

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session April 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor David Robinson presided with all five of the Board of Aldermen as follows: John Finlayson, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, John Smith, and Chris Tull.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Terry Presson of First United Methodist Church followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag of America led by Bill Gage.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Chris Tull to accept the minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to accept the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Recreational Director Sybil Dancer gave a report on the Farmers Market upcoming festivities and again discussed details pertaining to the grant requirements for the Walking Trail. Sybil also informed that the new Farmers Market Banners had arrived. Aldermen Paul Simpson gave a special thank you to Sybil Dancer for the fine job that she was doing and had done with the ballparks, the Easter egg hunt, and all the recreational programs and activities.

Motion by Paul Simpson to approve the Freedom Festival parade permit for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance regarding off-premise directional signs in the B-2 (Central Business District). All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed.

Motion by John Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the official zoning map of Selmer to rezone the property (Parcel 7.00, Group D, McNairy Co Tax Map 89F as of March 2013) along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from B-2 (Central Business District) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). (This is the house and property at the corner of North 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Warren Ave. owned by Mrs. Bessie Kate Hodge.)

Motion seconded by John Finlayson.

All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the official zoning map of Selmer, TN to rezone the property (Parcels 14.03, 14.02, 14.01 Group B McNairy County Tax Map 80N as of October 2012) between Walnut St. and Holly St. and Peach Ave. from B-1 (General Business) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Property owned by Lonnie King but rezoning requested by Edith Anderson. Aldermen Chris Tull asked if this would in any way alter the prospective sale of the property known as the North End Café for continued use as a restaurant, and was assured that it would not.

All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed.

Public Works Director Richard Ashe gave a brief update on the progress of the installation of the new automated Water Meter Project.

Aldermen Chris Tull told everyone that he was available to spray the weeds on the ditch bank at the park and middle school area again as he did last year.

Attorney Abernathy urged to start stabilization of the ditch bank to prevent the loss of the beautiful trees and walking trail.

Mayor Robinson reported on the years of progress made in attempting to obtain a necessary permit through TDEC for getting the go ahead to stop this erosion. The permit is necessary to preserve endangered species. Mayor Robinson had spent several hours with one of the environmentalist earlier in the endeavor discussing the Hatchie Burrowing Crayfish and felt that he needed no additional tutoring on their habitat. He explained that they were waiting on the permit and that he hoped to place culverts and cover the area

Meeting Adjourned.

Approximately 7:25 P.M.