

The Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session February 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Mayor Sherry Inman and all five Aldermen were present as follows: Mike Cain, John Finlayson, LaShell Moore, Johnny Norris, and Willie Sain.

The meeting opened with prayer by Raymond Ouellette followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Mayor Inman's grandchild, Raelyn Glidewell.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by LaShell Moore to approve the January, 2024 minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the January, 2024 financial statement.

Mike Cain informed that they were all in a fiduciary position and could be held personally liable for financial accounting of city funds. He questioned what documents were being approved as the January financial statement. It was concluded as being the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

All five voted yes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain to proceed with the bid from K & V Services in the amount of \$4,350 to install the scoreboard in the Patriot Park. Motion seconded by Mike Cain.

All five voted yes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to authorize Mayor Inman to sign the Water Leak Contract with Attorney Abernathy's recommended changes as discussed. All five voted yes.
Motion carried.

Attorney Abernathy upon reading a "Committees Plan Ordinance" submitted by Mike Cain, reported that he found no fault with the way the Ordinance was written. He did offer another option for the committee trial as being perhaps a policy or another type document rather than an Ordinance. He explained that an Ordinance becomes a law and would have to be continued or amended in the future should the committees not work out as planned.

Mike Cain agreed that he had no problem with modifying the Ordinance to the type of document needed.

Mike Cain asked CMFO Anji Deaton when the Auditors would be back to review their findings. Anji stated that she would invite them to be at the next regular town meeting. Anji answered several questions. Mike Cain ended the questions with, what was the meaning of "Legal Level of Budgetary Control?" Anji did not specifically define this term, but did explain that the town's legal level is audited by the department level, not the line item level. Mike Cain informed that he had several more items to discuss with Anji later.

Anji Deaton presented a resignation letter to the Mayor and Board thanking them for allowing her to serve as Utility Accounting Manager for 19 years and as the Town of Selmer's first and only CMFO (Certified Municipal Financial Officer) for the last 13 years. Much to everyone's dismay she informed that she was submitting her resignation to remove herself from the current work environment with the Town of Selmer. She thanked John Finlayson, Johnny Norris, LaShell Moore, Willie Sain, and previous Aldermen for their support and confidence in her. (Letter shown on next page)
Anji informed that the Town of Selmer had 2 years to fill the CMFO position under the Comptroller's guidelines. She stated that the Utility Accounting Manager's position could be filled internally as was the Utility Director's position. She requested that this be done and that she would be working closely with the staff making sure that the transition went smoothly. She further stated that her intent to formally resign was effective February 29, 2024.

This news was devastating to the employees and all heads of departments. Her assistance and help has been endless for everyone!

She wears so many helpful hats to every department! No matter how busy that she is, she always stops and works out the most entangled problems upon our request. She has been a security blanket accomplishing the most dreaded tasks, not just in the Utility Department, but for all of us. Her help is vital for the town payroll, most grant funds, accounting questions, budgeting, insurance, retirement, audit standards, and endless other activities. Having knowledge of what really matters for smooth town operations, she has always excelled in keeping the town in good standings with the State Comptroller's office and observing the more important needs. This is something that other towns would really like to have! The Town of Selmer could boast that not only did she excel by passing the earliest CMFO requirement testing, but for years taught the classes for other towns to qualify their CMFO's. John Finlayson complimented many of her values here as well as her earned respect from working with the Engineer, construction people, and employees. He expressed much appreciation from the Board for her help and hard work in the most trusted position for the Town of Selmer. Other Aldermen also thanked her.

LaShell Moore asked her what if anything could be done to fix the problem causing her to leave. Anji replied that she did not wish to say anything that might appear to be unprofessional. She did compliment working with three past Mayors whom she felt that she was able to talk with and could express a different view point without being referred to as insubordinate! Without further commit she made it clear that she had to think of herself now, and that nothing at this point could change her mind about leaving!

Fire Chief Carr informed that in keeping with the Safety Plan all plans for big town events needed to be given to them 2 weeks prior to approval.

Motion by Willie Sain to table action on Shay Knight's event until all necessary documents, insurance and permit, could be obtained. Motion seconded by LaShell Moore.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the request of Jessica Huff for the Rockabilly Event on June 8, 2024 partnered with Carl Perkins. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Inman had vetoed the action of January 9, 2024 reelection of John Finlayson as Vice Mayor and the reelection of Johnny Norris as Treasurer.

Motion by Johnny Norris to overturn the Mayor's Veto for John Finlayson as Vice Mayor. Motion seconded by LaShell Moore. Willie Sain stated that it was time for a change on the Vice Mayor's position.

Roll Call: Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---yes, LaShell Moore---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain---No. Mike Cain informed that according to Melissa Ashburn, Legal Consultant with MTAS, four votes are necessary to overturn the Mayor's Veto. Attorney Abernathy stated that he had talked to Ms. Ashburn and that upon expressing his different view that she was rethinking this. He advised that he was setting up a meeting for her to come and discuss any questions that the Board had and felt that at this point the roll call outcome would be best called as had always been in the past. He further stated that should the interpretation end differently this action could be recalled. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson to overturn Mayor Inman's veto concerning the reappointment of Johnny Norris as Treasurer. Motion seconded by LaShell Moore. LaShell read from an MTAS document stating that the town's limited requirements for the Treasurer's position seemed to be in compliance, the same as other small town's Charter allowed Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---yes, LaShell Moore---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain---No. Motion carried.

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Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Johnny Norris to adopt on first Reading an Ordinance as requested by Building Inspector Brandon Vaughan, the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code.

All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st Reading Passed.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnny Norris to adopt on first Reading an Ordinance as requested by Building Inspector Brandon Vaughan, the 2018 International Residential Code to include State recommendations.

All five voted yes. Motion carried. 1st Reading Passed.

Motion by LaShell Moore to authorize Mayor Inman to negotiate the purchase of the old CB&S Bank Building.

Motion seconded by Willie Sain. Attorney Abernathy agreed to help with this.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris to approve an expenditure of \$4,000 for renovations in the Senior Citizen's Kitchen. Motion seconded by Willie Sain.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris to table action concerning annual dues of \$2,625 for the West Tennessee Rive Basin. Motion seconded by LaShell Moore.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barbara Jackson, Isaiah Jackson's grandmother, addressed the board concerning hearing constant reports that Isaiah, an employee of the Recreation Department, was being constantly upset and talked about. She wanted to know why and stated that she wanted this stopped!

Mayor Inman wished everyone a Happy Valentine tomorrow.
Meeting Adjourned.