

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 13th, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Present were Mayor David Robinson, Board of Aldermen members Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith and Lloyd Tennyson. Board of Aldermen member John Finlayson was absent.

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Luke Delavergne of Eastside Church of Christ followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by little Miss Brenna Anderson.

The minutes were approved.

Motion by Lloyd Tennyson and seconded by Edward Smith to accept the financial statement. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tony Chapman of Selmer, TN addressed the Board concerning the new mobile traffic control device referred to by him and some of the audience as "Robocop." Mr. Chapman had several questions that Police Chief Neal Burks answered. Mr. Chapman asked if the "Robocop" could be placed on residential streets to help insure safety on dangerous streets such as the street where he lived. He asked if the records on the tickets including photographs generated from the device were public records allowable for public viewing. (Yes) He expressed that putting the device on a residential street would help insure safety and would be better than where it is now, and it would not keep people from wanting to come back to Selmer. As a McNairy County School Board member Mr. Chapman explained that a group of local investigators had given the McNairy County Department of Education 16 acres of a 55 acre track off Hwy 64 West and By Pass area for School System development. He asked if the Town of Selmer could help in some way possibly by waiving connection fees, paving, or any possible way. David Forsythe asked how far above the speed limit one could drive before a ticket would generate. (11 mph) Jeff Sisk asked how the "Robocop" was calibrated and how many times a day this was checked and be whom. Police Officer and Investigator Tony Miller explained that the police officers were checking it twice a day. He asked if the officer would be present if the person given the ticket went to court. (Yes) Mr. Sisk said that he wanted to understand how often the instrument was tuned and again questioned if Reflex (owner of the Automated Traffic light camera) was tuning it or was it the Selmer Police Department. Officer Miller and Mr. Sisk had a detailed conversation concerning the methods used to insure reliability of the system. Jeff Sisk stated, "It is just another way to pick the pocket of tourist and that they won't be back!" "There are several including myself that are not going to pay!" Tony Chapman asked, "How much of the money stays here? Mayor Robinson stated that \$25.00 of each ticket was paid to Redflex..

Mrs. Bonnie Johnson addressed the Board concerning a Spay and Neuter program to help eliminate the dog and cat over population. Ms. Johnson explained how well their program, "Spay to Play", was working and asked for the towns support and contribution. She stated that they needed donations payable to Tennessee Animal Resource Center with McNairy County written at the bottom. The program has been spaying animals

belonging to families with \$24,000 or less annual income. Ms Johnson reminded that McNairy County had one of the largest dog fighting rings in the area and that it was a shame that nothing was being done to stop it. Cheryl Dawson with her program called “4 My Pets” again asked the Board to support their efforts especially now that there was no active humane society or shelter for the animals. Ms. Dawson explained the large number of animals that she had helped to spay, and how important the program was for controlling the over population and attempt to promote humane treatment. She again asked for the town’s support, and to look into what was happening with the additional funds still being collected on the utility bills for contributions to the humane society.

Motion by Edward Smith to approve the Initial Resolution for the Downtown Water Project. Motion seconded by Lloyd Tennyson. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to approve the Bond Resolution for the Downtown Water Project. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to approve a Capital Outlay Note in the amount of \$51,000 for purchasing two new Police cars. Motion seconded by John Smith. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Some questioned why the money would need to be borrowed if funds were already in place.

The Mayor explained that the Drug Fund would repay the \$51,000 which would be borrowed at only 3.35% interest, and that allowing a three year pay back would prevent depleting the cash flow necessary for general operations. Jason Speth asked, “Why can’t Robocop be used?” Speth said, “If we can do it interest free, we shouldn’t spend the tax payers money!”

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to pass on first reading an ordinance adopting a Compliance Manual regarding Title VI of the civil rights Act of 1964. All four present voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to approve parade permits for Generation 1000 for promoting unity within the community, and one for the McNairy County Alumni Association’s school reunion. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Lloyd Tennyson to approve the contract to renovate the Selmer Utility building which was damaged by the tornado of May 2, 2010. All four present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lloyd Tennyson and seconded by Paul Simpson to approve the contract between the Town of Selmer and the Tennessee Department of Transportation for right of way maintenance. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
(Approximately 8:00 P.M.)