

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith and all five Board of Aldermen were present as follows: John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, and Chris Tull.

Pastor Barry Bishop of Life Wind Church opened with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Boy Scouts Troop 32 and the Scout Oath as requested by Chris Tull.

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 Johnny Norris to approve the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Motion by Paul Simpson to approve the request of Police Chief Neal Burks to promote Ron Pilkington to the position of Lieutenant in the Selmer Police Department. Motion seconded by Edward Smith. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance adding Nonprofit Transient Lodging requirements in the B-2 (Central Business) District. All five voted yes. Motion carried. First reading passed.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning Ordinance adding Liquor Stores in the B-1 (General Business), B-2 (Central Business, and B-M (Business-Industrial) Districts as uses permitted. John Finlayson—yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Paul Simpson---yes, Edward Smith---passed, Chris Tull---yes. Motion carried. First reading passed.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the request of Fire Chief Anthony Carr to submit an application for a TML Property Conservation matching Grant, 50/50 in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for fire department security. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith stated that he wanted to thank the departments and individuals who helped make the Christmas Parade one of the best ever. He extended a special thanks to the following: Pastor Barry Bishop, Lashell Moore, Theresa Robinson, Shannon Speth, Bryan Huff, Ronnie Brooks, Sybil Dancer, Carrie Ward, Anthony Carr, Neil Burks, Andy Pickens, Smith Dozer Service, PEC, Special Needs Athletes, Selmer Street Department, Carolyn Simmons, Jimmy Hardin, Trustees, and the Sheriff for allowing the Trustees to help.

The meeting was adjourned and the Beer Board was called into session.

Everyone was asked to stay following the Beer Board meeting for a reception in honor of three retiring Board of Aldermen and also for administering the Oath of Aldermen to the newly elected Aldermen taking office January 1,2016.

Mayor John Smith presented " Sincere Appreciation" plaques to the retiring Board of Aldermen as follows: Paul Simpson for 26 years of dedicated service, Edward Smith for 10 years, and Chris Tull for 4 years.

Judge Ken Seaton administered the Oath of Aldermen for the Town of Selmer, Tennessee to Nicky Atkins, John Austin, and J.T. Hawkins.

Cake, coffee and punch was served, and pictures were made.

The Selmer Beer Board met following the adjourned 7:00 P.M. regular Mayor and Aldermen meeting of December 8th, 2015 in Selmer City Hall.

Mayor John Smith and all five Board members were present as follows: John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, Paul Simpson, Edward Smith, Chris Tull.

Motion by Paul Simpson and seconded by Johnny Norris to grant a Beer Permit to Shilpaben P. Patel /Neil & Raj Inc., 611 Mulberry Ave., formerly Raceway, to sell packaged beer for off premises consumption. All five voted yes. Motion carried. Permit granted.

Beer Board Adjourned.