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By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor

A long-time police department employee was honored for more than three decades years of service at Monday evening's meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen.

Jim Burge was recognized for his service to the Dexter Police Department at the aldermanic meeting. Mayor Joe Weber and Police Chief Sammy Stone presented Burge with a certificate and pin for his years of services to the community.

"He's been with us for 35 years," Weber said. "The voice of the Dexter Police Department! We certainly appreciate the work you've done. It's certainly good to hear your voice we call the Police Department. "

The Streets and Sanitation Department is the recipient of new important equipment from the Stoddard County Health Department.

"They have given us a brand-new mosquito sprayer and a pallet of chemicals," reported department chief Jeff Myers. The grant from the county health agency totaled a little over \$9,000 and was picked up by city staff on Monday. The new equipment and chemicals will be ready to use for the 2012 season.

Park and Recreation Department Supt. Lawson Metcalf reported that most of the department's summer and fall programs have ended for the season. He added that women's volleyball is continuing and the fall and winter basketball program will begin

soon.

“We have also been cutting some trees at West City Park. I did a little survey there recently it looks like we are going to have to cut over 20 trees,” Metcalf said. “Most of them are catalpa trees on the north end (of the park).”

Metcalf also mentioned that the water level at the Dexter Fishing Lake is as high as it has been in several years. He said that recent work to repair leaks on the lake on One Mile Road has been successful, although there are some leaks that will be repaired in the future.

“We still want to raise that water level up about another foot,” he said.

In other business Monday evening,

- Library Director Pam Trammell report the Friends of the Library organization gave the library \$1,000 to be used as a grant match for the purchase of new computers;
- The annual Book Sale at Keller Public Library is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19;
- City Administrator Mark Stidham reminded aldermen of the Veterans Day Observance at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11 at the Bearcat Event Center. This observance will take the place of the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Dexter;
- City offices will be closed this Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

Photo Above: Jim Burge (left) was recognized for 35 years of service to the Dexter Police Department at Monday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Make a presentation to Burge are Mayor Joe Weber and Police Chief Sammy Stone. (SMT photo by Annabeth Miller)

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