

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session August 11, 2009, 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson and Aldermen were present as follows: John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, and Lloyd Tennyson.

Russell Ingle of the Independent Appeal and Pastor of Fellowship Church opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Kevin Fox.

The minutes and financial statement were approved.

Recreational Director Sybil Dancer explained and requested the upcoming RTP Grant application.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to authorize Recreation Director Sybil Dancer to proceed with filing an application for a (RTP Grant) Recreational Trail Grant through the State which would incur a 20% local match of approximately up to \$4,000 to be used to repave the walking tract. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Brian Fox of the Purdy Community stated that he would like to see more thought and discussion concerning the recent board action to "opt-out" Guns in the Park and requested that the decision be revised.

David Forsythe addressed the issue by relating that his young son was playing ball at the present hour out in the park area and that he was concerned that this area was between 2 highways where anyone or anything could happen. He expressed that if a person had a permit to carry a gun that the area would be better protected by a legal permitted person than by the types most likely to cause danger. He was also concerned that another legal right would be taken away and asked that for these reasons that the issue be reconsidered. Mr. Forsythe closed by inviting everyone to attend the next "Tea Party" meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 P.M and passed out copies of the "Statement of Values" for the Tea Party organization.

Robert Shackelford addressed the Board with concerns over the action at the last city meeting to "Opt Out" Guns in the Parks and City owned properties. He began by stating that he felt the action was done in a cloak of secrecy with out listening to the public and that the action was prohibition against law abiding citizens. He explained that the people holding a legal permit were law abiding citizens and were being infringed upon and that these were not the people with the wrong intent. He ended by reminding that the past action of the Board was negatively impacting law abiding citizens after which most of the audience applauded.

Anthony S. Graham addressed the Board concerning a different request. Mr. Graham explained that he was a field representative from District 9 from PCA in Crump, Tennessee working on behalf of the United Steel Companies. His request was to pass a Resolution which would pledge what he phrased as an intent to try when possible to purchase American made goods and supplies in an effort to support America's industries whereby saving jobs for the American people and families in the United States. Mr. Graham explained that he knew that it would not always be possible to buy within our country but that this was a means to begin making everyone aware and conscience of what we are purchasing and an attempt to help save America's Industries by purchasing American made goods. No one applauded or commented on this issue! He asked that the Mayor and Board adopt the resolution which he presented. He was told that City Attorney Abernathy was looking over the resolution and that any action would have to be at the next meeting.

Morris Carothers from Adamsville encouraged the Board to, "talk to the community and get a true feeling of what the people want." Apparently upset with the past action to "Opt Out" Guns in the park and municipal properties he accused the Board of not listening to the people that elected them. He reminded the Board that "you work for them, and they will vote you out!" Again almost the entire audience roared with loud applause.

Aldermen John Smith voiced his appreciation to the people coming and speaking out concerning the action to "Opt Out" Guns within municipal owned properties. Opposed to the Board's action at the last meeting to prohibit the right to carry guns on city properties John reminded, "We don't get to choose when something bad may happen to us", and he further requested that they bring the issue up again and undo the past action.

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Motion by John Smith to revoke the two (2) resolutions passed at the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 which disallows Guns in the Park and in Municipal Buildings and City owned or controlled properties. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. Roll Call: John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—No, Edward Smith—No, John Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson---No. Motion failed.

Motion by Edward Smith to accept the only bid as presented by Mayor Robinson from Standard Construction Co, Inc. of Germantown, Tennessee in the amount of \$119,655 to resurface (milling) Poplar Ave. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to adopt the agreement between the Town of Selmer and McNairy County for the State Geographic Information System (GIS) which is digital base map data consisting of aerial photos and supporting information used to produce images to be placed on CD's with an initial expense to the town of approximately \$4,100.00 plus a pro-rata yearly share with the county for updates projected at approximately \$600.00 annually. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Beer Board was called into Session:

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The Beer Application of Judy Brigman asking to sell packaged beer at a convenience store called 45 Mini Mart, 720 Mulberry Ave, Selmer, Tennessee originally Ray Kirks Grocery had been advertised for this August 11, 2009 meeting. Although this review was not typed on the Agenda Mayor Robinson said he had no problem with it coming up. Ms. Brigman came to the front to address the board concerning her request for a Beer License. Mayor Robinson explained that the police department had measured three times today the distance which was determined to be less than the 1,000 foot requirement to a church presently being held in the building last occupied by Another Realm Restaurant. Ms. Brigman explained that she was not aware of a church and that there was no church at the time that she applied for the beer permit.

Motion by Paul Simpson to table the action until City Attorney Abernathy renders an opinion that if the building not containing a church at the time of application made any difference and if the location is classed as a church. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. Roll call: John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

To be continued at next meeting.  
Meeting Adjourned.