

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session October 10, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Present: Mayor David Robinson. Aldermen Present: John Finlayson, Maurice Hamm, Paul Simpson, John Smith, and Harry Smith.

Rev. Jeremy Wheatly of Fourth Street Church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer. John Smith's son, Cross Smith, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. There were no additions or deletions to the minutes.

Motion by Harry Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the financial statement. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to hire James Michael Penley in a full time fireman's position in the vacancy of Jonathan Hanks who is going to Shelby County Fire Department, and also as requested by Fire Chief David Dillingham to grant approval of a hiring list for filling vacancies of the future. Motion seconded by Harry Smith. All voted yes. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held concerning the Annexation, Zoning and Plan of Services of a certain property on the south side of Hwy. 64 within the corporate boundaries of Selmer as discussed at the September 12th, 2006 meeting. There were no comments against the annexation.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Harry Smith to pass on second reading an ordinance to annex a portion of property on the south side of Highway 64 East within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Selmer. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 545 passed.

Motion by Harry Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Selmer, Tennessee by zoning a portion of property on the south side of Highway 64 East within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Selmer, Tennessee R-1 (Low Density Residential) in a Flood Hazard Zone. All voted yes. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No. 546 passed.

Motion by Harry Smith to re-adopt a resolution for the Plan of Services for the annexation of a portion of property on the south side of Hwy. 64 east within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Selmer, Tennessee. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Harry Smith to pass on second reading an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map by rezoning the areas described as properties bound by U.S. Highway 45 Bypass in the west, Circle Hill Drive in the north and east, and Mockingbird Drive and U.S. Hwy 64 in the south, encompassing Tull Street, Shanna Drive, and Mitchell Street from the present R-1 zone (Low Density Residential) to R-2 zone (Medium Density Residential). There were Shanna Drive residents present to protest the proposed zoning change. David Smith addressed the Mayor and Board and asked that the property remain R-1 and gave justification for their plea. Several asked why this change was needed since they owned most all the Shanna Drive property and their lot size was in compliance with the R-1 requirements. Mayor Robinson reported that Real Estate Agent Peggy Griffin had brought this to his attention when attempting to qualify a perspective buyer on a Tull Street lot that did not meet R-1 specifications. The group made reference to a few remaining Tull Street lots that if reduced would further devalue their own properties. Motion by Paul Simpson to table action on the zoning amending ordinance until a public hearing could be held allowing other area resident to voice their opinion. Motion seconded by Harry Smith. All five voted yes to table the action at this time. Motion carried.

Motion by Maurice Hamm to adopt on second reading an ordinance to amend Title 15-504 of the Selmer Municipal Code to prohibit parking in disabled driver parking spaces unless the person driving the vehicle is disabled or is parking such vehicle for the benefit of a disabled person. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Ordinance No 548 passed.

Motion by Harry Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second reading an ordinance to adopt a Natural Gas Rate Schedule for the Town of Selmer. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Ordinance 549 passed.

Monique Hazelwood of Southwest Tennessee Development District was present and stated that another comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Document for the area was being compiled.

Mayor Robinson announced a recent Nashville trip whereby Selmer was awarded a \$500,000 CDBG grant for the \$912,000 Water Filtration System Improvements Project. He also announced application of a grant from TDOT for installation of a second turn lane at Hwy. 45 and Hwy. 64 intersection and for flashing school signs at the Selmer Middle School entrance off the Bypass.

Motion by Harry Smith and seconded by Maurice Hamm to authorize a Retirement Resolution granting what is referred as ad hoc increases in the retirement benefits payable to certain retired employees participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System pursuant to Chapter 982 of the 2006 Tennessee Public Acts which would only apply to a person who retired prior to July 1, 1989. There was believed to be one past employee from Selmer Utility Department, Mrs. Ruby Michael, which this could affect. According to TCRS there would be no pay increase by the Town of Selmer to provide this benefit. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to accept the request of Richard Ashe of Selmer Utility Department to accept in a full time employee capacity effective November 4th 2006 Matthew Cody Stedman who was hired August 4th, 2006. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned, and Public Hearings were opened for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Referendum followed by a public hearing on the LPRF grant award for Community Center improvements.

Mayor Robinson opened with a desired recreational activities plan which he believed possible through funding of a proposed one half cent local option sales tax increase which would only be in place for twenty four months. Several area residents spoke for the desire to see more recreational facilities for the children. Maurice Hamm spoke for the plan which he felt was an essential factor in being able to attract industry in such a now competitive market place, all necessary for Selmer's growth. John Finlayson spoke in behalf of recreational needs and urged everyone to take advantage of the present plan and opportunity for funding. He also encouraged the present supporters to explain and ask their friends to support the referendum just as he was doing. Paul Simpson said that he felt that this was the wrong method to use for funding. He stated with eleven grandchildren and one on the way and with a desire to live the rest of his life in Selmer that he was certainly interested in recreation and for the well being of Selmer. Simpson stated that he had heard comments that a tax increase would run even more of the business off to Corinth and surrounding areas already being patronized by Selmer residents. He said he was afraid that raising the tax although in reality was a small amount of money would have a negative psychological affect on Selmer's businesses. He further stated that business, grants, and other areas should fund recreation before raising taxes, which would also hurt the poor. John Smith said that he was for it, that the people would decide, and that the Town of Selmer very much needed the recreational facilities. Harry Smith explained that people came from Corinth everyday to purchase expensive clothing at the dress shop where his wife worked, and that paying a greater tax appeared as no concern to them. He closed by saying that if we want to grow, we need to get together and do it. Judge Bill Webb encouraged the importance of supporting the project that would be funded by a seemingly insignificant amount of money. Recreational Director Sybil Dancer spoke in favor of the referendum and of its importance to recreation. She asked everyone to get positive instead of negative. John Smith's wife, Becky Smith, said that business people were asked to contribute constantly and that she did not think businesses should be asked are expected to provide funding. Richard Ashe made comment to the fact that recreation, as an example in Corinth was not free to participate, that it cost when someone played, and that it was a big business. Sybil Dancer

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further commented that instead of going out of town and spending all that money, we could keep our money here with the needed recreational facilities as planned. There were other positive comments from first time attendants in the audience. There were no negative comments from the audience.

The Public Hearing was opened concerning the awarding of a \$129,000 LPRF Grant with a \$129,000 local match for the much-needed replacement of the Heating and Air Units and Roof at the Selmer Community Center. Ms. Sylvia Palmer grant administrator from Southwest Tennessee Development District conducted the hearing with explanation while calling for questions and comments in the audience concerning the LPRF grant award. There were favorable comments and jesters of appreciation for receiving funds to help alleviate the long overdue problem at the Center.

The meeting was adjourned.