

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session October 8, 2013 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.

Pastor Gregg Worthey of First Christian Church opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Pollyanna Justice.

There were no deletions or additions to the minutes and a motion was made by Chris Tull and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the test of Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance Chapter XII provisions governing Signs. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No. 631 passed.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by John Smith to approve the Veterans Day parade permit for the Parks & Recreation Department. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson read a letter from Attorney Terry Abernathy recommending an independent insurance consultant, Tim Finnell, as discussed in the past meetings concerning the town employee health insurance. Attorney Abernathy was out of town and could not attend the meeting.

Richie Bodiford addressed the Board with many strong points of comparison between his present health insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the other discussed self funded plan. Aldermen Simpson and Aldermen Edward Smith questioned Mayor Robinson's reason to consider the new insurance plan. Edward Smith asked why consideration would be given to a company out of town with an agent that they knew nothing about when Richie Bodiford lived here and there had been no problems. Aldermen Chris Tull disagreed with Aldermen Simpson and Aldermen Edward Smith stating that he agreed with the need for an unbiased independent consultant. Aldermen John Finlayson joined Aldermen Tull on this opinion.

Motion was made by Paul Simpson to reaffirm the decision passed at the July 9, 2013 regular meeting to extend the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee through Richie Bodiford choosing the 80/20 Option 1 plan, excluding the first \$1,250 as was discussed.

Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five Aldermen voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Tull to approve a donation of \$250.00 for "Dog Days", a dog show in the Park to raise money for helping to spay and neuter. (4 My Pets)

Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Carl Anderson of Country Club Lane commended and expressed his appreciation of the Mayor and Board and Richie Bodiford. He stated that the group needed to work together and that they should always be looking at alternatives in insurance. "If we have an alternative person look at it, it is always wise."

Rodney K Brown and wife of 590 Higginbottom Lane addressed the board concerning constant harassment with a neighbor. He stated that the building inspector was constantly called to his property by a female neighbor and that with cold weather approaching he feared that she would call the fire department when he lighted his wood heater. Fire Chief Carr was present and stated that as long as he didn't burn synthetic or processed wood in his heater and burned natural tree wood he would have no problem with the Fire Department.

Meeting Adjourned.