

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session January 13th, 2015 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 Edward Smith followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Johnny Norris.

Motion by Chris Tull and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the December 9th, 2014 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.

Mr. Billy Wilbanks addressed the Board concerning a recent sewer dilemma at his rental property located at 1159 E Poplar Ave at the end of Trae Cove. Mr. Wilbanks explained that the disaster began when Mrs Billy Renfroe at 122 Trae Cove obtained a plumber to unstop her clogged sewer line causing the sewer to blow out all within his rental dwelling and it's occupants. The situation occurred because these three houses on Trae Cove built in the 70's were hooked on the same private sewer line. Mr. Wilbanks explained that his renters had to leave home and stay in a motel because the sewer blew out on the walls, ceiling, two bathrooms, hall, and living room, and that all was a major expense to him. He stated that he felt the city should be responsible for this since the houses were all paying city sewer each month. Mr. Wilbanks stated that he had spoken with the town's insurance agent and was hopeful of help with this expense. Mayor Smith stated that he too hoped that the insurance company and he could work this out.

Jeff Sisk from the audience stated that he felt the town should collect a sewer tap fee from each house and place them all on the city sewer. He also asked if anyone had a figure on what Bethel Springs owed Selmer Utilities. Director Richard Ashe told him that they no longer owed anything and had paid. Other comments were that people need to make sure that plumbers and electricians were licensed to prevent getting messed up.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Johnny Norris to pass on second reading an ordinance preventing Solicitation Roadblocks. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd reading passed. (Ordinance No.645)

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to adopt on first reading the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st Reading passed.

Motion by Edward Smith and seconded by John Finlayson to adopt the resolutions approving the 2015 CDBG application, hiring an Administrator, and an Engineer for obtaining EWAC grant funds to be used for the sewer lift station with no required matching funds. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.