was asked about the clean-up orders, and he states that he and Josh are working on them and there is a lawsuit pending on the Risenhoover place.

Old Business:

Employee Handbook

There was a problem with the version of the handbook sent earlier this month. Riley's computer was dying, and it did not save changes. Article 2 section 1 minimum of 32 hours a week for full time status. Part time hours are less than 32 hours a week.

A motion was made to adopt the City of Dyer Employee policies and procedures with the mentioned changes by Alderman Cindy Looney and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser.

Roll Call:

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 motion that we will make the present employees effective date for vacation pay outlined in the 03.26.2024 employee manual on the beginning of their second anniversary with regards to vacation pay was made by Alderman Donna Staton and seconded by Alderman Joseph Saunders.

Roll Call:

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

New Business:

None

The recorder treasurer position will be vacated 03/31/2024. A motion to accept resignation of Recorder treasurer and declare a vacancy was made by Alderman Blaine Kiser and seconded by Alderman Donna Staton.

Roll Call:

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

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

No Zoning and Planning comments

Public comments

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jannie Elam and seconded by Alderman Blaine Kiser at 7:57 pm.

Roll Call:

Alderman Jannie Elam yes

Alderman Blaine Kiser yes

Alderman Joseph Saunders yes

Alderman Donna Staton yes

Alderman Cindy Looney yes

Alderman Aaron Bray yes

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Mayor Ann Hubbard

Recorder Treasurer Ann Hubbard