

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session November 13, 2012 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, and Chris Tull.

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro.Greg Worthey of First Christian Church followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag of America led by Miss Brenna Anderson.

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

Police Chief Neal Burks awarded Cpl. Bob Pipkins of the Selmer Police Department with a plaque for his outstanding performance in risking his own safety in actions to prevent a citizen from suicide. Chief Burks gave a brief account of the November 2, 2012 call from Quinco at approximately 9:00 P.M. relating that a man was in a field behind the house armed with a loaded pistol planning suicide. The call was answered by Cpl. Bob Pipkins, Lt. Tony Miller, Ptl. Allen Sides, and Ptl. Robert Heathcock IV. Cpl. Pipkins continued to reason with the man as they all moved with him to different places in town. In the end after lengthy conversations, Cpl. Pipkins bravely sat on a bench with the man who still had the loaded pistol pointed to his head with the hammer cocked back and was able to talk him into surrendering. The man was later transported to the hospital. Neither the man nor officers were hurt in the incident. Chief Burks expressed pride of all the officers involved but stated that they were all especially proud of the caring heroic and untiring efforts of Cpl. Bob Pipkins to save the troubled man.

Everyone in the board meeting clapped and gave a standing ovation when Chief Burks presented Cpl. Pipkins the plaque. Then Aldermen Paul Simpson told of a time approximately forty years ago when Mr. Simpson's yard was on fire and young Bob Pipkins as volunteer firefighters climbed a tree and saved their family cat.

Mr. Jarrett Barnett grandson of the late Ms. Cornelius Davis related a moving commentary of her and what she had meant to him, family members, and friends. He ended with a request to change the name of the street where she lived, Beale Street in Selmer, to Cornelius Davis Street to further honor and remember her life and character traits of love, respect, great food, and kind words and as a "gate keeper" of the area. (Mr. Barnett's testimony for the request and remembrance of his grandmother, Ms. Cornelius Davis, has been placed on the next page of this book.

Motion by Chris Tull and seconded by John Smith to commemorate Ms. Cornelius Davis as requested by changing the name of Beale Street to Cornelius Davis St. Way. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance to amend the official zoning Map of Selmer to rezone the property, parcels 14.01, 14.02, 14.03 Group B, McNairy Co. tax map 80N from B-1 (General Business) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). (North End Café area.)

Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried. (1st reading passed).

Motion by John Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer municipal Zoning Ordinance to permit mixing, packaging and other small scale artesian craft operations in the B-1 (General Business) and B-2 (Central Business) districts as special exceptions. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes.. Motion carried. (1st reading passed).

Motion by Edward Smith to approve a resolution for a \$1.5 million dollar bond issue for the 2012 AMR Water Meter Project. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith to appoint Jason Speth to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Tull to approve the settlement agreement in the McKinney lawsuit.
Motion seconded by John Finlayson. Aldermen John Smith stated that he was one hundred percent against the settlement but that he had been advised by legal counsel that economically for the town he must vote yes.

John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—no, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—yes, Chris Tull—yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson to approve a resolution for TDOT to contract with Selmer for the construction and maintenance of “Industrial Highways” project to provide access to industrial areas and to facilitate the development of industry. (Repave the Industrial Park Dr.)

Motion seconded by Chris Tull. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Tull to proceed with a lighting program for replacing lights in city owned office and public buildings for the purpose of saving energy.

John Finlayson—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, Edward Smith—yes, John Smith—no, Chris Tull—yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to approve the Selmer Jaycee’s Christmas Parade Permit to be held December 8, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

All five voted yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Approximately 7:30 p.m.