

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD IN SELMER CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M. MAY 20, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND DISCUSSING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS OF THE FY 24 BUDGET.

There was not a Quorum, but the meeting was still held for discussion.

Mayor Sherry Inman and two Aldermen were present as follows: Mike Cain and John Finlayson.

Board of Aldermen absent: LaShell Moore, Johnny Norris, and Willie Sain.

Mike Cain stated that he had worked many days and long hours investigating all possible areas necessary for preparing the Town of Selmer's FY 24 Budget Amendment and for the FY 25 new Budget.

He stated that he had talked with the State Comptroller's office and that this had been most helpful especially having learned that the Town could operate on a "Continuation Budget" of the amended FY 24 Budget and have until August 31, 2024, to revise the new FY 2025 Final Budget and getting it to the State Comptroller's office if this extra time is needed.

Mike reported that he had met with the McNairy Co Assessor, Brandon Moore, and had discussed the upcoming decrease in expected property tax revenues due to the State's Division of Property Assessment's 2024 Appraisal ratio resulting in the overall median ratio of 0.7559 for McNairy Co and the town. The Personal Property and Public Utility assessments are equalized by the appraisal ratio and must be kept in mind when determining the budget and tax rate process. Another factor in less than expected tax revenue was due to an overstated personal property assessment affecting FY 24 and 25's anticipated collections resulting from the refund. A Property Tax History and Forecast sheet was also presented.

An estimate sheet by Mike Cain depicting the General Funds was given out. He further discussed an expected FY 2024 Deficit of \$300,000 and \$978,000 as an expected Deficit for the FY 2025 budget year within the General Funds. These amounts did not include the Gas Tax, Drug, or Sanitation Funds.

Cain reported that he had checked with the State Consolidated Retirement System concerning employee retirement calculations and the increased rate passed at the recent town board meeting. He stated that this in no way benefited the employee's retirement pay, and that he felt that it was totally unnecessary and adds to the budget deficit problem.

The next Budget Work Session was tentatively set for May 28, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Meeting adjourned.