

## **MINUTES FOR JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Mayor John Smith and the Board of Alderman met in regular session on June 8, 2026, 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 Terry Hill, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Callie Finlayson.

Mayor Smith issued a Proclamation to recognize the MCHS Softball Team for their accomplishments in the state playoffs. The Proclamation was given to Coach Mel Surratt for the entire team. Mayor Smith

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2026. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Felisha Porter to accept the May 2026 Financial Statements. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN**

During the Parks and Recreation Reporting, LaShell Moore had a question regarding an age limit for children that are dropped off at the Pool. Felisha Porter expressed that there should be an updated rules and regulations policy for safety and liability reasons. Robert Powell stated that he is in progress of having a policy put together stating that they must be at least 16 years old. He hopes to have an updated rules and regulations policy. Willie Sain did express concern for the older people attending ballgames at the North Park. Robert Powell stated they have opened the handicap parking to accommodate and they are aware of the issues and trying to rectify the problem.

Street and Sanitation was asked about the next Bulk Pickup Date, it is set for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Attorney Ross Mitchell discussed the email he is preparing for TDOT from the Town of Selmer regarding the Cypress Creek Bridge. Mayor Smith stated he is in the process of setting up a meeting with the TDOT Commissioner.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Motion made by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to approve the second reading of Ordinance Amending the Text of the Selmer Municipal Zoning

Ordinance by adding Firearms-Related Business to Permitted Home Occupants Section 13-7-20 through 13-7-212. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

- Motion made by LaShell Moore and seconded by Felisha Porter to approve the second reading of Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Selmer, Tennessee to Rezone Properties Along Warren Ave and Eighth Ave., from R-1 to R2D Residential/Duplex. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion made by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the mayor to proceed with the overseeing of the sale of the Property located at 545 Willow Street. Motion carried.
- Chief Anthony Carr requested approval to apply to for the Mitigation Grant for up to \$50 million available from Helene Flood. The match would be 12.5% to the amount granted. He said that the money would be used to fund a new Firehouse with Tornado Shelter along the 64 Hwy. Motion made by Felisha Porter and seconded by LaShell Moore to approve Chief Anthony Carr to apply for the Mitigation Grant. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- The request for approval of the Bulk Pickup Rate Change was made by Mayor Smith. He requested the board pass approval to contract with Republic Services. The representative of Republic Services was in attendance. Todd Chamberlain explained the partnership with all parties and the cost savings to the Town of Selmer. Motion made by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to approve the contract with Republic Services as the new waste management service for the Town of Selmer. All five voted yes. Motion Carried
- Motion made by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the early buyout regarding the Garbage Truck and Grapple Truck. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Felisha Porter and seconded by LaShell Moore to approve Shea Knight's Annual Car Show at the Selmer City Park, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2 pm to 10 pm. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to approve the request to change the business hours of City Hall from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. This change would go into effect July 1, 2026. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Willie Sain and seconded by Felisha Porter to approve the proposed Amendments to the Current 2026 Budget. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

- Motion made by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the first reading of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. All five voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by LaShell Moore and seconded by Felisha Porter to approve the date for the Special Called Meeting for Final Reading of the 2026-2027 Budget for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

## **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Smith gave an invitation to all the citizens for the Freedom Festival July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend at the Park on Saturday. Mayor also told the citizens that the Freedom Festival Parade would be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:00 pm, leaving from the park and ending at the downtown area of the courthouse. If anyone would like to be in the parade sign up is on the RECDEK app with the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be no charge for the parade.

Mayor Smith discussed his communication with TDOT, that he is working hard for Selmer regarding the Cypress Creek bridge. He explained that the bridge was projected to happen in 2018. Here it is 2026 and still no action from TDOT. There are an estimated 1.3 million cars through here on a yearly basis. The citizens of Selmer deserve better. Willie Sain mentioned the Railroad to Mayor Smith, he said he has made the Railroad aware of the situation with hopes they can help to rectify the situation. Mayor Smith stated that TDOT is failing Selmer.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**City Recorder-Amanda Miller**