

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session March 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 opened with prayer by Pastor Jeremy Weekley of Fourth Street Church of Christ followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Dr. Shawn Pitts.

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

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

Department Reports were given.

Fire Chief Anthony Carr announced that his grant in the amount of \$97,000 had been approved. This grant will purchase fire department uniforms, a fire protection program for schools, and will pay \$10,000 for fire department employee's college tuition. The grant requires no matching funds from the town.

Mayor Smith asked Chief Carr to report the amount of grant funds that he had obtained for the town since he had become Fire Chief. Chief Carr reported that over the past four or five years approximately \$4,221,407.33 only requiring a total match of 16,635 from the Town of Selmer.

Attorney Abernathy was asked to give a report on the progress of collecting the delinquent Southwood Inn motel tax. Attorney Abernathy reported that he was still working through the process. One plan was locking the motel doors until paid. A lien on the property was further suggested.

Mrs. Shanna Johnson running for office in August as our District Public Defender was introduced by Aldermen Paul Simpson. Mrs. Johnson has worked as an attorney for twenty four years and has worked in the District Public Defenders office for twenty three years. She lives in Somerville and has worked as the Senior Assistant Public Defender for 19 years. She stated that she is very familiar with McNairy County having worked with Attorney Eddie McDaniel here in years past. The present District Public Defender, Gary F. Antrican, is not running for office again and Mrs. Johnson asking for the position said that she did not want to leave her job and office. She asked everyone to please support her...

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance Chapter X provisions governing signs and street banners. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No 633 passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on second 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. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No 634 passed.

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by Paul Simpson to adopt a Resolution amending Section 11 of the town's policy concerning employee grievances. Chris Tull stated that he wanted to table until Attorney Abernathy looked at it. John Finlayson asked Attorney Abernathy if he had looked over the resolution. Attorney Abernathy said that he had, and that the resolution was a step in the right direction, but he thought that another option to eliminate the appeals process should be in place. Motion by Paul Simpson to table the resolution until next month's meeting. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to pass a Resolution adopting the regular State of Tennessee business tax rates and mandated changes necessary to continue keeping the business tax exactly the same as McNairy County. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to appoint Willie Sain to the Planning Commission. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith to adopt a proposal not to exceed \$20,000 with Joel B. Spaulding & Company, Inc. Consulting Engineers for the upcoming recreational developments within the Dixie Park. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Edward Smith to postpone action until next month giving time to discuss a request for a donation to help Arts in McNairy (AIM) pay their utility bill. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. John Finlayson--yes, Johnny Norris--yes, Paul Simpson--yes, Edward Smith---yes, Chris Tull---No. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.