

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons meet in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:03pm. Those present were Mayor Chris Younger, Alderperson, Michael Barron, Kayla Hall, Jennifer Hughey, Jessica Dickinson, Bryan Cathey, Nathan Reed, Bett Jewell, and Marty Graves. The city attorney was present.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

#### **Request to Address the Board**

Joey Selph of Hull Street addressed the board concerning an individual near his home who has been using the restroom outside in the front yard. Captain David Paschall informed Selph and the board that he talked with the individual and they have been informed that it cannot happen again and if it does it could result in a citation. Paschall has also spoken with the landlord about the incident.

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

Mayor Younger informed those present about the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny that the Fire Department will be hosting on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. Mayor Younger would also like to get a committee meeting together to go over the storm shelter policy. Younger informed those present that the Park Committee has given their approval to apply for the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant.

#### **Department Report**

Assistant Fire Chief George Fisher asked the board to allow the fire department to swap their 14ft trailer with Russel Bell's 16ft trailer to better accommodate their needs. Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to swap current 14ft trailer with the 16ft trailer. Motion carried with all ayes. Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to accept the resignation of Thomas O'Daniel from the Fire Department. Motion carried with all ayes. Fisher also requested a tablet for the Recruitment and Retention officer. Fisher believes it will be beneficial to him in his fieldwork. Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Marty Graves to purchase a tablet. Motion carried with Barron, Hughey, Dickinson, Cathey, Reed, Jewell, and Graves voting aye. Kayla Hall voted no. Fisher also asked about replacing some fire hydrants that were tagged during the most recent inspection. Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to purchase 4 hydrants and needed supplies for installation not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried with all ayes.

Police Chief Brad Lindsey discussed how water stands in the paved area behind the department and it is causing some damage, some of the issues might be from the air unit. Mayor Younger said that we would get it on the PRI list to get it repaired. The unit will also be replaced.

Public Work Supervisor Dale Carroll informed the board that they are still filling potholes around town from the winter storm. The department also replaced a fire hydrant on Scattered Acres that was leaking.

#### **Committee Reports**

Mayor Younger brought to the board an estimate to replace the sidewalk from North Poplar to Freemont and a small section of Freemont to make it ADA accessible. We will also need an easement from the resident at 292 East College Street due to having to add a section on the corner to make the sidewalk ADA accessible. Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer to approve \$5,000 for the sidewalk. Motion carried with Graves, Jewell, Reed, Cathey, Dickinson, Hughey, and Barron voting aye. Kayla Hall abstained.

Mayor Younger asked that we contact the local churches to see if they would like to join the Fire Department for the egg hunt and contact the school to announce help spread the word.

#### **New Business**

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Marty Graves to approve PO A-7233 to Thompson Machinery for \$5,017.12 for backhoe repairs. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve up to \$24,092.00 to Tennessee Fire Equipment & Safety Supplies for 6 sets of turnout gear (Fire Marshall Grant reimbursable). Motion carried with all ayes.

Alderman Bryan Cathey asked the board to consider removing the nepotism policy completely. Michael Barron also feels that since we are a small town we don't need one. Mayor Younger and Alderman Barron discussed that the policy was added to prevent a potential problem. The city attorney was asked to gather some information on other recent policies and the information be brought before a committee before considering a board decision.

Motion made by Nathan Reed, seconded by Bryan Cathey to pay the accounts of March 9, 2026. Mayor Younger wanted to thank a fireman for his donation of funds to purchase the back window on the side-by-side. Motion carried with all eyes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Bryan Cathey to adjourn. Motion carried with all eyes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder