

**CITY OF DRESDEN
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

March 6, 2023

6:00 p.m.

- I. Call To Order By Mayor**
- II. Opening Ceremonies**
 - A. Welcoming Remarks
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call by City Recorder**
- IV. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- V. Communications From The Mayor**
- VI. Input From Citizens**
- VII. Employee's Report**
 - A. Carla Edwards – Finance
 - B. Josh Lassiter – Public Works
 - C. Jeff Pierpoint – Water Plant
 - D. Bryan Chandler – Police
 - E. Joey Winstead – Park
 - F. Paul Hutcherson – Fire
- VIII. Reports from Aldermen or Advisory Committees**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Community Development Block Grant Project
 - B. Attorney Invoice
- X. New Business**
 - A. Community Development Block Grant Resolution 2023-07
 - B. Revenue Sharing Resolution 2023-08
 - C. Donation Acceptance Resolution 2023-09
 - D. Budget Amendment Resolution 2023-10
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Adjournment**

City of Dresden
Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the McWherter Civic Center. Mayor Mark Maddox was present and presiding when the following was entered into record. Mayor Mark Maddox, City Recorder Jennifer Branscum, Water Plant Operator Jeff Pierpoint, Park Director Joey Winstead, Interim Police Chief Bryan Chandler, Public Works Director Josh Lassiter and Fire Chief Paul Hutcherson were present. City Attorney Beau Pemberton was also present. Mayor Mark Maddox called the meeting to order. Mayor Mark Maddox then asked for the roll call. Kenneth Williams gave the invocation. Mayor Maddox led the board and guests in the pledge.

Roll Call

Gwin Anderson	Present	Ralph Cobb	Present
Curtis Doran	Present	Dale Hutcherson	Present
Kenneth Moore	Present	Willie Parker	Present

Mayor Maddox presented the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting. Mayor Maddox asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes. With no input, Mayor Maddox stated the minutes were approved as presented.

Tracy King of 339 Ethridge St addressed the Board concerning a property maintenance violation at her neighbor's property. She stated it's been an ongoing problem. Bryan Chandler stated the resident went to court in November and it was continued to December. He stated the resident did not appear in court in December or January. City Attorney Pemberton stated the Police Department or Code Enforcer can issue a notice of violation each day the issue is not addressed. He stated the maximum penalty is \$50 fine plus costs per day. Dale Hutcherson asked if contact had been made with the resident. Chandler stated he had made contact with them as there are several individuals living in the house. It was mentioned the resident is living on the property with no electricity and no water. The resident damaged a sewer line that the City had to repair. Mayor Maddox recommended seeing what takes place at the February court date and if no action is taken that City Attorney Pemberton get involved. Ralph Cobb made a motion for City Attorney Pemberton to attend the February City Court and to allow City Attorney Pemberton to take further action if nothing is done during court. Curtis Doran seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Kenneth Williams of 218 N. Parkway addressed the Board concerning a house on Taylor Street that has not had any work done on it since the tornado. Mayor Maddox stated the Condemnation Board would be meeting soon to address these properties.

Donald Duncan of 339 W. Main addressed the Board concerning the debris left on the property behind his house after the debris was removed from the staging site near the water tower on Jones St. He stated he used to access his backyard through this property and with the amount of debris left he cannot access it. He stated he has a tree that is down in his backyard from the tornado and he cannot get anyone in to help with that until the debris is cleaned up. Mayor Maddox asked Josh Lassiter to look at the property to see what needs to be done to get it cleaned up. He also recommended Mr. Duncan contact the Long-Term Recovery Group for assistance on getting the tree removed from his property.

Gwin Anderson asked Josh Lassiter about a pothole on Cedar Street near the intersection of Main Street. He stated the hole cannot be avoided if you are turning off of Main Street. Josh stated he would fill the hole.

Gwin Anderson asked Bryan Chandler about the rumor of a lot of break-ins happening recently. Chandler stated there was one attempted break-in in the Colonial Acres subdivision along with two instances of a suspicious person in the area.

Joey Winstead gave a report on the upcoming start of baseball and softball season at Wilson Park.

Mayor Maddox presented Personnel Policy Amendment Ordinance 2023-01 for approval on second and final reading. He stated a public hearing was held prior to tonight's meeting with no public input. Mayor Maddox stated this amendment further defines "retirement" in the sick pay benefit section of the policy. He stated this allows only employees who are retirement age to receive sick pay benefits upon retirement from the City. Dale Hutcherson made a motion to approve Personnel Policy Amendment Ordinance 2023-01 on second and final reading. Gwin Anderson seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Maddox presented the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. He stated auditor John Poole was present to present the financial report and findings to the Board. Willie Parker made a motion to approve and accept the audit report as presented. Curtis Doran seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Maddox stated interviews were conducted for the position of Police Chief. He stated he is recommending Bryan Chandler for the position of Chief of Police. Willie Parker made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation and hire Bryan Chandler as Chief of Police for Dresden. Kenneth Moore seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Maddox presented the 2023 Committee List for approval. Gwin Anderson made a motion to approve the 2023 Committee List as presented. Curtis Doran seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Maddox stated another round of Community Development Block Grants was available for application. He stated Travis Martin of A2H was present to present some qualifying projects to see how the Board wanted to proceed with the application. Travis Martin stated the storm siren project would cost about \$310,000. He stated these projects have not historically been funded but Dresden may have a good argument with what transpired in the last year or so. He stated there is a lot of extra work and cost that goes into a project like this with the rules that have to be followed to satisfy the grant. He stated the project cost outside of the grant would be about \$150,000. Travis Martin also presented the possibility of constructing an amphitheater in Festival Park (on Evergreen across from the Civic Center near the walking trail). He stated the cost estimate for this project would be about \$300,000. He also mentioned the City could continue to do sewer rehab for a cost estimate of \$385,000. He further added the City could do another floating wetland project to further reduce nitrogen, phosphorous and BOD levels in the lagoon for the same estimated cost as these other projects. Mayor Maddox asked the Board to think about these options to be able to make a decision at the March meeting so a resolution can be passed for the application process.

Travis Martin also gave an update on the camera study project, mapping project and the municipal complex project.

Mayor Maddox stated the drains under the street at and near Vaughn Bros have rust out and are in need of repair or replacement. Mayor Maddox asked the Board for permission to consult with the engineers and bid this project out for repair. Gwin Anderson made a motion to authorize this project to be bid out based on information received from the engineers. Ralph Cobb seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Maddox stated an invoice had been received from an attorney for services rendered to the aldermen as a result of the suit filed against the aldermen by Jeff Washburn who was mayor at the time of the suit. Mayor Maddox stated he is waiting on guidance from the Comptroller's office before this item is addressed. He stated this item of business is tabled until that information is received.

Mayor Maddox stated the TCRS review is still underway. He stated the City has consulted with legal representatives who deal with this on a daily basis.

Mayor Maddox stated he is still in communication with Keely Nanney regarding her property on the court square.

Kenneth Moore asked if there had been any correspondence with Tony Winstead regarding the utility easement. City Attorney Pemberton stated he would be sending a letter to Tony Winstead notifying him that work would be done to establish the new sewer line.

With no further business to discuss, Willie Parker made a motion to adjourn. Curtis Doran seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST:

City Recorder Jennifer Branscum

Finance Director Report

Board Meeting 3/6/23

1. The 2022 tax data has been received and has been loaded into our Accounting system. The original tax revenue, including ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$25,235.14, is \$694,598.44. This reflects a decrease from the prior year of \$21,297.46. Tax revenue has increased by \$43.54 for rollback taxes and decreased by \$7,449.35 for assessment changes. The current grand total of tax revenue of \$687,192.63 is higher than the budgeted tax revenue of \$685,000 by \$2,192.63. Tax payments received as of 2/27/23 equal \$553,849.20 and the current balance due as of 2/27/23 is \$133,343.43.
2. As of 2/27/23, the outstanding balance for 2021 Property Taxes is \$9,785.03. Tax payments in the amount of \$2,030.66 have been received since the previous report. The one year delinquent tax receivable at this time in the prior year was \$7,195.87. Our current balance is higher than the prior year by \$2,589.16.
3. As of 2/27/23, the outstanding balance for 2012 through 2020 Property Taxes is \$7,833.47. Tax payments in the amount of \$6.51 have been received since the prior report. The delinquent tax balance for two years or more at this time in the prior year was \$8,533.73. Our current balance is lower than the prior year by \$700.26.
4. All property taxes for years prior to 2012 have been written off as non-collectible. All outstanding taxes are fully reserved so any collections of prior year taxes will be recognized as delinquent tax revenue.
5. Monthly activities:
 - a. Processed biweekly payrolls for 2/3/23, 2/17/23 and 3/3/23.
 - b. Processed alderman, volunteer fire and monthly payroll for 2/28/23.
 - c. Processed purchase orders.
 - d. Coded and entered accounts payable invoices and check requests.
 - e. Processed 4 weekly accounts payable check runs.
 - f. Prepared monthly account reconciliations.
 - g. Assisted at the counter to receipt water bill payments, property tax payments and miscellaneous receipts.

