

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:01pm. Those present were Mayor Chris Younger, Alderpersons Michael Barron, Jennifer Hughey, Jessica Dickinson, Kayla Hall, Bryan Cathey, Bett Jewell, Marty Graves, and Nathan Reed. The city attorney was present:

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve the minutes of July 27, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

Request to Address the Board

Mayor Younger informed those present of state laws concerning board meeting agendas and public comments and the proper procedure to being placed on the agenda to speak to the board. Younger also stated that historically the board has allowed people not on the agenda to address the board with the proper board motion. Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to allow them to speak. Motion carried with all aye.

Mayor Younger then made the following statement before opening the floor to public comment. Over the past several days, there has been a great deal of speculation regarding the leadership of the Dyer Police Department. I believe that the citizens deserve facts. On Monday evening, immediately following the city board meeting, Chief Lindsey submitted his resignation after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the City of Dyer. Out of respect for his years of service, I felt it was appropriate to allow him the opportunity to announce his decision and receive the recognition he deserved before discussing what come next. Because the resignation was submitted after the meeting had adjourned, the city board could not legally discuss or take action on the matter that evening. The board must conduct city business during a properly called public meeting, and that process exists to ensure transparency and accountability to our citizens. Once Chief Lindsey made his resignation public, the members of the city board were notified and requested a meeting to discuss the city's next steps. The purpose of that meeting was not to choose a person, but to review the city charter, determine the proper hiring process, and discuss what was in the best interest of the city of Dyer. Before that meeting could take place, Assistant Chief Rodney Wilkins submitted his resignation. Rodney has faithfully served this community for many years and has earned the respect of both the city and its citizens. I appreciate his dedication and thank him for everything he has done for Dyer. Many have asked why an interim chief was not immediately appointed. The answer is simple. Once Chief Lindsey's resignation became effective, Assistant Chief Wilkins would have been the logical choice to serve as interim chief, while the board determined the future direction of the department. However, because Assistant Chief Wilkins' resign, before the board had the opportunity to meet, that option was no longer available. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen has a legal responsibility to follow the city charter when making employment decisions. Every board member has his and or her own opinions, but no one person makes these decisions alone. The charter exists to ensure that the process is followed fairly, legally, and transparently. That is exactly what this board intends to do. I understand that change brings questions, concerns, and emotions. However, I ask you to allow the process to work as it was designed. Our responsibility is not to make rushed decisions or decisions based on pressure. Our responsibility is to make decisions that serve the best interests of the citizens of Dyer and protect the integrity of the Police Department. We are grateful to Chief Lindsey and Assistant Chief Wilkins for their years of service and commitment to this community. As we move forward, the City Board will continue to act with transparency, follow the law, and make decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the City of Dyer.

Hunter Crowson addressed the board and spoke on times when he personally felt that the city went against or went out of character of city ordinances, one being regarding placing campaign signs at the city park. Crowson felt that Younger bypassed the chain of command by sending Steve Webb to ask Crowson to remove his signs. The next event is in regard to the beer board and their responsibility to hold those with permits accountable. Crowson stated that during his last visit to The Station there was only 35 seats and it is the responsibility of beer board to hold them accountable and make sure they are following policies.

Fred Ivie then addressed the board by asking "How long before Rodney put his resignation in after Mr. Lindsey?" Mayor Younger informed Mr. Ivie that Rodney handed in his resignation Friday morning and that Chief Lindsey asked us not to

release it until Medina, which was on Wednesday. Mr. Ivie then asked, so nobody talked to Mr. Wilkins? Younger then stated that he was trying to respect Chief Lindsey for his 29 ½ years and not do anything until he was able to be released. Younger continued with, I released it that Wednesday night and they got it Friday morning. It was then brought up that Assistant Chief Wilkins discussed his TCRS retirement with the city recorder which is how the thought of his retirement came up. Mr. Ivie then alluded to the fact that you place a second in command in that position with the thought or understanding that they will move up if those in command leave. Younger agreed that Rodney would have been the ideal choice but resigned before decisions could be made. Alderman Cathey also stated that it was his assumption that Rodney would move up as interim chief once Brad left. Cathey also stated that he personally asked Wilkins to withdraw his resignation.

Stacie Finch approached the board and asked, "Did he resign or did he quit?" Mayor Younger informed Ms. Finch that Wilkins resigned. Ms. Finch said, "If you gonna to do it for one person, do it for everybody, y'all just picking and choosing." Mayor Younger then informed Ms. Finch and those present that employees are hired differently depending on what the charter says for different positions.

Carla Ewell then addressed the board about an ordinance issue. Ms. Ewell received a visit from our officers regarding her vehicle being parked on the road even though she has a driveway. The driveway is unusable due to root damage. Ms. Ewell has been parking on the roadside for years. Alderman Reed reminded those present that there is grandfather clause in the ordinance that allows for roadside parking for people who have needs from before the ordinance was in place. Mayor Younger also informed those present that the main reason for the ordinance was due to concerns for emergency vehicles getting to their destination in emergency situations.

Lada Aycock approached the board concerning the sidewalk in front of her property. The sidewalk is busted and broken in multiple places and her son has tripped on it multiple times. Ms. Aycock stated that her deed stated that she had on street parking so she is confused by the parking ordinance. Mayor Younger informed her that we could cut the curb for her and she could get some gravel and she would have a driveway. Alderman Cathey asked if the sidewalk was dangerous. Ms. Aycock confirmed it was. Alderman Cathey then told Dale Carroll that the sidewalk needs to be removed this week.

