

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 12th, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson and all five Board of Aldermen were present consisting of John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith and Lloyd Dean Tennyson.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev Mike Pilcher of First United Methodist Church. The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Miss Sarah Stanfield of Selmer Middle School.

The minutes were approved.

Motion by Paul Simpson to accept the financial statement. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson read his Veto of Resolution No 1-08-01-08 which required the City Recorder to record all Working Sessions. (Shown on next page)

Mayor Robinson read his Veto of Resolution No 1-08-08 which allows a hearing before the Board if desired for a disgruntled dismissed employee. He included in the veto reasoning from both TML and MTAS concerning the term, "At Will" employment status. (Shown also on next page)

The meeting room chairs were filled. Johnny Hollis stood up from the audience and urged the Board to up hold the Mayor's veto. One man spoke from the audience and asked the Board to explain why these issues were being discussed and further stated that he did not understand anyone having a right to a hearing after being dismissed.

Alderman Simpson explained that this had always been the policy up until approximately three years ago and that the Board was simply changing it back because they felt that it was right. The man further voiced displeasure with what he had read in the local paper and that he had not voted due to giving up on Selmer. Alderman Simpson asked his name but the man responded by asking if it was important and refused to give his name. Tom Hendrix voiced appreciation for the man's comments and for the interest shown here but expressed his disappointment in the Board discussing and wasting time on trivial things. Mr. Hendrix stated that there were strong feelings out on the streets, and began to criticize the board's action stating that he admired the Mayor for vetoing it. He expressed that he was so disappointed, and that we needed to get together and bury the hatchet.

Bruce Manley a real estate business owner said that he was not proud of what happened at the last Board meeting and accused the board of "Micromanaging", and that he was also disappointed at what he heard out on the streets. Paul Simpson spoke positive things about Selmer and stated that he felt that we needed to hold a job summit and try to help our citizens and be working on getting jobs and industry for our citizens. Mr. Simpson ending by saying "we all need to stop our whining and finger pointing and show our true colors and move on." The audience apparently pleased began to applaud.

Motion by Paul Simpson to pass the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to abolish Ordinance Number 532 and restore Section 8-214 of the Selmer Municipal Code which doesn't allow a Beer Permit to be issued within 300 feet of a residential dwelling unless the permit application is accompanied by a petition signed by all owners within the 300 foot area. Motion seconded by John Smith. Roll call: John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No. 571 passed.

Mayor Robinson asked that the upcoming action concerning the deletion of Ordinance Number 527 (Yard Sales permit) be withdrawn.

Paul Simpson offered an amendment to the proposed Ordinance to delete Ordinance Number 527 and add new regulations which will do away with the purchase of a Yard Sale Permit but will still limit the individual's yard sale to three (3) per year. Amendment by Paul Simpson that the yard sale applicant would have to register in City Hall and that it would only apply to residential areas. Motion seconded by John Smith. All five voted yes. Amendment passed. Motion by John Finlayson to table the second reading until the ordinance could be further discussed. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—No, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to override the Veto of Resolution No. 1-08-08 to allow a Board hearing of a disgruntled dismissed employee. Motion seconded by John Smith. John Finlayson –No, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith--yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to override the Mayors Veto on Resolution 1-08-01-08 concerning recording of work sessions. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. It was agreed that the intent was not for the City Recorder to attend but to maintain the recordings of each work session. John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith--yes, John Smith--yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson to accept the recommendation of Mayor Robinson to appoint Shawn Pitts to the Industrial Development Board. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to pass the first reading on an Ordinance amending the number of members of the Municipal Regional Planning commission from five (5) to seven (7) members. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. The two members must be from the urban growth boundary area. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by Edward Smith to approve the request to grant the McNairy County Regional Airport \$2,000 to assist in the qualifying match for a State Grant to be used for security additions. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. Mr. Tennyson asked if in the event that McNairy County Regional Airport was not successful in obtaining the grant if the funds would be returned to the Town of Selmer. Chris Tull explained that the grant was already in hand. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to grant authorization for Mayor to obtain bids for the requested renovation of the meeting room also known as the Courtroom in Selmer City Hall. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to authorize and approve a resolution for a LPRF Grant application for the purchase of playground equipment in the Park. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith to approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of a 2008 Tennessee Housing Development Agency for the Home Grant Program. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

John Finlayson offered an apology for the board failing to work together and hoped that they could really work together and move forward. He complemented Paul Simpson as being an asset and hoped that all could get on board and work toward securing the many prospective industrial opportunities at hand. Paul Simpson said that Selmer had been called a friendly, beautiful, peaceful town that had been compared to "Mayberry". Paul stated that he raised his family here and wanted to live here until he died, and felt Selmer and McNairy County had the best people in the world with everything good to offer. He asked that everyone really work and use their business and clout for the good of Selmer and McNairy County reminding that anything in McNairy County helps Selmer. Edward Smith said that he hoped that from here on that they would be in full agreement with the Mayor, put everything behind, and unite and really pull together to get industry.

Meeting Adjourned