Please let me know if there is any additional information you would like for me to be presenting to you each month.

Thank you.

Carla R Edwards

Finance Director

City of Dresden

Dresden Public Works

February 2023

Daily Checking of 25 Lift Stations
Cleaning of Sewer Lines
Read Water Meters & Checked High Readings
Repaired Water Lines & Water Mains
Installed New Remote Read Meters
Turn Ons & Offs
Picked up bulk items
Picked up brush
Routine Maintenance of Equipment
Picked Up Trash
Assisted with lead pipe survey as required by TDEC
Installed new sewer line & manholes for City Hall & The Flower Box
Assisted contractor on camera study of sewer lines

DRESDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 16, 2023 - February 15, 2023

Calls: 297

Roadway Accidents: 5

Private Property Accidents: 1

Citations

Chandler	1	Animal running @ large
	1	Theft
	1	Vandalism
Lee	1	Failure to Exercise Due Care
	1	Financial Responsibility
	1	Seatbelt
	1	Speeding
	1	Registration
	1	Theft
Travis	1	Stop Sign Violation
	3	Speeding
	2	Financial Responsibility
	3	Seatbelt
Vargas	6	Speeding

Total Offenses 24 Citations 20
(There may be more than one offense on each citation)

Citation Collections: \$2,229.19

<u>Residence</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Dresden	8	40%
Weakley Co	3	15%
Out of county	9	45%
TOTAL	20	100%

<u>Location</u>	<u>Citations Written</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cypress Ln	1	
Dollar Tree	1	
Dresden	2	
E Main	2	
E Park	1	
Evergreen Ext	1	
Hwy 22	8	40%
Hwy 54	1	
Linden/Evergreen	1	
Old Latham Rd	1	
Pikeview St	1	
TOTAL	20	

City Court Docket: 2/21/23 32

10 No show

3 Continued

3 Pd before court (guilty plea per pmt)

14 Dismissed and ordered to pay court cost (no driving school).

2 Guilty

0 Warning

Arrests

Chandler

Theft of Property

Lee

DUI 1st, Implied Consent, Speeding

Travis

Driving on Susp/Rev DL, Registration

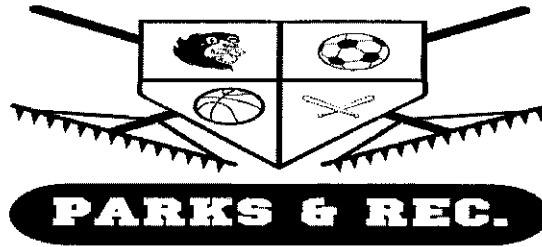
Vargas

Vandalism

Wright

Simple Assault

CITY OF DRESDEN



February 2023 Monthly Report

- Maintained Park properties
- McWherter Civic Center maintenance and renovation
- Repaired water leak issues at Wilson Park concession stand/restroom
- Ball field improvements and maintenance
- Seasonal machinery maintenance
- Agricultural spray application
- Leaf removal from Wilson Park
- Cutting back of ornamental grass at Wilson Park
- Ball field prep for Dresden Middle School baseball game

2023 City of Dresden CDBG Application

Option 1: Storm Sirens

This would cover storm sirens and monitoring software covering everything within the City limits. This is definitely an eligible project, however, in the past they have not scored well. In this case, with the City's recent history with the December 2021 tornado, it may score better. The cost being relatively low compared to other projects also helps the fundability. Handout is attached for siren specifics.

