

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session August 14th, 2007.

Present were: Mayor David Robinson

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

Rev. Jeremy Weekley of Fourth Street Church of Christ opened with prayer.

Brianna Knight of Selmer Middle School led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

There were no additions or deletions to the minutes.

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

Richard Ashe gave a report on the effects of the dry hot temperatures on Selmer's Water supply and asked everyone to conserve.

Fire Chief David Dillingham reported that Michael Penley, a full time fireman, would be off duty due to a broken leg.

Mayor Robinson explained the new Property Tax Freeze Law that would be affecting property tax for the tax year 2008. He gave a brief summary of the new tax bill to include both desirable and undesirable results for the property taxpayer. Mayor Robinson encouraged further reading through the web site www.comptroller.state.tn.us for anyone interested.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second reading an Ordinance amending the official Zoning Map for Selmer by rezoning the property along East Poplar Ave from R-1 and R-2 to B-1. (UPS and Country Kitchen area)

John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, John Smith—yes, and Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 563 passed.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance revising site plan review standards. John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, John Smith—yes, and Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No 564 passed.

Motion by Harry Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance to amend Title 15 of the Selmer Municipal Code relative to Automated Traffic Enforcement at certain intersections in Selmer, Tennessee. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, John Smith—yes, Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried. (video cameras at Hwy 45 South intersection)

Motion by Harry Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the membership of the Municipal-Regional Planning Commission to require one member from the Planning Region. Motion seconded by Maurice Hamm. John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, John Smith—yes, Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried. (1 member outside city limits)

Motion by Maurice Hamm to approve the new Town of Selmer Personnel Policy Manual as revised for all department employees. Motion seconded by Harry Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harry Smith to authorize City Attorney Abernathy to engage outside counsel for assistance in the defense of the pending law suits against the Town of Selmer in the event our insurance carrier, TML Risk Pool does not defend the town. (Cars for Kids tragedy) Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harry Smith to authorize City Attorney Abernathy to take appropriate action including litigation, if necessary, to enforce the ordinances of the Town of Selmer concerning any non-lawful property uses. Motion seconded by Maurice Hamm. John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—pass, John Smith—yes, and Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by John Finlayson to authorize the Mayor to sign TDOT Contract No 070157 pertaining to the addition of a second turning lane at the intersection of Hwy 64 and 45 and the addition of flashing school speed limit signs at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Middle School Road in the Town of Selmer. Motion seconded by Harry Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned