

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2026

Mayor John Smith and the Board of Alderman met in regular session on August 11, at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. All five Board of Alderman were present as follows: John Finlayson, LaShell Moore, Felisha Porter, Willie Sain, and Johnnie Kay Witt.

The meeting opened with prayer by Larry Tomaszewski, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by John Finlayson.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to accept the Minutes of July 14, 2026. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Felisha Porter to accept the July 2026 Financial Statements. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN

Before getting into the business matters, several announcements were made. Alderman Wille Sain commended Building Inspector Brandon Vaughn regarding the North End of town and the clean-up. Brandon Vaughn also added that the cooperation from the property owners was also appreciated. Mayor Smith updated the Board and audience on the fall sports at Parks and Rec, saying all practices had begun with all sports.

Mr. Dale Thonberry was introduced to the Board by Mayor Smith, who spoke on the First Division 165th Southern Reenactment set for April 2, 2027. He said that they are expecting between 8,000 to 10,000 people to attend the event. He encouraged the Mayor and the Board to take advantage of the Hospitality Tent for our city. This is a vital resource for sharing information with the visitors about our Town and the places available for them such as restaurants, etc. He also spoke of the economic boost this should have on our city and county.

Mayor Smith also announced that we had been awarded the grant LPRF for \$450,000 for the pool. He also added that there is an additional grant that we are waiting to hear from which is also for this project.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made by John Finlayson and seconded by Lashell Moore to approve the blocking of the street for the Rib Bowl at the FSL Building at the Industrial Park on Saturday, September 5, 2026 -All five voted yes. Motion carried.

- Motion was made by Willie Sain and seconded by Felecia Porter to approve the MCHS Homecoming Parade for October 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm. in downtown Selmer All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by John Finlayson and seconded by LaShell Moore to appointment of Alan Youngerman to the IDB Board. All five voted yes. Motion Carried
- Motion made by Felisha Porter and seconded by Willie Sain to pass the reading of the Resolution to Authorize Southwest to apply for the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multi-Modal Access Grant Program. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Johnnie Kay Witt and seconded by Felecia Porter to approve the Resolution to have Southwest help with the Grant for the new Firestation/Storm Shelter. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Felisha Porter and seconded by Willie Sain to apply for the Property Conservation Grant. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by LaShell Moore and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the first reading of the updated Flood Plain Ordinance. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to move forward on the hiring of a new Parks and Recreation Director, Haley Stanfield. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

City Recorder-Amanda Miller