Cost: \$310,000.00

Option 2: Sewer Rehab

This project would continue sewer main and manhole rehabilitation. The issue with this option is the City's I&I rate is high, but not as high as other applications last round. Also, we are putting the bulk of the ARPA funds into the sewer rehab this year. If we decide to submit for this category of funding, I recommend a smaller request or possibly looking at work at the wastewater plant.

Cost: \$300,000.00

Option 3: Wilson Park Amphitheater

This project would propose a 25'x40' amphitheater at Wilson Park on Evergreen Street, along with accessible pathways. This project is represented in the Iris Park Master plan which connects multiple proposed parks along the existing walking trail. Attached is a handout, showing the amphitheater location and preliminary design approach. The CDBG program has temporarily allowed park projects that supplement community activities. We suspect this will only be an allowable submittal for the next two year. The projects have scored well in the last round.

Cost: \$385,000.00

RESOLUTION 2023-07

AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM/CDBG FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the governing body of Dresden, TN, having committed itself to the improvement of the community that it represents, wishes to make application for a Community Revitalization project through the Community Development Block Grant program,

WHEREAS, having determined proper eligibility by CDBG program guidelines, said governing body wishes to make application for up to \$400,000 in grant funds to implement the aforementioned improvements, and understands that Dresden will be accountable for providing a match rate of no less than 17 percent. This match rate was determined by ECD and includes a 4-point reduction for Three-Star Communities. Said governing body will commit local funds for the match which will be provided by the City of Dresden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Dresden, TN, meeting in session on this the 6th day of March, 2023, that the Mayor of Dresden is authorized to commit local matching funds to the proposed project, and to sign and all necessary assurances, agreements, or contracts required for recipients of CDBG funds.

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ that the resolution be adopted as read. Upon a roll call the vote was as follows:

AYE _____

NAY _____

ABSENT/ABSTAIN _____

Dresden Mayor Mark Maddox declared the resolution to be duly adopted and effective from and after this the 6th day of March, 2023.

City of Dresden Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST:

City Recorder Jennifer Branscum

Resolution No. 2023-08

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RESTORING THE HISTORIC REVENUE SHARING
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND ITS LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS AND TO RETURN THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE SINGLE
ARTICLE CAP TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, Tennessee's municipal communities are the economic engine of the state and today 92% of the state's total sales tax collections are generated within municipal boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, such economic growth is intentional and when it occurs, it is financed largely through city taxes for police, fire, streets, water and sewer, schools, parks, libraries and other amenities that attract and retain businesses and make Tennessee's communities desirable places for people to raise a family, start a business, and visit; and,

WHEREAS, in 1947, the state began sharing 4.6% of each year's total state sales tax collections with cities for the purposes of recognizing the collective contribution of cities as the state's economic engine: thereby acknowledging that city residents incur a local tax burden that is directly attributable to financing, developing, and maintaining an economic environment that continues to generate a healthy portion of the sales tax revenue accruing to the state; and,

WHEREAS, when confronting serious fiscal challenges in 2002, the state of Tennessee increased the state sales tax rate from 6% to 7%; and,

WHEREAS, the state chose not to share a portion of the sales tax revenues generated by the increase from 6% to 7% with Tennessee municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this change the state broke a 55-year relationship of sharing 4.6% of all sales tax revenue designated for the state's general fund with municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, at the same time in 2002, the state also doubled from \$1,600 to \$3,200 the amount of the purchase price any single item that is subject to a combined state and local option sales tax of 9.75%; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the single article cap increase from \$1,600 to \$3,200, the state also captured and continues to capture 100% of the state's 7% levy as well as the 2.75% portion of the sales tax levy that is customarily reserved for local government on the added sale of items with a purchase price above \$1,600; and

WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, these two changes have combined to result in the state realizing nearly \$2 billion in additional sales tax collections -- \$2 billion that would have benefitted local taxpayers had the historic revenue sharing relationship and single article cap not been altered in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, Tennessee's state leaders have managed the budget with great care and a strong fiscally conservative approach to create a

dynamic and growing economy with eight consecutive years of surplus revenues; and, WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, the State of Tennessee's sustained economic and fiscal performance have erased the conditions which led to these austerity measures in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, there is expected to be a surplus of recurring revenues produced by the economic engines of our state and managed by its leaders; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the accolades bestowed upon the state for its economic success, its fiscally conservative policies and strong leadership, the state has garnered an enviable reputation as the state in which to live, work and play; and,

