

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith and all five Aldermen were present as follows: John Austin, John Finlayson, J.T. Hawkins, Johnny Norris and Willie Sain. The meeting room was filled with people supporting the newly elected Mayor, Sherry L. Inman, who will be sworn in for a four year term as Selmer's Mayor beginning January 1, 2022.

The Mayor opened with prayer by Street Superintendent Raymond Ouellette followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Fire Chief Anthony Carr.

Motion by Johnny Norris and followed by John Austin to approve the minutes of November, 2021. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to accept the November, 2021 financial Statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Fire Chief Anthony Carr announced that he had spoken with the Fire Chief of Mayfield, Kentucky and that the most needed items at this time were toys for their local children's Christmas. A mega-twister tornado swept through Kentucky Friday night, December 10th destroying a Candle Factory where many people were working on holiday candle orders whereby leveling the factory and destroying most all other area residences. The tornadoes path extended for approximately 200 miles and was rated as one of the most powerful in the state of Kentucky's history. Chief Carr said that they would be collecting toys on the Walmart parking lot to be taken to Mayfield.

City Judge Ken Seaton administered the Oath of Mayor to newly elected, Sherry L. Inman, to begin January 1, 2022 for a four year term as Mayor of Selmer, Tennessee. Ms. Inman is the first female Mayor in Selmer's history. The ceremony was also different from the past swearing in ceremony's in that she placed her right hand on her Bible held by little Raelyn, her grandchild, and with her other hand raised repeated the oath of Mayor as administered by Judge Ken Seaton. The entire crowded room gave her a standing ovation while applauding her and cheering. She then thanked her family and all friends who came out and everyone who had helped her get elected further stating that "together we are going to move forward"!

Judge Seaton then administered the oath of Aldermen to incumbent Aldermen John Finlayson and Aldermen Johnny Norris. They were also applauded.

Motion by J.T. Hawkins and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve a bid to M.E.S. to purchase Rescue Jacks through the Governor's Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00 with no match required for the Selmer Fire Department. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to approve a contribution of \$25,000.00 to the Selmer McNairy County Industrial Development Board to assist with the construction of a connector road between buildings one and three in the North Industrial Park for Monogram. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to approve hiring A2H Engineering firm in the amount of \$45,000.00 to complete the ADA plan. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain to approve and enter into agreement with River City Hydraulics, Inc. for the purchase of a Knuckle Boom Truck in the amount of \$191,203.58 with a five year warranty. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

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Mayor Smith asked everyone to pray for Recreation Director Sybil Dancer in the recent loss of her mother and for the people in Kentucky. He thanked Lashell Moore and Chief Carr for collecting toys.

John Finlayson presented Mayor Smith with a Plaque of Appreciation for serving the Town of Selmer. Aldermen Finlayson stated that John ran in 2005 serving 8 years as Alderman and 8 years as Mayor and had been involved in many great projects, much infrastructure, and the best financial shape and audit that had ever been. Aldermen Finlayson spoke highly of Mayor Smith's tenure as Mayor of Selmer further stating that John had poured his heart and soul into making Selmer better. Everyone applauded. Mayor Smith then congratulated Mayor elect Sherry Inman saying that he wished her all the best.

Meeting Adjourned.