

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session June 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith presided with all five Board of Aldermen as follows: Nicky Atkins, John Austin, John Finlayson, J.T. Hawkins, and Johnny Norris.

The meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Jetta Forsythe followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Mr. John Austin.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Nicky Atkins to approve the financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Motion by J.T. Hawkins to approve applying for a \$45,000 TDH grant through the Tennessee Department of Health to help with mosquito control. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2017 budget. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve on first reading an ordinance adopting the FY 2018 Budget with the same property tax rate of .7680 per \$100.00 for the 2017 calendar year. All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st reading passed.

Motion by Nicky Atkins to grant the request of Adria Knight to allow her to have a special event in the South Park on July 9th, 2017. Motion second by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris to approve a special board meeting June 26th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of passing a second reading on the FY 2017 Budget Amendment Ordinance and the FY 2018 Town of Selmer Budget Ordinance. Motion second by J.T. Hawkins. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Nicky Atkins read his resignation as Aldermen necessary for allowing him to run for Mayor effective now, June 13, 2017. He extended his appreciation to all the people who voted for him. Mr. Atkins further stated that he had nothing against Mayor Smith and had really enjoyed working with everyone and was looking forward to a positive campaign that would allow him to serve again. Aldermen Finlayson thanked Nicky for his time on the board and wished him the best of luck in the Mayor's race.

Motion by John Finlayson to accept the resignation of Nicky Atkins as Aldermen and seconded by Johnny Norris. All five voted yes.

Motion by John Finlayson to declare the position of Aldermen vacant. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Delores Westbrooks spokes person for persons present and a petition of seventeen names representing disgruntled persons with their residents sewer system. Ms. Westbrooks presented a request demanding that Selmer run sewage to all residents within the Selmer city limits. The petition as well as persons present stated that many of the residents have septic tank pumps and that they often allow sewer odors to come up in the houses causing sickening fumes. The petition and persons present stated that they paid taxes and felt that they should have the same sewer facilities as all other tax payers within the city. Ms. Westbrooks stated that this had been discussed many times and nothing was ever fixed. She on behalf of the residents demanded that this be investigated and a course of action be taken and reported to them by the next board meeting. The questions from area residents were directed to Public Works Director Richard Ashe who assured that he would investigate these issues and report back. (Petition shown on next page.)

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Mayor Smith addressed questions and issues surrounding the hospital leaving and the county getting an ambulance service in the near future..

Nicky Atkins stated that we must seek a \$500,000 Rural Development Grant and bring the emergency room back. He said we must work with the county, build a spec building and look into urgent care...

Meeting Adjourned.