

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 14th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson was present. All Board of Aldermen were present consisting of John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith and Lloyd Tennyson. Rev. Luke Dela Vergne of Eastside Church of Christ open with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by little Miss Brenna Anderson daughter of Carl Anderson of Country Club Lane.

The minutes were approved and Paul Simpson made a motion to accept the Financial Statement seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Joy Nichols of 335 S 6th Street asked for speed bumps to be put on her street due to children playing and heavy traffic. Mayor Robinson explained that these should not be placed on city streets but that more children playing signs and more police enforcement would be enacted.

Mr. Eddie Jack Martin asked for permission to place early signs in the park area to begin advertising the September 19th annual Broom Corn Festival. Mr. Martin stated that this annual event was always the 3rd Saturday in September, but early advertising was very important for a desired turn out. Motion by John Smith to allow Mr. Martin to proceed with early advertisement and the placement of signs for the annual Broom Corn Festival. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. Edward Smith said he had no problem as long as Mr. Martin got with Sybil Dancer concerning the signs placement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the Loan Resolution as required by US Rural Development to proceed with the Downtown Water replacement project. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to adopt a resolution to “opt-out” allowing guns in the parks which would otherwise be allowed by the recently passed gun bill. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. John Finlayson stated that he was very much pro gun but did not believe that guns should be allowed in Selmer’s park due to being seated between two elementary schools where young children played and at a highly congested intersection.

John Finlayson—yes,

John Smith stated that he was a supporter and sponsor of NRA and that he understood what John Finlayson had stated, but that according to the law on September 1st, 2009 people are able to carry guns with a valid gun permit. John stated that he felt that this would be punishing people who had this legal right and that people who had the gun permits were not the people who caused the problems, not likely the people whom we need protecting against. John Smith voted NO.

Paul Simpson ----yes, Edward Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith to adopt a resolution prohibiting guns in Municipal Buildings and City owned or controlled property. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—NO, Lloyd Tennyson---yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to approve the ROW maintenance agreement with the State of Tennessee for FY 2009-2010. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the ROW maintenance agreement with Outdoors Unlimited for the FY 2009-2010 and also for FY 2010-2011. Mayor Robinson explained that this was the only bid received for the maintenance. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to approve the parade permit for honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Saturday, January 16th, 2010. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to approve a parade permit for “Generation 1000” promoting Community Unity for Saturday, July 25th, 2009. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Lloyd Tennyson and seconded by Paul Simpson to approve the Police Policy Manual changes regarding crashes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by John Smith to approve a resolution authorizing the Town of Selmer to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss control matching grant for the Town of Selmer Fire Department and Utility Department. All five voted yes.

Mrs. Georgia Smith asked if there had been any more decision on Fluoride. Mayor Robinson explained that the Board had overridden his veto resulting in the call to again add Hydrofluosilicic Acid to the drinking water. Mrs. Smith stated that she was unhappy with the decision and Aldermen Paul Simpson moved to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.