

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Present were: Mayor David Robinson, Board of Aldermen, John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, Lloyd Tennyson. Prayer was given by Rev. Ray Burks of Lakeview Baptist Church. Ms. Diana Amaya from 6<sup>th</sup> grade Selmer Middle School led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

There were no deletions or additions to the minutes. Minutes approved.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to accept the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson gave a brief praise report of Recreation Director Sybil Dancer consisting of a letter from the State of Tennessee complementing participation in the "Bench Marking Program".

Police Chief Neal Burks related the recent heroic action of Police Officers Chris Reynolds and Robert Hitchborn who risk their lives to pull a man's body out of a burning structure and administered CPR until the man regained consciousness thereby saving his life. Chief Burks awarded them certificates of "Heroism for Bravery."

The room gave a standing ovation while applauding this action. Alderman Paul Simpson made a unanimous request that the Board go on official record as commending the officers for their heroic actions.

Ted Moore, newly appointed Economic & Community Development Director, gave a presentation and update concerning various comprehensive plans and programs underway for securing industry for the area. He ended by stating that he was enjoying his position.

Motion by John Smith to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the number of members of the Municipal Regional Planning commission from five (5) to seven (7) members. John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith---yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No 572 Passed.

Motion by John Finlayson to adopt on first reading an ordinance regulating yard sales but eliminating the \$5.00 fee and allowing citizens to telephone City Hall instead of coming in for a permit. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried. First reading passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson to table Mayor Robinson's request of \$17,825 for Jimmy Hawkins Construction to renovate the meeting room, until the project could be re-bid and additional bids could be obtained. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson and John Smith. The Hawkins bid did not include flooring or painting of sheetrock. John Finlayson said that he would like to see flooring included in the bid. All five voted yes on the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to table the action requested by Mayor Robinson in approving a resolution adopting a fee schedule pertaining to Title 10, Chapter 10 concerning Animal Control until a comprehensive plan for an Ordinance could be adopted pertaining to what is needed and exactly what was wanted. Motion seconded by John Smith. Edward Smith also agreed that they should have a working session with the Police Chief before addressing this issue. All five voted yes on the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to allow Fire Chief Dillingham to pursue the Homeland Security Grant for replacement of Fire Engine No. 4 in the approximate amount of \$275,000 with a 5% match by the city anticipated to be funded in most part by the sale of Engine 4 with the board having the option to reject or accept if awarded. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson approving a resolution to assume full responsibility for the upkeep and safety of display items donated by the US Army to the Town and placed in the Park. Motion died for lack of a second.

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Action concerning TEAC Board Approval was tabled.

Meeting Adjourned.