

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session on Monday January 13, 2025 at 7:17 pm. Those present were Mayor Chris Younger, Alderpersons Michael Barron, Kayla Hall, Jennifer Hughey, Jessica Dickinson, Bryan Cathey, Mike Needham, Bett Jewell, and Marty Graves. The city attorney was present.

Motion made by Mike Needham, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve the minutes of December 23, 2024 regular meeting. Motion passed with Barron, Hall, Hughey, Dickinson, Cathey, Needham, and Graves voting aye. Bett Jewell abstained.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to appoint Marty Graves as Vice Mayor for a term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried with Jewell, Needham, Cathey, Dickinson, Hughey, Hall, and Barron voting aye. Marty Graves abstained.

Alderman Graves took his oath of office as Vice Mayor of the City of Dyer.

Mayor Younger informed the board of a grant he would like to apply for that would pave the walking track and parking lot at the park and place benches and shade covering around the track. The grant would have a 20% match for the city. With no objections from the board, he informed them we would move forward with the intent to apply.

Mayor Younger informed the board of several ongoing grants that the city has received including the LPRF, CDBG, AFG, and Placemaker grant. These grants have already been awarded to the city and we are working through the different stages of completion.

Mayor Younger assigned the board members to committees and gave them descriptions of the committees' purpose. He also informed the board that there would be some upcoming committee meetings.

Mayor Younger updated the board on the recent change in our winter weather preparation. When we have advance notice of potential winter weather the city has been getting salt brine from the county TDOT. When our street department went to get a load in our container before the most recent bout of weather we were informed we could no longer get the brine from TDOT. The city has been looking into options of what we could do to be able to get the brine or to make it ourselves. We have found a location in Missouri where we can purchase the salt to make the brine ourselves. The street department will be working on a location to store and make the brine for the future.

Mayor Younger informed the board that Wyman Branson will be working to clean up the landfill, this is a yearly maintenance that we have done. It will cost \$3,000 or less.

#### **Department Reports**

Dale Carroll asked the board for \$1,100 for cold patch to patch some places on Industrial Dr. The board asked Carroll if that would be enough to patch all the places he needed too. Carroll said he was hoping it would be but wasn't sure. Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to purchase up to \$2,000 of cold patch from Fastenal. Motion passed with all ayes.

The City Recorder reminded those present about the Property Tax Relief program.

#### **Committee Reports**

Mayor Younger informed the board of two upcoming Finance, Administration, and Personnel committee meetings. These meetings will take place Wednesday January 22, 2025 at 7pm and Thursday January 23, 2025 at 6pm. The board will have the opportunity to visit the Fire Department and Street Department on Wednesday and the Water and Sewer Department on Thursday to be given a tour to help them understand how things run at these locations.

Mayor Younger informed the board that he would like to discuss, at a later time, possibly using the money that is currently budgeted to purchase a truck to purchase a cutter that would attach to the skid steerer and also look at a street sweeper attachment as well.

Mayor Younger informed the board that we are still looking to finish out the last 9 holes for our disc golf course, but we are still

waiting on the baskets to be back in stock.

**Unfinished Business**

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Marty Graves to pass on its second and final reading Ordinance 2024-285, an ordinance to change the maximum amount for purchase without public advertisement. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mayor Younger updated the board on that the cost of the Lee St repair ended up far cheaper than we anticipated. The repair ended up costing \$1,988.72 which was several thousand dollars cheaper than the original estimate.

Mayor Younger also informed the board of a few different repairs that we will start this spring involving some storm sewer issues that we are aware of. 184 West College St will be one of our first repairs along with fixing some issues near the storm sewer near Ashley, Elm, and West Maple. There is also an issue at Scattered Acres that will be addressed.

**New Business**

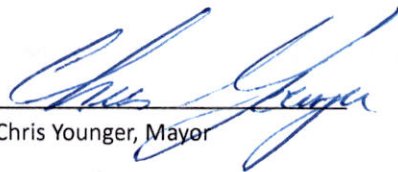
Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to accept the bids for the South Main/Ashley St sidewalk project. Motion passed with all ayes. Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Michael Barron to award the bid to Poynor concrete for \$18,255. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve an addition \$137.52 (for a total of \$2,537.52) to PO A-6736 to Thompson Machinery for travel.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Marty Graves to approve up to \$13,000 to Park Heating & Cooling for installation of a new unit and duct work at the Water Treatment plant. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve the accounts of January 13, 2025. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Mike Needham to adjourn. Motion passed with all ayes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder