

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session August 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Present were Mayor John Smith

Board of Aldermen: John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, Chris Tull

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Clint Overton of Lakeview Baptist Church followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Recreation Director Sybil Dancer.

Motion by Chris Tull to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to accept the financial statement for July 2015. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Motion by Paul Simpson to pass the Initial Resolution determining to issue not to exceed three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,650,000) of General Obligation Bonds of the Town of Selmer, Tennessee. Motion seconded by Edward Smith.

Roll Call: John Finlayson---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Paul Simpson---yes, Edward Smith---yes. and Chris Tull—yes. Motion carried.

This Capital Improvements Project will entail three major upgrades for Selmer as follows: Approximately thirty-nine miles of street paving, changing approximately 1,051 streetlights to LED resulting in a predicted savings of \$82,000 per year, and Phase I. of upgrading downtown sidewalks with ADA accessibility. The funding is further necessary because the project includes a TDOT 80/20 Grant that requires the town to pay prior to filing for State Department of Transportation reimbursement. Upon discussion prior to voting Aldermen Chris Tull stated that he felt that the additional streets in need of paving should take priority above the downtown sidewalk project and that he was really concerned about the unknown amount of next years match from TDOT. Aldermen Edward Smith and Mayor John Smith stated that they were most comfortable with the knowledge and experience of Cook Coggin Engineering and with their plan and expertise.

Jeff Sisk from the audience expressed great favor in moving forward with making the downtown area ADA accessible to accommodate people with needs.

Motion by Paul Simpson to appoint Carry Ward to the Board of Zoning Appeals in the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Dean Vanover. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris to donate \$200.00 to the Tennessee Veterans Aid fund for "Warrior Weekend Golf Tournament." Motion seconded by Chris Tull. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Approximately 7:30 P.M.