

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session May 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith and all five Board of Aldermen were [present as follows: Nicky Atkins, John Austin, John Finlayson, J.T. Hawkins, and Johnny Norris.

The meeting opened with prayer by Jetta Forsythe followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by McNairy County Economic Development Coordinator Eddie Crittendon.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by J.T. Hawkins to approve April, 2016 minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and second by Johnny Norris to approve the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Economic Development Coordinator Eddie Crittendon gave an update concerning upcoming events and prospective industry.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve the appointment of Raymond Ouellette as the Street & Sanitation Supervisor. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by J.T. Hawkins to participate in the State 401(K) & 457 Deferred Compensation Program. Motion seconded by John Austin. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and second by Johnny Norris to pass on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 16 Budget. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to declare surplus 2002 Ford Explorer Vin #1FMZU62E12ZB13411 from the Selmer Fire Department so that it could be sold. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Nicky Atkins to adopt the first reading on the FY17 Budget Ordinance for the Town of Selmer and the McNairy Co Property Tax Assessor's state certified tax rate for the calendar year 2016. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed.

Motion by J.T. Hawkins and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the FY16 Audit Contract with Mark Godwin and Associates, PLLC. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Homer Watson from the audience stated that he had a question for the three newly elected Aldermen whom he said had pledged to get jobs here during their campaign. "What have you done to get jobs for Selmer?" Mr. Watson's question prompted a report by Aldermen Atkins of several prospective contacts made by him for restaurants, department clothing stores, and industry. J.T. Hawkins added that he was in a factory each day and was constantly helping to recruit people for jobs as well as helping to secure transportation for people to get to and from the job site.

Homer's next concern was about the Library which was closing due to "Black Mold". Again Aldermen Atkins stated that he had taken it upon himself to contact Mr. Paterson and Mr. Robinson whom he felt were experts on mold, and that they would be looking at the building next week to see what could be done to save the library. Mayor Smith informed that there had been much discussion as to where the library could be during the renovation process. He had in hand the State of Tennessee letter talking about the mold and had personally reached out to the County Mayor and all were working on it. He further stated that the Library is "Near and Dear to Selmer's Heart" because a tremendous amount of people are using it. Mayor Smith said that an exact dollar amount for the damage wasn't known yet, but he hoped to know soon.

Coordinator Eddie Crittendon expressed some concerns in individuals attempting to recruit industry alone and urged everyone to please let him know in the beginning of any industrial prospects so that the industry could receive all available funds such as training money for the work force. He urged everyone to work together with him so that the industry or business would be aware of the beneficial package available to them that might entice them to come to Selmer. He further reminded that this was his job and wanted everyone to work together. Nicky asked him to go to each business and let them know who he was.

Mr. James McCullar from the audience asked when the paving would begin and if it would be possible to get his driveway done. Mayor Smith stated that there was certain preparation necessary on the sides that had to be done by the street department as well as getting through the bid process and that it would most likely be middle to late July. Mr. McCullar was told that driveways would not be a part of the project, and would strictly be between the resident and a contractor.

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Aldermen Nicky Atkins asked Frankey Gilbert to come to the front. Upon doing so Mr. Gilbert was asked what his title was, how many years he had been with the Fire Department, and why he wasn't in a full time position. Frankey informed that he had been with the Fire Department for 30 years and that he was the Assistant Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department. He explained that years ago he applied for the full time firemen position and did not get it and had never applied again. Mr. Atkins said that this needed to be looked at when the next opening came. "He deserves an opportunity!" "You deserve a spot!" "He is good at what he does!"

Meeting Adjourned.

The Beer Board was called into session.