

CITY OF DRESDEN
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
October 2, 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. Input From Citizens**
- VI. 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
- VII. Reports from Aldermen or Advisory Committees**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. None
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Budget Amendment Resolution 2024-04
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Adjournment**

City of Dresden
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 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, Police Chief Bryan Chandler, Public Works Director Josh Lassiter, Finance Director Carla Edwards 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. Bryan Chandler gave the invocation and 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 August 7, 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.

Jim Kidwell addressed the Board as the owner of the property at 535 Linden Street. He stated he has had a drainage issue on his property for six years with nothing being done about it. He stated he discussed it with the previous Mayor. He stated the only thing done at that time was holes that had been created were filled with dirt and rock. Josh Lassiter stated the catch basins were left in the storm drains on that property 15-16 years ago when the issue was originally addressed. Lassiter stated those have been the problem. Lassiter stated new catch basins have been ordered and repair work has been started. Lassiter stated materials have been in for about 2-3 weeks. He stated there has been 10-12 water leaks and sewer leaks at the same time. Lassiter stated bigger machinery will be needed to address Mr. Kidwell's repair work. He stated a camera will be placed in the storm drain on both sides of the drive when the work is done to make sure it is all working properly. Mr. Kidwell stated he requested copies of work orders through the Freedom of Information Act. He stated he was told the City did not issue work orders for Public Works. Mayor Maddox stated that was correct as information is shared verbally between City Hall and Public Works. Mayor Maddox added that sometimes information is shared via email or text message. City Recorder Jennifer Branscum stated Mr. Kidwell received copies of the email correspondence.

Brandi George addressed the Board concerning pot holes that have been seen on School Street near Poplar Street and on W. Nelson. Mayor Maddox stated those would be looked at. She also suggested a moment of silence be observed for the 9/11 events that took place 22 years ago.

Curtis Doran addressed the Board concerning The Flower Box. He stated Stephanie Kemp has had to endure cut lines, disputes on property lines and holes in her building during the construction of the municipal complex. He stated she has asked for communication. He stated it is a bad look on the City, Aldermen and Mayor. He stated if the shoe were on the other foot, actions would be the same or worse. He stated she needs the respect she deserves. He stated she has been dismissed by the contractor and Henson. Mayor Maddox stated the

comments are noted and these things should not have occurred. Mayor Maddox agreed with Doran on the holes in the building and stated it was senseless. Mayor Maddox stated we are addressing it and will be doing better going forward. It was noted the boards had been removed from The Flower Box building and the holes have been mitigated by caulk. Mrs. Kemp stated that she would have liked to had input on how the holes were repaired since it was her building. Mayor Maddox stated he would speak with Mr. Henson on all of this. It was noted that Mr. Henson needs to be a good neighbor.

Ralph Cobb noted there are still vehicles turning left off of Broad St. onto Pikeview St. Bryan Chandler stated he has monitored those streets himself and that he would have his officers do the same.

Mayor Maddox commended the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for their response to the incident at Locust and Pikeview where a tractor trailer overturned last week.

Mayor Maddox presented Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Ordinance 2024-01 for approval on second and final reading. He stated a public hearing was held prior to tonight's meeting with no citizen input. He stated this ordinance would further define and clarify where recreational vehicles could be located within the city limits. Mayor Maddox stated some concern had been raised with the sentence stating the recreational vehicle parks would be allowed in a B-2 and B-3 district. He stated the B-2 district is the court square area. A recommendation was made to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further revision. Kenneth Moore made a motion to send Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Ordinance 2024-01 back to the Planning Commission for further revision. 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 asked if there was any action the Board wished to take on 535 Linden Street owned by Jim Kidwell. There was no further action taken by the Board.

Mayor Maddox presented Budget Amendment Resolution 2024-03 for approval. Carla Edwards explained the line items and stated the amendment for the water fund would need to increase the expense by about \$20,000. She stated that surplus was in the budget so the bottom line would still be fine. Ralph Cobb made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Resolution 2024-03 as presented. Willie Parker seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, and Parker all voted yes. Moore voted no. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 1.

Mayor Maddox stated the Fire Department had received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$22,000. The City's matching portion would be \$1,047.62. This grant is to purchase a washer and dryer for turnout gear. Curtis Doran made a motion to accept the grant and fund the matching portion. Dale Hutcherson seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Hutcherson, Moore and Parker all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

With no further business to discuss, Curtis Doran made a motion to adjourn. Dale Hutcherson 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 10/2/23

