

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session on Monday June 9, 2025, at 7:02 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 Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Mike Needham to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025, Special Called Meeting. Motion passed with Barron, Hall, Hughey, Dickinson, Cathey, Needham, and Graves voting aye. Bett Jewell abstained.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Bryan Cathey to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Request to Address the Board

Arlene James of 314 East Walnut St addressed the board about an issue with stray cats around Walnut, South Poplar, Central, Crestview, and East South Streets. James and Nancy Travis have been attempting to catch the female cats and get them fixed to help alleviate some of the problem. This practice has become costly, and they are unable to keep up with the amount of animals that are in the area. Luann Harmon has also been trying to help with the issue as well. After listening to Ms. James concerns Mayor Younger asked the issue be brought to committee so that we could discuss the issue more in depth.

Mercedes Crayton from the Lizzie Health Institute located at 277 Hull St came before the board to help clear up some confusion and rumors that had been going around about the facility. Crayton started by stating, "What our house is, is a support house.... It's not more so of a group home, it's not a halfway house for prisoners. It is a mental health facility, but it is a step-down program." She informed those present that the individuals at the facility are typically there for six months to a year and while there the residents get help with life skills and budgeting to help them succeed on their own once they leave the facility.

Chris Roden of 273 Hull St addressed the board about the issue he has with the current pit bulls ban. Roden complained that some people might not know about the ban especially if they had not specifically turned on water in their name through city hall. Roden's current girlfriend was unaware of the ban before she was cited into court and forced to get rid of her dogs due to the current ordinance. Roden then gave the board some ideas on potential ways to make the ban more widely known to help avoid the issue in the future.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Younger informed those present to remember all the upcoming events for Dyer Station. He will have a list at the next board meeting and would like as many board members as possible to take part in the events. Younger also informed the board that we would be waiting until after July 1 before PRI comes back for paving repairs and we would be putting out a new bid for asphalt repair soon.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Brandon Rudd informed the board that they responded to 49 calls in May. Rudd also informed the board that Truck 1 is currently having a gear box rebuilt. Rudd also informed the board that Emergency Reporting had been bought by ESO and that will mean a switch to them for our reporting system. Rudd asked the board to approve starting a Dyer Junior Fire Program. Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Bryan Cathey to start a Dyer Junior Fire Program. Motion carried with all ayes.

Dale Carroll informed the board that both wells were back up and running at capacity. Carroll also informed the board that Jay Richardson had received his certification from the state for his most recent test. Carroll also informed the board of the issues they have been having with the backhoe. CAT has been multiple times trying to fix the issue and believe that the issue is now fixed. Carroll also informed the board that they would be replacing the hydrant at East College and Peach St this week. Carroll said Tracy Cole has been working on resealing the inverts on manholes around the city and still has a few he plans on working on. The disc golf baskets have been

measured off and will be going up next week. Signs for the disc golf holes will be ordered soon as well. Lastly Carroll informed the board that the leaf machine was back up and running after a wiring issue.

Committee Reports

Mayor Younger said we would be going ahead and getting ready to bid on replacing the sidewalk at the corner.

Aldersperson Bett Jewell reminded everyone that the work for the park grant is underway, clearly there will be some areas that we will have to work around during the Dyer Station Celebration. We will work to get all usable areas looking good and ready to go before the festivities start.

New Business

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to accept the bids for Solid Waste Collection & Disposal. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to award the Solid Waste Collection & Disposal bid to Volunteer Disposal West. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to pass on first reading of Ordinance 2025-287 to approve 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Tax Levy. Motion carried with Cathey, Jewell, Graves, Barron, Hall, Hughey, and Dickinson voting aye. Mike Needham voted no.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to pass on first reading of Ordinance 2025-286 an ordinance to amend 2024-2025 Annual Budget. Motion carried with all ayes.

Accounts

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to pay the accounts of June 9, 2025. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion made by Jennifer Hughey, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder