

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Present were: Mayor John Smith, and Board of Aldermen, John Austin, John Finlayson, J.T. Hawkins, and Johnny Norris. The meeting opened with prayer by J.T. Hawkins followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by six of the little 5 and 6 year old Selmer Dixie Sweeties All Stars. The little All Stars were recognized as being the first group sent to the State tournament, having played 3 hours and came in as a runner up. Because of their excellent beginning Recreational Director Sybil Dancer stated that everyone would be expecting lots in the future out of these outstanding players. Aldermen John Austin also their coach gave each girl a special certificate and made a picture with the group. Sybil gave each a Pixie Stick. The Dixie Sweeties consisted of nine little players but only 6 were present for the picture. A word of appreciation was given for Coach John Austin, Coach David McCullar, and Coach Rickey Russell.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by J.T. Hawkins to accept the minutes. All four voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by J.T. Hawkins and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the recreation department to apply for a \$25,000 Levitt Amp Grant 50/50 match. All four voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to declare as surplus a 2006 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W76X141830, 2007 Ford Expedition Vin#1FMU16527LA10346, 2009 Dodge Charger Vin# 2B3KA43T69H611776 within the police department and allow them to be sold. All four voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by J.T. Hawkins to approve the Selmer Fire Department to apply for a TML Safety 50/50 Grant of approximately \$4,000 for purchasing department equipment. All four voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by John Austin to approve and authorize Mayor Smith to sign a resolution in support of Pickwick Electric's "Red Leg" application and pledge the taxing authority as support. All four voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to approve and authorize Mayor Smith to sign any waiver of conflict in regards to the same law firm representing AIM and the Town of Selmer. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to open the floor for nominations for the Board of Aldermen vacancy. All four voted yes. Motion carried. Johnny Norris nominated John Ross Reeves and John Finlayson nominated Troy Moore. Aldermen Finlayson asked for a brief statement concerning their interest in being on the board. Mr. Reeves stated that he wanted to see lots of things in Selmer and would especially like to see the downtown area come back alive. Mr. Troy Moore stated that he had lived in Selmer all his life and would like to see good things happen in Selmer.

Marie Atkins from the audience addressed the Mayor and Board concerning nominating Bernard Strayhorn for the Board of Aldermen vacancy and became upset when she was told that only the Board could nominate. John Austin stated that he would then nominate Bernard Strayhorn.

Johnny Norris encouraged that anyone interested should pick up a petition and run for the regular position on the Board.

Aldermen Finlayson called for roll call on the vote for Troy Moore to fill the vacancy of Aldermen. All four voted yes to appoint Troy Moore to fill the unexpired term of Aldermen created by Nicky Atkins running for Mayor. Motion carried and Troy Moore is appointed to the Town of Selmer Board of Aldermen.

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Ms. Regina Bryant from the audience addressed a question to Police Chief Neal Burks concerning what was the outcome when she asked him to investigate someone attempting to steal her central unit several years back. Chief Burks stated that nothing was ever found. Ms. Bryant said that she spoke with Roger Rickman the investigator who told her that he had not been told about the issue. Ms. Bryant said that it was still unresolved and that she planned to go to the TBI concerning this and about cameras being all around her.

Meeting Adjourned.