

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 10th, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Present were: Mayor David Robinson,

Aldermen: John Finlayson, Maurice Hamm, Paul Simpson,
John Smith, Harry Smith.

Rev. Ben Lutrell, Court Ave. Presbyterian Church opened with prayer.

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag was led by little Miss Analyn Maxedon granddaughter of Selmer Police Chief Neal Burks and wife Debby Burks.

There were no deletions or additions to the minutes.

Motion by Harry Smith to accept the financial statement.

Motion seconded by Maurice Hamm. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Maurice Hamm to approve a resolution establishing a schedule of Water and Sewer Rates for the Town of Selmer based on MTAS Rate Study.

(Approximately 15% increase.) Motion second by Harry Smith.

John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—No, John Smith—No, Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harry Smith and second by John Finlayson to pass on 1st reading an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Selmer, Tn to rezone the property along East Poplar Ave from R-1 and R-2 to B-1. (UPS and Country Kitchen area.)

All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by John Smith to pass an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance by revising the site plan review standards. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Due to the horrible tragic accident of June 16th, 2007 during a “Cars For Kids” Activity, Alderman Paul Simpson introduced the following three resolutions and action was as follows:

Motion by Paul Simpson to pass a Resolution that the Mayor and Board of Alderman and officials of the Town of Selmer go on record as expressing their heartfelt condolences to the victims, their friends, and families of the tragedy of June 16, 2007 which occurred in the Town of Selmer, Tennessee. That any assistance that the officials of the Town of Selmer can provide to victims and their families will be provided, and that our thoughts, prayer, and sympathies are with all the victims and their families during these difficult times.

Motion seconded by John Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to adopt a resolution stating that no permit to hold a parade, meeting, or demonstration be issued under Ordinance 16-110 until a comprehensive Ordinance be enacted by the Town covering the safety of said parade, meeting, demonstration or any other activity, which the permit would apply. This resolution does not apply to the issuance of a permit to use and enjoy the Parks and Recreation facilities. This resolution does not apply to any fundraisers for the victims of the tragedy of June 16, 2007 which do not use any streets of the Town of Selmer. Motion seconded by John Smith. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson that the Selmer Police Department and Chief Neal Burks, the Selmer Fire Department and Chief David Dillingham, and all emergency personnel of the Town of Selmer be commended for their actions during the tragedy of June 16th, 2007. That the McNairy County Sheriff’s Department and Sheriff Ricky Roten, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, McNairy County 911, McNairy County Regional Hospital, McNairy County EMS, and all emergency personnel who performed services for the Town of Selmer on June 16, 2007, be commended for their outstanding efforts in assisting the Town of Selmer. Motion seconded by John Smith. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Paul Simpson asked if the restructuring of the Recreation Department was completed. Paul Simpson asked who was hired.

Mr. Johnny Hollis from the audience asked why Betty Jones and Pat Murry were fired.

Betty Jones and Pat Murry were in the audience and Pat Murry asked to address the Board. Mayor Robinson stated that Recreational Director Sybil Dancer was not present and that they really didn't need to discuss it. Some of the Board members wanted to hear her. Ms. Murry explained that she had some things that she wanted to say and that she would be brief. She stated that she thought Sybil would be here and that she wanted her to hear it. Pat Murry began with stating that she was 69 years old and had never before been fired from a job. Ms. Murry stated that she and Betty Jones had worked at the Community Center for five years and that they had really been "done dirty", and she just had some things that she wanted to "get off her chest". Ms. Murry gave a light description of some of their duties and contributions within the scope of their job. She read a letter from Recreational Director Sybil Dancer which had been given to them when their employment was terminated. Ms. Murry questioned that since the letter and termination slip was of the utmost praise, "why were we fired?" The letter also made reference to the lack of funds necessary to hire help for W.L. Dowty. Ms. Pat Murry asked if the town could have somehow found funds to have allowed them to keep their jobs as well as fund the new position for W.L. Dowty's help. Again Mayor Robinson as well as Alderman Harry Smith stated that Sybil Dancer was not present and this should not be discussed without her being here to defend herself. Mayor Robinson told Ms. Murry that he would be happy to schedule a debate for them. Ms. Murry again stated that she wasn't asking for her job back that she only wanted some answers and to get some things off her chest.

The Meeting was adjourned.