

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session September 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson and all five Board of Aldermen were present as follows: John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, Lloyd Tennyson.

The meeting opened with a very appropriate prayer by Bro. Homer Watson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag of America led by Miss Brenna Anderson.

The minutes and financial statement were accepted.

Recreational Director Sybil Dancer announced that the grant was awarded to Selmer in the amount of \$25,000 for constructing new entrance signs to Selmer. She also announced that "Sign No. 1." was the winner of the sign drawing contest.

Jerry Ward addressed the Mayor and Board concerning a recent mistake of attempted false arrest and warrant issued for his son Matt Ward by police officer Tony Westbrooks. Mr. Ward was highly disturbed over what he and his family had gone through to prove his son's innocence involving a 4-wheeler going sixty miles an hour driven by a male whom he thought was one hundred pounds larger than his son Matt. Mr Ward related that Gary Blakely and Richard Bain were eyewitness to the incident and had told Officer Westbrooks that it was not Matt Ward yet Officer Westbrooks still attempted to serve a warrant on Matt. Mr. Ward said that Officer Westbrooks stated that he made eye contact with the violator during the incident, and he would like to know how at 2:00 A.M. in the morning an officer could make eye contact with someone on a four-wheeler going sixty miles an hour. Jerry Ward stated that this was the third time that Officer Westbrooks had been caught doing something wrong yet remained on the force.

He referred to an incident brought before the Board when a woman Officer Westbrooks was living with was caught with drugs yet Officer Westbrooks said that he did not know that it was going on. Mr. Ward questioned how anyone and especially an officer could live with someone and not know they were selling drugs. He also stated that the officer had been caught with a 17 year old girl. He further questioned why Officer Westbrooks who had three major incidences brought against him yet was excused repeatedly, and James Harvell who was a police officer was fired from the Police Department for a one-time incident of kissing a girl "Happy Birthday" on the cheek at the Apple Barrel convenience store. Aldermen Simpson said that two things should happen in reply to Mr. Ward's question of what he felt should be done. Aldermen Simpson stated that Officer Westbrooks should apologize to Matt Ward, and that the warrant that was issued must be expunged from the record. Attorney Abernathy said that he would prepare and order to expunge. Mr. Ward unsatisfied with the response, "I don't understand having someone like this on the police force." "Matt would have been put in jail because he lied!" "Next time there might not be an eye witness to keep someone out of jail!" "How can you believe him on anything?" "I don't think anyone can say this man should be working on the Police Department!" Jerry Ward complimented Roger Rickman for working with them to find the one who did do it, and for Gary Blakely and Richard Bain continuing to call his wife and telling that Matt was innocent.

Tony Chapman representing the McNairy County School Board addressed the Mayor & Board with the request that the Town of Selmer give their ¼ Cent of the proposed ½ Cent Local Option Sales tax to the McNairy County School System to pay for the needed repairs.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Edward Smith to adopt on second reading the ordinance to add Chapter 4, "Fireworks", to Title 7 of the Town of Selmer Municipal Code allowing Fireworks to be sold out of fireproof tents meeting State guidelines. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 603 passed.

Motion by Lloyd Tennyson and seconded by John Finlayson to adopt a resolution establishing "Spending Prioritization Policy" for the Town of Selmer in compliance with GASB 54. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the Parade Permit for the Jaycee's Christmas Parade to be held December 3rd, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Smith to declare surplus equipment calling for an auction September 17, 2011.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lloyd Tennyson to accept the resignation of Judge Bill Webb and hold a reception in his honor. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Selmer Beer Board was called into session September 13, 2011 following the 7:00 P.M. regular monthly Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

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The Beer Board convened for considering a permit to sell Beer for off premises consumption by Randy Drinkard at North End Tobacco store.

Dorthena Estes, the resident within 300 ft. of the business, signature was presented as having no objection to the Beer Permit.

The Roll was called as follows”

John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—No, and Lloyd Tennyson—yes. Beer Permit passed, granted.

Meeting Adjourned

Approximately

7:25 P.M.