

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session, Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:06 PM. Those present were Mayor Chris Younger, Alderpersons Ray Carroll, Richard Reed, Fred Ivie, Robert Johnson, Michael Barron, Craig Blackburn, Tom Mikkelsen, and Jennifer Hughey. The City Attorney was present.

Motion made by Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Michael Barron to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

Visitors

Dyer Animal Control Officer Mike White asked the board for clarity concerning the handling of pit-bull dogs. The City Ordinance specifies that owners should be cited into city court and that the animals can be seized. Guidance from MTAS has suggested that animals cannot be seized and impounded from private property based on the authority of only an ordinance. After some discussion, the City Recorder will contact MTAS for more specific guidance.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Younger reminded the board about the upcoming annual Trunk or Treat which will be held on Wednesday evening, October 31, from 6pm to 8pm. Mayor Younger asked those assisting to arrive around 4:00 to begin setup. Chief Lindsey and Chief Shanklin will contact other departments. City Hall will contact other local participants. Mayor Younger said he would purchase the necessary candy.

Mayor Younger thanked Vice Mayor Ray Carroll for presiding at the last board meeting.

Mayor Younger stated that some people have questioned the financial condition of the city. "The City is in better financial shape today than it has been for a long time. We've paid several things in cash instead of borrowing money," said Younger. He continued, "I want to make sure the citizens of Dyer know that the city is in financially good shape. I appreciate what the board has done and how the board has managed ... the way of it being their own money."

Mayor Younger asked Chief Lindsey about getting on the list for a surplus Tahoe from Missouri State Police; Lindsey said that the City is already on the list. Younger also commended Randy Gregory for the excellent job he's doing in the public works department.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Ryan Shanklin provided updates on several ongoing issues. Engine 1 has two alternators currently not working; Hinson's is working on the truck and is waiting on a replacement for the second alternator. Engine 3 is out of service with several electrical problems. Shanklin also asked the board for permission to ask the MTAS Fire Consultant to do an evaluation of the department which would include a needs assessment. Shanklin thinks it's time to do something with Engine 3, "Every time we take a step forward, we take two steps back." Mayor Younger asked for Shanklin's recommendation on Engine 3; Shanklin said he'd like to have a good mechanic look at it. Alderman Carroll said, "I'd rather spend \$15,000 and get 5 more years out of the truck than spend \$200,000 to get a new one." The board agreed that the truck should be taken to a good mechanic. Alderman Johnson said, "I feel like we're going around in circles. Let's get it fixed and go about our business. I know it'll take a while, let's get it fixed." Chief Shanklin said he'd talk to M3; Mayor Younger said the city would pay to have the truck hauled somewhere for repairs.

Police Chief Brad Lindsey thanked the public for the tips and information and help the department received last week while the teenager was missing.

The City Recorder presented the CT-0253 confirming the issuance of capital outlay notes. He also reminded the board about the tax relief program for eligible residents of the city and county.

Committee Reports

Mayor Younger said that one of the police cars has a "bad gas smell" and asked that it be looked at.

Street, Maintenance, Water & Sewer Committee Chair Tom Mikkelsen said the committee had discussed repairing/ replacing the lights at the wastewater plant. Motion made by Tom Mikkelsen, seconded by Craig Blackburn to spend up to \$6,500.00 for lights at the wastewater plant. Motion carried with all ayes. Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by Richard Reed to authorize up to \$2,000.00 to rent a lift to help repair lights at the wastewater plant and to complete painting at the city garage. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Younger said that he had solicited applications for a full-time public works employee, but that he'll defer discussion until Mr. Gregory returns from vacation. Mayor Younger proposed filling Sam Hill's position with another part-time employee. He also said Gregory will likely recommend hiring Austin Juhl, currently a part-time employee, to fill the full-time position. Juhl would do building maintenance, right of way cleanup, and other odd jobs.

Mayor Younger asked Parks & Buildings Chair Michael Barron to begin discussing renovations at the Eagle Community Center with the City Recorder. Alderman Carroll asked about installing another light at the basketball court adjacent to the community center. Motion made by Fred Ivie, seconded by Ray Carroll to permit public use of the basketball court up to 10:00pm each night. Motion carried with Carroll, Ivie, Johnson, Barron, Blackburn, Mikkelsen, and Hughey voting aye; Richard Reed voted no.

New Business

Motion made by Ray Carroll, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to adopt Resolution 2018-302, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Dyer to Participate in The Pool's James L. Richardson "Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Tom Mikkelsen, seconded by Michael Barron to approve up to \$1,500.00 for park improvements. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Ray Carroll, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to pay the accounts. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Craig Blackburn, seconded by Michael Barron to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Nathan Reed, City Recorder