

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session May 13, 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 Clint Overton, Associate Pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Tom Evans of McNairy County News.

Homer Watson informed that the road was sinking at a point just past 7th Street on Cypress Ave. and asked that it be fixed. No one knew about it and Mayor Smith stated that he would look at it and pass this issue on to the street department for repair.

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

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

Paul Simpson asked everyone to pause in remembrance of Mr. Frank Harris who passed away today. Mr. Harris was the Selmer Police Chief from March 1, 1986 thru 1991.

Department Reports were given.

Fire Chief Carr asked permission to apply for a Department of Agriculture Grant having a 50/50 match for purchasing needed rescue equipment.

Motion by Edward Smith to approve and authorize Fire Chief Carr to file an Agriculture Grant as discussed.. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to pass on second reading an ordinance changing language in the present beer ordinance concerning beer license revocation expressively as it applies to the one (1) year revocation period that is in the second paragraph of Ordinance 8-212. (Change excludes the one year waiting period for a new owner of a new business at the same location.) All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No. 635 passed. Attorney Abernathy explained that this would simply punish a person in violation instead of a place or location.

Motion by Chris Tull to pass on second reading an ordinance requesting submission of site plans to be in digital PDF format. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No 636 Passed.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Chris Tull to pass on second reading an ordinance amending the Selmer Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 8-211, Sub Section(2) by removing “at any time on Sunday” and adding “or before 12:00 Noon on Sunday” which would allow beer to be sold on Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight. (This ordinance passed becoming Ordinance No 637 allowing beer to be sold on Sunday.)(Roll call vote is shown after the following discussion.)

Discussion began: R. A. Johnson told everyone about the work he was doing in prison ministry and toward rehabilitation. He said, “We need to take our community back!” “We need an outpatient type rehabilitation program here!” “Beer on Sunday is just a step away from hard liquor sales.” Pastor Murry Kimball Jr. of Faith Baptist church stated that Sunday beer sales will encourage more drunk driving, open the door for under age drinking and at risk drinkers. “We are opening that door and endangering the lives of young people!”

Brenda Watson stated, “We need to be setting good examples for our children.” “We need to start putting our children first and quit just thinking about dollars!”

Homer Watson felt that everyone should be concerned with what God wanted us to do. “You will be held accountable!” “So what if they go to Bethel or Adamsville!” “Has anyone done the accounting?”

Mary Ann Nash told the board that the first thing done in the board meeting was to have a prayer. "Sunday is God's day, not the Devil's day and that's what it is being made if we do this."

Jeff Sisk again voiced his opposition concerning selling beer on Sundays. "If it's about the tax dollar, there's not enough to fix a pot hole!" "Who wants it enough to speak for it?" "Sunday is not the day to do it!" "This Board is supposed to serve the community!"

Homer Watson asked the names of Board members and said, "What would Jesus do?"

Edward Smith stated, "We are here to support." "Is there anybody out there that thinks we should buy on Sunday?" Mrs. Johnny Norris and the Patel family who were present to apply for a beer permit raised their hands. Edward Smith said, "This is a slap in the face to the people, and I don't think the board should do this when everyone says they don't want it."

Chris Tull said, "They're here!" Jeff Sisk asked, "Where are they?" Dan from the back of room stood up and said that this should be put on the ballot for voting.

Paul Simpson stated that he was McNairy County Judge from 1974 -1990 when there were beer joints everywhere here. He stated that he made the motion and the ordinance where nobody could sit down and drink beer. He questioned, "Why is this motion being made?" "Is it dollars, is it because you've got the power?"

Homer Watson then said, "Man is driven by prestige and power!"

The vote was called to allow beer to be sold on Sundays: John Finlayson yes, Paul Simpson—No, Edward Smith—No, Johnny Norris---yes, and Chris Tull----yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. Ordinance No. 637 passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to pass on first reading the Amended Budget Ordinance for FY 2013-2014. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on first reading the FY 2014-2015 budget Ordinance to include the same property tax rate for the 2014 calendar year of \$0.806 per \$100.00 value. All five voted yes.

Motion by Paul Simpson to pass a resolution calling for the issuance of a Capital Outlay Note in the amount of \$360,000 from Regions Bank as per their low bid of 2.98% over a 12 year period to be used for purchasing needed town department's vehicles, equipment, and also needed upgrades to city properties. John Finlayson---passed, Johnny Norris---yes, Paul Simpson---yes, Edward Smith---yes, Chris Tull---yes.

Motion carried. The disbursement plans are: Painting the Civic Center, a new Garbage Truck, (2) police cars, basketball court fence and resurfacing, air pack bottles for the fire department, a new chassis for the fire truck, and one mile of street paving.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to pass a resolution authorizing the Selmer McNairy County Industrial Development Board to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned to the Selmer Beer Board.

The Selmer Beer Board met following the adjournment of the regular Selmer Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting of May 13th, 2014 in Selmer City Hall.

Present were: Mayor John Smith.

John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, Chris Tull.

Motion by Paul Simpson to award a beer permit to Minaben Patel for SIA and KRISH INC. DBA SUNOCO at 152 East Court Ave., Selmer, TN to sell package beer for off premises consumption. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Permit granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Patel and their two children were present and Aldermen Paul Simpson welcomed them and told them that Selmer was very glad to have them here. He further complimented Mr. Patel on the way that he conducted business at his other location.

Meeting adjourned.