

Mayor John Smith and the Board of Aldermen met in regular session on February 10, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. All five Board of Aldermen were present as follows: John Finlayson, LaShell Moore, Felisha Porter, Willie Sain, and Johnnie Kay Witt.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Robert Powell, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Fire Chief Anthony Carr.

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by Willie Sain to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2026. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to accept the January 2026 Financial Statements. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports Were Given

After department reports, Jessica Huff addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with information regarding grants for the Florence Avenue Park. One grant she presented was the Active Living Workshop Technical Assistance, which affects crosswalks, traffic patterns, etc., and another was the Healthy Bill Environment Grant for \$80,000. Her request was for the Board's approval to apply for these grants.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Felisha Porter to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance amending the Selmer Municipal code to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Existing Building Code. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance amending the Selmer Municipal code to adopt the 2024 edition of The International Property Maintenance Code. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance amending the Selmer Municipal code to adopt the Electrical Standards as prepared and maintained as recommended by the State Fire Marshal's Office. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Felisha Porter and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance amending the official zoning map of Selmer, TN to rezone property (Parcel 2.00 and Parcel 3.00 on McNairy Tax Map 89 C, Group B), Jesus Cares Property, from R-2 to B-1. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the bid by Delta Mulch and Materials, for mulch (engineered wood fiber loose-fill) replacement at Selmer City Park, the mulch was washed away due to the April 3, 2025, tornado. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Felisha Porter and seconded by John Finlayson for approval to move the March 9, 2026, work session and March 10, 2026, Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to March 16, 2026, and March 17, 2026, as Mayor Smith will be out of town for the originally scheduled meeting dates. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a request for approval of a resolution for a 2026 USDOT BUILD Grant Program grant application with Farmer/Morgan Inc (Zach Congarido). John Finlayson spoke and noted that the request was a little short notice and a lot for the city to take on without the city attorney first reviewing the paperwork. He also said that we did not like it when stuff came up suddenly, decisions involving a grant of that size, and administering the town's monies. LaShell Moore commented that she had found out that it was a reimbursable grant, and at this time, the town just does not have the money to put up, which is 3.5 million.

Questions or Comments from the Audience

Mayor Smith spoke, thanking the Town of Selmer employees from all departments for their assistance during the storm and its aftermath. He commented that this was a team effort and could not have gotten through it without each one of you and your personnel. Mayor Smith also read a list of individuals and groups to thank for their assistance during the storm and recovery (list is attached).

Brandon Cofer spoke next. He lives in Ramer, TN, and was without water for 7 days. He just wanted the Mayor and Board to be aware of this and suggested getting a generator at the pump station to help in situations like this.

Meeting Adjourned