1. The 2023 tax data has been received and has been loaded into our Accounting system. We expect to receive ad valorem tax data in January, 2024. The original property tax revenue is \$682,393.48 but has decreased by \$110.09 in tax assessment changes. The current adjusted revenue amount of \$682,283.39 is lower than budget by \$18,661.61. It is expected that the ad valorem taxes will be greater than this amount. The current outstanding receivable amount is \$677,647. This amount is higher than the prior year balance by \$28,195.96.
2. As of 9/25/23, the outstanding balance for 2022 Property Taxes is \$31,912.90. The balance has been reduced by payments in the amount of \$75.51 since the previous report. The one year delinquent tax receivable at this time in the prior year was \$12,531.09. Our current balance is higher than the prior year by \$19,381.81
3. As of 9/25/23, the outstanding balance for 2013 through 2021 Property Taxes is \$9,111.97. The balance has been reduced by payments in the amount of \$306.99 since the previous report. The delinquent tax receivable for two years or more at this time in the prior year was \$8,877.76. Our current balance is higher than the prior year by \$234.21.
4. All property taxes for years prior to 2013 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. The auditor, John Poole, is scheduled to perform audit field work in Dresden on September 28 and 29.
6. Monthly activities:
 - a. Processed biweekly payrolls for 9/15/23 and 9/29/23.
 - b. Processed volunteer fire, monthly and alderman payrolls for 9/29/23.
 - c. Processed purchase orders.
 - d. Coded and entered accounts payable invoices and check requests.
 - e. Processed 3 weekly accounts payable check runs.
 - f. Prepared monthly account reconciliations.
 - g. Completed annual account reconciliation book for FY2023 for the auditor to use during the annual audit.
 - h. 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
September 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
Swept Streets
Assisted Contractor with City Hall Project
Mowing – City Properties & Neglected Private Properties After Proper Notice to Owner(s)
Repairing Storm Drain on Linden Street – Kidwell Property
Worked on Lakeview Street Lift Station
Patched Sink Holes and Pot Holes in Streets
Submitted List of Hwy 22 Lights Not Working to WCMES

DRESDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 16, 2023 - September 15, 2023

Roadway Accidents: 0

Private Property Accidents: 0

Citations

Chandler	1	Speeding
Edwards	1	Shoplifting
	1	Seatbelt
	1	Registration
Finch	1	Driving on Rev/Susp DL
	1	Hands free
	1	Seatbelt
	1	Animal @ Large
	1	Registration
	6	Speeding
	1	Criminal Trespass
	1	No DL
	1	Fail to Yield
Simmons	2	Seatbelt
	1	Animal @ Large
	3	Speeding
Travis	2	Speeding
	1	Stop Sign Violation
	1	Light Law
	1	Hands free
	1	Financial Responsibility
	2	Registration
	1	Driving on Rev/Susp DL
	2	Simple Possession
Vargas	8	Speeding
	1	Fail to Maintain Lane
	1	Hands Free
	1	No DL
	1	Light Law
	1	Registration
	1	Simple Possession
	1	Vandalism

Watkins	2	Driving on Rev/Susp DL
	1	Financial Responsibility
	1	No DL
	4	Seatbelt
	1	Hands Free
	1	Registration
	5	Simple Possession
	2	Drug Paraphernalia
	1	VDAL

Willcutt	3	Speeding
	1	Financial Responsibility
	1	No DL
	1	Seatbelt
	1	Hands Free
	3	Registration
	2	Simple Possession

Total Offenses **80** **Citations** **60**

(There may be more than one offense on each citation)

Citation Collections: \$3,313.08

Driving School Collections: \$200.00

<u>Residence</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	8
Dresden	24	40%	
Weakley Co	13	22%	
Out of county	23	38%	
TOTAL	60	100%	

<u>Location</u>	<u>Citations Written</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
E Main St	5	8%
Evergreen Ext	2	
Evergreen St	2	
Hwy 22	28	47%
Hwy 54	4	
Hwy 118	1	
Linden St	1	
N Cedar St	1	
N Church St	1	
N Fuller St	1	
N Parkway St	1	
Pikeview St	3	
Red Hill Rd	2	
S Cedar St	1	
W Main St	6	10%
Wilson	1	
TOTAL	60	

- 8 No show
- 4 Continued
- 14 Pd before court (guilty plea per pmt)
- 17 Dismissed and ordered to pay court cost (no driving school).
- 3 Dismissed and ordered to driving school
- 2 Guilty
- 2 Warning

Arrests

Travis

Simple Assault (warrant on file)
Criminal Trespass, Pos Sch IV

Vargas

DUI 1st, Open Container, Speeding
Evading Arrest, DUI 1st, Implied Consent, Driving on Rev/Susp DL, Simple Assault

Watkins

Simple Assault, Harrassment (warrant on file)
Ag Assault, Burglary Especially Aggravated
Simple Assault Domestic
Driving on Rev/Susp DL, Drug para

Willcutt

Possession of Meth
Theft of Property (warrant on file)
Possession of Meth
Simple Possession, Speeding

CITY OF DRESDEN



September 2023 Monthly Report

- Maintained, mowed and weed eat at Wilson Park, McWherter Civic Center, Festival Park, Rail Trail, Volunteer Ridge Disc Golf, Dresden Farmers Market, Maiden Park, Soccer Complex, Park St. Courts and other city properties
- Prepared/Painted soccer fields for Youth Soccer Program
- Ball field maintenance and preparation for DMS Softball Season
- Applied agriculture sprays to areas of Wilson Park and Maiden Park
- Improved/Cleaned raised garden area at McWherter Civic Center for upcoming community project

Resolution 2024-04

WHEREAS, the City of Dresden has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that defines line item budgets for the General Fund and Water 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:

Water Fund – Move partial funds received from State for ARPA sewer projects into the operating budget.

DB	413-33400	Grant Revenue	\$5000.00
CR	413-52200-900	Sewer Capital Outlay	\$5000.00

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 2nd day of October, 2023.

Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Branscum, City Recorder