

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Selmer City Hall.
Mayor Sherry Inman and all five Aldermen were present as follows:
John Austin, John Finlayson, J. T. Hawkins, Johnny Norris and Willie Sain.

The meeting opened with prayer by Homer Watson followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Johnny Norris.

Motion by John Austin and seconded by J.T. Hawkins to adopt the November, 2023 minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the November 2023 financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports were given.
Recreational Director Sybil Dancer expressed appreciation for all the assistance and help from John Austin and the support of J. T. Hawkins over their past years as Aldermen. She encouraged them to continue helping her.

Madelyn Carter addressed the Board concerning the Water Leak Relief Program.
Attorney Abernathy reported on his contract review as requested by Selmer Utility Department. Anji Deaton expressed support for allowing this program to operate through the systems utility billing process. Attorney Abernathy stated that this was an Opt Out contract and that the utility customer must understand that it would be necessary for each customer to opt out if they did not wish to participate.

Johnny Norris having highest regard for CMFO Anji Deaton's opinion felt that this would be a very good program for helping a utility customer should a leak occur.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to adopt the Water Leak Relief Program as discussed.
All 5 voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by John Finlayson to adopt the seconded Reading of an Ordinance amending and establishing Administrative Fees for Site Plans, Subdivision Plats, and other miscellaneous Development Review Fees within Selmer's Building and Zoning Ordinance. All five Aldermen voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd Reading Passed.

Ordinance No. 698 Passed.
Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by J. T. Hawkins to adopt the second Reading of an Ordinance amending the official Zoning ordinance within Chapter X Signs, Section 11-1006 giving the Codes Enforcement Officer the Authority to remove Illegal Signs or Signs that pose a threat to Public Safety. All five Aldermen voted yes. Motion carried. 2nd Reading Passed.
Ordinance No. 698 Passed.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve the Flock Safety Contract as requested by Selmer Police with Flock Group Inc., 1170 Howell Mill Rd. Suite 210, Atlanta, Ga 30318 in the total amount of \$25,000.00 broken down in a yearly amount to the town.
All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Austin and seconded by J. T. Hawkins to approve the renewal of the Group Health Insurance Proposal from Blue Cross/Lucent through Bodiford-White Insurance with the understanding that no benefits will change, but with a 12.5% cost increase to the Town of Selmer.
All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Inman stated that since she had questions and issues that were not clear, she wanted to table the discussion of check signature authority within the Selmer Utilities Department and the CMFO position until another time.

Motion by J. T. Hawkins and seconded by John Finlayson to reaffirm authorization for CMFO Anji Deaton and the Utilities Director to sign checks. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

John Finlayson stated that although in 2011 when the Board applauded and congratulated Anji Deaton for her accomplishments in becoming the CMFO he wanted to reaffirm in the town's minutes her position as the Town of Selmer's CMFO.

Motion by John Finlayson to publically recognize Anji Deaton as being the official CMFO for the Town of Selmer, Tennessee. Motion seconded by J. T. Hawkins. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

John Finlayson stated that the Board had previously approved reimbursement of Sybil Dancer's mileage while unable to use the recreational vehicle and that contrary to the Charter it had not been done.

Motion by John Finlayson that the City Recorder prepare and sign a check with Treasurer Johnny Norris for reimbursing Recreational Director Sybil Dancer for her personal vehicle mileage in the amount of \$168.57 and move on. Motion seconded by John Austin. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

J. T. Hawkins stated that not only had he been honored but felt privileged to have served on the Board of Aldermen for the past eight years. He extended his appreciation to everyone and for allowing him to have served. He ended by saying a final "Thank You" to everyone!

John Finlayson thanked J. T. Hawkins and John Austin for their services. He stated that it had been a pleasure working with them on the Board and further extended appreciation for all their hard work and especially with the employees. He ended by wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Mayor Inman thanked all the employees for all their hard work and especially complimented the Water Department and wished everyone a very "Merry Christmas!

Meeting Adjourned.