

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Mayor David Robinson was present and all five Board of Aldermen as follows: John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith and Chris Tull.

Russell Ingle opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by little Miss Brenna Anderson daughter of Carl Anderson also in attendance.

There were no deletions or additions to the minutes and a motion was made by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Smith to accept the financial statement.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreational Director Sybil Dancer asked that Blake Chambers replace Regina Smith on the Recreational Board, and that Lloyd Dean Tennyson be added to the Board to represent the McNairy Arts Association. Motion was made by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to appoint Lloyd Dean Tennyson to the Parks and Recreational Board. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith that Fire Chief Anthony Carr be approved to reapply for a Fire SAFER Grant. Motion seconded by Chris Tull. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Abernathy reported that the lot at the corner of 7th Street and Pharr Avenue where the Grantham house burned and was cleaned up by the city resulting in his obtaining a judgment lien against Country Wide Mortgage Company for the town in the amount of approximately \$16,000 dollars. The lot had changed ownership to Federal National Mortgage Association, Dallas, Texas and possibly again. He explained that Bennie Austin a realtor in Savannah, TN had contacted his office with a proposal from the present owners to give the lot to the town free and clear of encumbrance plus a payment of \$1,500 dollars. Attorney Abernathy explained that the town would be swapping a judgment lien, which was possibly uncollectable, and receive \$1,500 for a lot that could be sold and placed back on the tax roll. He stated that if the Board chose to accept the lot that he would make sure that there were no encumbrances and handle all transactions.

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to instruct Attorney Abernathy to accept the offer to receive the unencumbered lot at the corner of 7th Street and Pharr Avenue and \$1,500 as explained for forgiving the town's present judgment lien obtained for the lot's clean up some years back. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Norman Sheffield addressed the Board stating that he was a descendent of Fielding Hurst and asked that the town rename Railroad Street to Purdy Rd., "Fielding Hurst Drive". Mayor Robinson said that consideration would be given to his request, and Norman was allowed to leave his written documentation about Fielding Hurst for copying.

Michael Gilbert's wife, Brandy Gilbert, asked if the hiring of her husband Michael Gilbert was still on the agenda. Mayor Robinson informed that it was not. She asked if there had been anything further said by Assistant District Attorney General D. Michael Dunavant. Mayor Robinson said no. Mrs. Gilbert stated that she understood that if nothing else were said by Attorney Dunavant that her husband would be considered for rehire with the Selmer Police Department. Mayor Robinson said no.

Motion by Chris Tull to reappoint Carol Ann Woods, Harry Smith, and Robert Shackelford to a six-year term on the Selmer/McNairy County Industrial Development Board. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to adopt a resolution establishing a new Hiring Policy for hiring police officers. Motion seconded by John Smith. Chris Tull stated that he did not receive the policy until yesterday and that the policy had been modified several times. He further stated that he did not agree with the Aldermen being in the H.R. Department. Roll call: John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, and Chris Tull---no. Motion carried.

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Motion by John Smith and seconded by Chris Tull to approve the change for software to QS/1 in both City Hall and Selmer Utility Department. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and second by Edward Smith to approve HFR Design for engineering services for the town LPRF grant application for improving the new Dixie Park. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to approve the parade permit submitted by Lashell Moore for celebrating Black History month on February 18, 2012. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Approximately 7:40 P.M.