

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith presided with all five Board of Aldermen as follows: John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, and Chris Tull.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Derick Bodiford followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Sybil Dancer.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to approve the minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Department reports were given.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Chris Tull to pass on second reading an ordinance amending Ordinance No 531 by changing the names of presently used bank depositories. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 632 passed.

Motion by Edward Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance Chapter X provisions governing signs and street banners. Motion seconded John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st Reading Passed.

Motion by Edward Smith to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance concerning the requirements for residential use in the B-2 (central business) zone. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris. Motion carried. 1st Reading Passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson to adopt a Resolution authorizing the application and submission of a Community Development Block Grant for the "Rehab 2 Sewer Lift Stations". Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Tull to donate \$200.00 to the "Kids Festival", a recreational park event to be held by MRA in March, 2014. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to adopt a Resolution commending Governor Bill Haslam for creating a program whereby every high school senior unable to afford college might have their tuition paid at a Community College. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

During discussion of the resolution Mayor Smith informed that after talking with state officials and representatives while in Nashville last week his concerns that our local UTM college might be bypassed was relieved in hearing that the local colleges would be included..

Derick Bodiford and Larry Mashburn were present to discuss and ask for approval of a Splash Pad to be placed on the Dixie Park property. Their group through the McNairy County Leadership program had chosen the Splash Pad as their project and had done extensive planning and research for getting it underway. They asked for questions and concerns and a lengthy discussion with the Board concluded after Attorney Abernathy suggested consulting an architectural firm for obtaining maximum ideas and uses of land within a floodway.

Motion by Chris Tull to contract with an architectural or engineering firm and move forward with the "Splash Pad" project. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Aldermen Paul Simpson commended the group and stated that he would donate \$1,000 of his personal money to the project.

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A public hearing was conducted by Recreation Director Sybil Dancer concerning Phase 2 of the Dixie Park Grant. Ideas of what was wanted in the Park continued which further included the Splash Pad, Bathrooms, Parking, and also engineering.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting and called the Public Hearing requested by Jamar Atkins into session.

Attorney D.J. Norton was present representing Jamar Atkins who was terminated from the Street Department October 28, 2013.

Street Superintendent Theadies Sebree introduced by City Attorney Terry Abernathy related his experience in determining termination of Mr. Atkins employment.

Mr. Atkins introduced by Attorney Norton related his actions and feelings leading up to his wreck and termination occurring three days later.

There was no action by the board to overturn the termination of Jamar Atkins so his employment remained terminated.

Meeting adjourned.