The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session on Monday October 28, 2024 at 7:05pm. Those present were Mayor Chris Younger, Alderpersons Mike Needham, Marty Graves, Bett Jewell, Craig Blackburn, Jennifer Hughey, Michael Barron, and Tom Mikkelsen. The City Attorney was present.

Motion made by Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Mike Needham to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried with Hughey, Blackburn, Mikkelsen, Barron, Needham, and Graves voting aye. Bett Jewell abstained.

Mayor's Report

Dale Carroll will be ordering a pallet of new brand of asphalt sealer that they have been testing. It seems to be holding better than the other brand we had been using.

Trunk or Treat will be Thursday from 6-8PM even with the possibility of weather. The chance of rain reduces significantly after 5. We will still have the band and jumpers regardless of the weather. We have a tent available for the band to keep their equipment dry. The hayride will depend on the weather.

The Fire Department will be hosting a Holiday Mart on November 23rd from 9-4 at the Fire Department.

Dyer Station Celebration will be hosting their annual Christmas in Our Hometown. December 5th from 5-7 to will be shopping after hours and December 7th at 5PM will be the Christmas Parade.

The fountain at the pond was down due to a bad plug but has been fixed and is back running.

We have been awarded the TN Placemaker Grant that the City along with the Dyer Industrial Board applied for. This will help the Industrial Board do some of the cost analysis and structural rehabilitation they have been looking into.

Department Reports

The City Recorder reminded the board to spread the word about property tax relief program.

Committee Reports

There will be a Finance, Administration, and Personnel Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6PM to interview potential candidates for the Assistant Municipal Clerk position.

New Business

Motion made by Jennifer Hughey seconded by Mike Needham to approve \$7,000.00 to USABluebook for DR3900 (budgeted item). This device is used for testing the wastewater plant. We have been using one that we had on loan but it needs to be returned. The motion and second was withdrawn by Needham and Hughey. Motion made by Michael Barron seconded by Craig Blackburn to approve \$7,100.00 to USABluebook for DR3900. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion made by Tom Mikkelsen, seconded by Marty Graves to approve PO A-6664 to G & C Supply for \$1,602.38 for items used for sewer repair on North Poplar St. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Younger informed the board that there was some discussion about where the line for the new bathroom at the park would be run to attach to our sewer system. They are looking at 2 possibilities and trying to find the best option in regard to cost effectiveness and accessibility.

Mayor Younger informed the board that we received the paperwork for the construction phase for the R-Turn at the intersection of Broad St and Hwy 45.

Mayor Younger met with a representative from the railroad and plan is currently being looked at to potentially add an additional culvert to help relieve some of the water flow issues in the Industrial Park. The city will need to change to larger culvert under the road when the railroads new culvert is installed.

While looking into the water flow issue it was brought to our attention that there has been 4 acres of wooded lots cut in that past that probably caused some of our issues. Brent Baier, the current owner of the land, is looking at adding more terraces to help slow the flow of the water if we would be willing to purchase the culverts.

The city is working on gathering information to apply migration grant to be used to purchase either weather radios or tornado sirens. We are working to determine which would be the better option.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Mike Needham to pay the accounts of October 28, 2024. Motion carried with all ayes.

Dale Carroll said that the VFW is back to normal and ready to be rented but we will need to get some more tables and chairs. Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Craig Blackburn to purchase tables and chairs for the VFW not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Tom Mikkelsen to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chris Younger, Mayor

Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder