

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session October 13, 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.

Bro. Jetta Forsythe opened with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Russell Ingle.

Motion by Johnny Norris to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Paul Simpson. 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.

Kim Williams of 18 Falcon St. addressed the board for help in alleviating the continued problem of having to replace tires due to metal debris dropped on the road by trucks to and from SMC Recycling. Ms. Williams stated that she had to replace tires all the time and that \$400.00 for a set of tires was a major expense to her. She stated that she had been to the Mayors office three times asking for help. Chris Tull suggested that a magnet on the front of the big trucks could sweep lots of scrap metal from the road. Frankey Gilbert also of Falcon St. agreed with Kim concerning this dilemma going in both directions of their street. Jeff Sisk said that the same thing had happened to him last year and that Ms. Williams had a legitimate complaint. Kim said that if the trucks only went in one direction that the residents could go the other way but that it was unfair to them who paid the same taxes as others in the town to have to endure this problem and to use tax dollars to fix the road that SMC's trucks tore up. Chris Tull said that James Daniel owner of SMC was a reasonable man whom he would talk to about this problem. Ms. Williams warned that she had talked to an attorney and that she hauled state children and felt that if she had an accident the consequences would be serious on the town for not addressing this problem...

Jason Garrett, president of Selmer Jaycees read a letter protesting the Town of Selmer for being in charge of the Christmas Parade. Although numerous calls and attempts to contact him were made last year he was still very upset that the Jaycees were not in charge of last years parade and that Selmer was already planning the one for this year. His major concern was that Selmer charged no entry fee last year and that this was the main source of funding for the Jaycees Christmas gifts to needy children... Upon reading the letter Garrett complained," The city was in charge and did not contact the Jaycees, and instead of helping them you took it over!" Mayor Smith said, in 2013 we asked for the insurance policy necessary for all parades and almost did not get it. The 2014 Downtown committee for Christmas Trees tried to get something going and you were contacted. In November, no parade permit and after many calls we could get no answer last year. This year there has been many meetings and planning sessions since June. Mayor Smith said the best solution to this is to team together and come to the next meeting at the Latta Building in 2 weeks at 10:00 A.M. Garrett continued to complain about the loss of entry fees needed for the Jaycees to give gifts at Christmas to needy children. Mayor Smith explained that proceeds from all the Christmas events were going to Ronald McDonald House who helped children here as well as everywhere. Garrett continued to voice opposition due to the loss of a \$5.00 fee that the Jaycees used for children here. Again, Mayor Smith invited them to join in the planning and to make the Christmas events the biggest and best ever! Jeff Sisk from the audience encouraged the effort to persuade Garrett and the Jaycees to work with the town. Paul Simpson commended the work of the Selmer Jaycees throughout the years and suggested that they come to the next meeting at the Latta Building.

Motion by Paul Simpson to pass a Resolution to file a 2016 Transportation Alternatives Application for the Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project: Phase 1. Motion seconded by Edward Smith.

Upon discussion, Chris Tull stated that he was reluctant to make a discussion. Mayor Smith informed that the board had held three meetings that Chris had missed. Mayor Smith explained that the application had to be done by November 3rd and that it would

most likely be July 2016 before we would know the results and possibly nine to twelve months after that before work could begin. Chris stated that his reasons were that Selmer was spending lots of money lately, Cook Coggins Engineering never had done a TDOT project due to being based in Mississippi, the project area was on a back street, and that the town's money needed to be saved for a rainy day. Johnny Norris stated that he was reluctant due to a desire to see the money spent on something other than sidewalks. Paul Simpson stated that since the main concern of the people was the need for jobs that he felt whatever could be spent to market Selmer was what was needed and that this project would be beneficial for Selmer. Edward Smith stated that this project was to help Selmer and to refuse would be a step back. "We will be forced to do it sometime, and if we can get help with it now, we need to do it". Mayor Smith explained that procurement letters were sent out and that only 2 were received back and that Cook Coggins has done lots of these types of projects in Mississippi as well as doing work here for the county, the industrial board, the utility department, and having a satellite office here in downtown Selmer.

John Finlayson asked Recreation Director Sybil Dancer if the town would be able to decline the grant if awarded. Ms Dancer stated yes, that the Town always had the option of accepting or not accepting a grant.

Motion by Chris Tull and seconded by Johnny Norris to table action on filing for the grant until after the new Board of Aldermen is elected.

Roll call on motion to table: John Finlayson---no, Johnny Norris---yes, Paul Simpson---no, Edward Smith---no, Chris Tull---yes. Table failed.

The Roll was called on the motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Edward Smith to file the 2016 Transportation Alternatives Application for Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project: Phase 1. as follows:

John Finlayson---yes, Johnny Norris---no, Paul Simpson---yes, Edward Smith---yes, and Chris Tull---no. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Simpson to authorize Mayor Smith to offer as surplus properties the property located on Hwy 45 South, Mulberry Ave. containing approximately .774 acres listed on the McNairy County Assessor's office as Map 99P, Group A, Parcel 003.00 and recorded in the Register's Office in Deed Book 138, page 589 owned by the Town of Selmer and granting him further authorization to advertise for bids the sale of said property conditional to his own discretion and also reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.