

The City of Dyer Board of Mayor and Alderpersons met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:04pm. 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 August 24, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

Request to Address the Board

Kenny Marvin approached the board regarding placing a veterans corner at Dyer School. This community initiative would be aimed at honoring our local heroes while providing a positive and inspiring presence for our youth. The goal would be to have a designated area at the school manned by a local veteran during drop-off and pick-up. The veterans would be able to interact with the children and provide aid if extra hands are needed at the crossings. It is recommended that the volunteers be provided with high-visibility vest for safety and easy identification. Mayor Younger asked that the board to assume the cost of the vest and signs for the Veteran's Corner if the program is approved by the school. The board agreed.

Lea Jarnigan addressed the board with concerns about the removal of the stop sign on North Poplar. Jarnigan acknowledged that while people typically ran that stop sign anyway, she is worried that the removal of the sign will make the speeding worse in the area. Jarnigan is worried about the safety of not only her family but others in the area, especially since it is located close to the park. Chief Paschall asked to place the digital speed sign in that area and said they would set up in that area to help slow down the traffic.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Younger reminded the board that it was time to look at purchasing candy for trunk-or-treat. Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Bryan Cathey to approve up to \$2,500 on candy for trunk or treat. Motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Younger asked to fix the drainage issue on South Poplar that was previously discussed and approved. The cost is expected to be around \$1,500 and will help divert the water into our drainage system. The board was in agreement. Younger also asked Dale Carroll to be sure to get started on the culvert work on South Royal as well.

Department Reports

Recruitment and Retention Officer Jackson Summer reported fire calls for the last month. Summers also informed the board that Patriots Day went well and there were a lot of compliments on the band and fireworks. Summers also reported that they have hung an additional 20 smoke detectors and will be hanging more soon. The Fire Department will also be helping with a fundraiser for Colson on September 19th and also an event at the Fairview Baptist Church.

Chief Paschall reported that the patrol cars have been delivered and we will be ordering equipment for them after approval.

Street Supervisor Dale Carroll informed the board that the hydrant at West South and Madison St has been replaced, and they also fixed a water main leak at the corner of Lee and Broad. Carroll reported they will begin running the leaf machine in November but do not have the exact date.

Committee Reports

Mayor Younger informed the board that the new restroom at the playground was placed and will be up and running soon. We will also be adding an additional handicap accessible entrance to the playground at the new shade pavilion.

Alderman Cathey asked about a splash pad that was previously mentioned. Mayor Younger informed the board that he has been approached by some people that would be interested in helping get a splash pad for the city if there was interest and he will be bringing a full report to the board when it is ready to be presented. Alderman Jewell asked when work would begin on the new Rosenwald Park. Mayor Younger said that the street department will start working on some groundwork soon. Mayor Younger would also like to look into getting a committee together to look at setting a policy for vendors on city property.

Mayor Younger expressed his appreciation to the police officers being on scene for the duration of the Patriots Day event.

Younger also thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work putting together the Patriots Day Event and making sure that everything ran smoothly. Younger also asked that we go ahead and start getting together a committee for the ball league so we are ready to start sign ups earlier than previous years.

New Business

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve PO A-7436 for \$40,000 to Chicago Motors for 2021 & 2022 Explorer. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Bryan Cathey to approve \$3,390.36 to Steve Marsh Ford for water pump repair on police car. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to surplus four police cars and sell on GovDeals with a reserve. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to approve hiring up to 4 part-time Police officers. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Kayla Hall to approve \$8,373.12 to Areawide Communications for equipment for 2021 Explorer. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Kayla Hall to approve \$8,373.12 to Areawide Communications for equipment for 2022 Explorer. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to approve up to \$25,000 to Chicago Motors for a used police vehicle. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Kayla Hall to approve \$4,050 to Sullivan Fabricating Company for powder coating handrails for the sidewalk on Front St. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Kayla Hall, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to promote Daniel Vanalstine to Assistant Police Chief. Motion carried with all ayes.

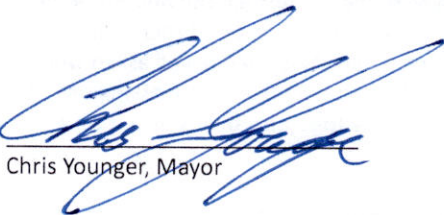
Motion made by Bryan Cathey, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to hire Matt Mingle and Faith Watford as non-certified officers and send them to the academy. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jessica Dickinson to revise Take Home Vehicle Policy to include all of Gibson County. Chief Paschall asked the mayor to consider extending the radius due to issues finding someone to fill the certified officer position. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Marty Graves, seconded by Bryan Cathey to hire Aaron Buckley as Police Captain. Chief Paschall spoke of Buckley's experience and also discussed the hours that he would be working. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Michael Barron, seconded by Jennifer Hughey to pay the accounts of September 14, 2026. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Nathan Reed, seconded by Michael Barron to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes.



Chris Younger, Mayor



Ashlee Starkey, City Recorder