Fred Ivie reapproached the board about people living in campers. Mayor Younger informed Mr. Ivie that Captain Paschall is working on addressing the situation.

Chloe White asked Mayor Younger directly "would race happen to play a factor in all this?" Mayor Younger replied with "Absolutely not." Ms. White followed up asking when was the last time Dyer had a black chief? Younger replied that "Chief Lindsey has been here for over 21 years as police chief and I not been here that long." Ms. White then asked Younger "If the roles were reversed and you had a white chief of police and a white assistant chief of police would you not have broken protocol and offered that to the assistant with him being white?" Younger again replied "absolutely not."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Younger informed those present about the upcoming Patriots Day event on September 12th. Mayor Younger asked for volunteer's to help with the event and informed the board that the Fire Department is currently looking for event sponsors.

Department Reports

Alderman Cathey informed the board that reports were on the table. Alderman Reed asked out of the 18 fire how many were actual working fires. Cathey reported that 3 of those were real working fires.

Captain Paschall reported on recent volume in the police department. Paschall also informed Mayor Younger that he was preparing packets for the attorney on property issues.

Committee Reports

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to accept Brad Lindsey resignation. The City Recorder read Lindsey's resignation. Alderman Reed then wanted to clarify the timeline of events. On Monday July 27th following the board meeting Chief Lindsey gave his resignation to the Mayor and Committee Chair and he asked not to make a statement until it becomes public in Medina. On July 28th Mayor Younger notified the board of Lindsey's resignation but also passes along the message that Lindsey has asked to not make it public currently. Mayor Younger also informed the board of a meeting on Monday to talk about this. Then Friday, July 31st Rodney turned in his resignation. Motion carried with all ayes. Motion made by Nathan Reed, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to accept Rodney Wilkins resignation. The City Recorder read Wilkins' resignation. Mayor Younger informed those present that even after his resignation if Wilkins decided to apply for the chief position he would still probably be the leading candidate and would still have the same fair consideration for the position. Mayor Younger then allowed citizen Jack Nelson to address the board with a question and comment. Nelson asked for clarification on what would happen if the board didn't accept the resignation. Alderman Reed explained that if we didn't accept Wilkins resignation that it would be looked at as a no-fault, no-show situation. Mr. Nelson then asked if it was possible for the group of officials to go and talk to Rodney to see if something could be resolved. Alderman Reed moved to postpone accepting Assistant Chief Wilkins resignation to the August 24th meeting, seconded by Kayla Hall. Motion passed with Graves, Reed, Cathey, Dickinson, Hughey, and Hall voting aye. Bett Jewell and Michael Barron voted no.

Mayor Younger informed those present that we should be hearing the results from the RTP grant soon. Younger also discussed another grant that we will be applying for that would potentially be for up to a million dollars of sidewalks around town. Younger also said we should be hearing from the THDA home grant soon as well.

Mayor Younger asked Public Works Supervisor Dale Carroll to start filling holes in the Rosenwald Property.

Unfinished Business

Alderman Cathey wanted to reiterate that when Brad discussed his retirement, he assumed Rodney would automatically be moved up and take over when he left. Someone has been going around saying that Cathey was against Rodney and Cathey says, "that is a lie". Cathey then clarified that we would be taking applications for the chief position as the charter requires us to fill the position.

New Business

Motion made by Nathan Reed, seconded by Bryan Cathey, to appoint Assistant Chief Wilkins as interim chief and in his absence Captain David Paschall. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Jessica Dickinson, seconded by Bryan Cathey to hire Michael Cardenas as a full-time patrolman. Motion carried with all ayes. Motion made by Jessica Dickinson, seconded by Bryan Cathey to purchase Cardenas a vest once hired. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to accept the bids for the East Front St Sidewalk Project. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to award the sidewalk project to Poynor Concrete for \$39,700. Motion carried with all ayes.

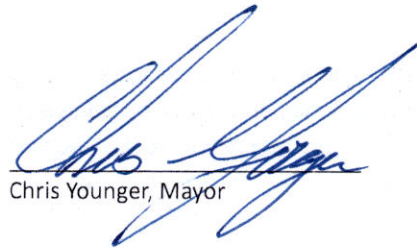
Motion made by Jessica Dickinson, seconded by Bryan Cathey to approve PO A-7393 to Steve Marsh Ford for \$3,682.62 for repairs on patrol car. Motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Younger informed the board that the company that is replacing the roof at the fire department ordered the wrong length of metal and since it was a special order they cannot return it. They have come up with a solution of adding a second sheet of metal at the bottom to cover the shortage. All warranties will be honored and with the way things are

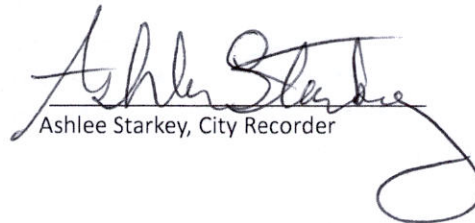
being overlayed it should be less likely to leak. Dale Carroll believes that we will be fine with this option and that it shouldn't cause any problems in the future. The board decided to allow them to continue with the company's solution.

Motion made by Kayla Hall, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to pay the accounts of August 10, 2026. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Kayla Hall to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder