

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session September 8th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson was present and all Board of Aldermen as follows: John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, Lloyd Tennyson.

Rev. Gregg Worthey for First Christian Church opened with prayer follow by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Miss Roylee Smith of the 6th grade in Selmer Middle School.

The minutes were approved and a motion was made by Paul Simpson to accept the financial statement and seconded by John Finlayson. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson announced that the town had a new Moody's rating presently at a Baa1 upgraded by Moody's Investors Service from three years ago which was a rating of Baa2. The upgrade was credited to sound financial management in spite of the local economy and closing of several plants in the area. It was further added that Moody's expected the Town to maintain a sound financial position based on passed and continued conservative budgeting practices.

Bruce Manley of West Tennessee Realty urged the Board to take advantage of the presently available TDOT funds for the advancement of UT M and the Industrial Park growth for building an exit ramp of the By Pass which would also require closing an entrance to Glover Drive.

Jason Hively stated that he ran a wrecker service within the city limits and that M&M Wrecker Service was outside city limits, paid no taxes, yet got the bid for first call when a wrecker service was requested by the Police Department. Mayor Robinson stated that after Mr. Hively had voiced this complaint earlier he checked the issue thru MTAS and that the Selmer Police Department was following the correct protocol. Investigator Tony Miller explained that years back M&M was put on the call for bidding beginning with Mayor Tull and had been allowed to participate from that day forward. Mayor Robinson explained that the actual call for wrecker service began with the service that had the bid then rotated to the next one on the list if the first called wrecker was unavailable. Mr. Hively continued the complaint and Mayor Robinson offered a copy of a ruling from the US Supreme Court which he held up in his hand. Mr. Hively said that he did not want it.

Aldermen Paul Simpson had written and read a document concerning displeasure and disappointment with Newspaper articles which he believed to be often hurtful and untrue and unfair to their families. He especially resented Board members being called puppets or insinuations that their actions were done in secret. He further invited others possessing a critical eye to attempt to sit in the Boards place whereby devoting the time and careful study to all issues as they had attempted to do.

John Alexander of Bethel Springs addressed the board stating that he had served 7 years in the military protecting this country and that the Board should redo the issue of not allowing Guns in the Park. Mr. Alexander said that it made no sense to him. Edward Smith explained that the actual park owned by the Town was much smaller than it looked due to being surrounded by McNairy Co Board of Education properties and ball fields. This was followed by Brian Fox who reiterated that legally permitted gun persons were present to protect the child and people who would fall victim to criminals and like Mr. Alexander felt that to not allow legally gun permitted people to have guns in certain areas was a violation to those in charge of defending the innocent and also a violation to them.

Motion by John Smith to pass on 1st reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance by defining Halfway Houses; allowing such operations and sanitariums as special exceptions in Hospital Districts and Special Impact Industrial Districts with specified criteria required. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. John Finlayson---yes, Paul Simpson---passed due to having further question, Edward Smith---yes, John Smith---yes, Lloyd Tennyson---yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson to pledge that the Town of Selmer will purchase American made Products when ever it is possible in an effort to further support and promote United States of America's jobs and industries. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned and the Beer Board called into session.

SELMER BEER BOARD HELD AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING IN SELMER CITY HALL.

The Selmer Beer Board met September 8, 2009 to continue the action on a Beer Permit Application of Judy Brigman to sell Packaged Beer at a convenience store located at 720 Mulberry Ave., originally operated as Ray Kirk's Grocery. This permit application came up at the August 11th, 2009 meeting and a church holding services within the 1000 ft rule had been discovered and measured. This finding had been turned over to City Attorney Abernathy pending his investigation as to the legal ramifications of issuing the Beer Permit which was picked up and filled out prior to the church renting the building, but was submitted and paid for after the church was occupying the premises.

All members present: Mayor David Robinson, John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, and Lloyd Tennyson.

Judy Brigman addressed the Board and Aldermen Simpson made a motion that Ms. Brigman nor any of them knew that there was a church in the area at the time Ms Brigman applied and that because of this an exception to the rule be made refunding Judy Brigman the \$250.00 which she had paid. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. Mayor Robinson stated that Aldermen John Smith knew it and had brought it to their attention. Roll Call: John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—No, Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Motion carried.

Judy Brigman asked if and when the church moved could she reapply and receive a permit and she was told yes that she could.

Meeting Adjourned