WHEREAS, a consequence of this reputation has led to continued and substantial economic growth and an increase and realignment of the state's population, thereby increasing the fiscal pressures on municipal governments to meet demands to expand and maintain infrastructure, to deliver essential services, to provide the amenities that allow for continued quality of life for Tennessee's citizens, and to promote an economic environment that allows Tennessee's businesses and communities to prosper; and,

WHEREAS, these fiscal pressures create the need for recurring dollars to keep pace with this demand and to counteract the effects of inflation; and,

WHEREAS, correcting the provisions which took effect in 2002 will help to offset these fiscal pressures and to provide relief to local taxpayers shouldering the burden of meeting this demand which is associated with generating the sales tax revenues accruing to the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Dresden, on behalf of its residents, formally supports the restoration of the historic revenue sharing relationship of recurring state shared sales taxes in order for cities to once again receive 4.6% of all state general fund sales tax revenue. The Board of Aldermen also formally supports the state allowing local governments to receive the local share of sales tax revenues realized by increasing the single article cap in 2002 to collect on items with a purchase price between \$1,600 and \$3,200.

Passed (_____ to _____) this 6th day of March, 2023 upon a roll call vote.

Date

Date

Mayor

Recorder

RESOLUTION – 2023-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DRESDEN, TENNESSEE, ESTABLISHING TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND OTHER DONATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen wish to evaluate the suitability of donations and other gifts prior to acceptance by the Town.

WHEREAS, gifts and donations to be approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It is the policy of the City of Dresden that no City official or employee shall solicit or accept any donation or gift on behalf of the City unless and until such solicitation or proposed donation is first approved and authorized by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. For the purpose of this Resolution, the phrase “donation or gift” shall include, but is not limited to, such items of value as cash, bonds, real estate, automobiles, and other items of personal use.

WHEREAS, prior to voting to accept a donation or gift, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall first conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine how acceptance of the proposed gift or donation will affect the City treasury and cash flow.

WHEREAS, prior to voting to accept a donation or gift, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall seek and obtain appropriate legal advice to determine the legal implications of such acceptance. In no event shall the City accept offers of donations or gifts which are predicated on the donor receiving favorable treatment by the City, nor shall the City accept donations or gifts which are predicated on the City pursuing policies which violate Federal or State laws or municipal ordinance.

WHEREAS, in considering the acceptance of gifts or donations, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may consider whether such acceptance, or the conditions of such acceptance, may be unreasonably offensive to the citizens of Dresden.

WHEREAS, nothing in this policy shall be construed to apply to any federal or state grants or low-interest loans offered to the City of Dresden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the acceptance of:

- A monetary donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$150.00 to the General Fund.
- A monetary donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$25.00 to the Police Department.

This resolution shall be adopted and these donations be accepted, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF March, 2023 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE DRESDEN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Aye / Nay	Gwin Anderson
Aye / Nay	Ralph Cobb
Aye / Nay	Curtis Doran
Aye / Nay	Dale Hutcherson
Aye / Nay	Kenneth Moore
Aye / Nay	Willie Parker

Mark Maddox, Mayor

Attest: _____
City Recorder Jennifer Branscum

Resolution 2023-10

WHEREAS, the City of Dresden has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2023 that defines line item budgets for the General Fund and,

WHEREAS, there is need to amend the budget to reallocate funds and expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the following:

General Fund – Insurance reimbursement for repairs to Ethan’s patrol car.

DB	110-36350	Insurance Recoveries	\$1,308.95
CR	110-42100-261	Police Vehicle Repair	\$1,308.95

General Fund – Farmers Market grant for signage.

DB	110-33400	Grant Revenue – Farmers Market	\$1,500.00
CR	110-44460-265	Ground Maintenance	\$1,500.00

General Fund – Salary supplement provided by the State for in-service training of Police officers.

DB	110-33410	State Law Enforcement Education Grant	\$6,400.00
CR	110-42100-111	Salaries – Chief	\$800.00
CR	110-42100-121	Wages – Officers	\$5,600.00

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

_____ Anderson	_____ Cobb	_____ Doran
_____ Hutcherson	_____ Moore	_____ Parker

___ Passed / ___ Failed with a vote of ___ to ___ this 6th day of March, 2023.

Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Branscum, City Recorder