

Mayor John Smith and the Board of Aldermen met in regular session on January 13, 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 J.T. Hawkins, 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 John Finlayson to accept the Minutes of December 2025. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to accept the December 2025 Financial Statements. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports Were Given

After department reports were given, former City Attorney Terry Abernathy came forward and presented a framed resolution to Brigadier General Donald F Hawkins for his 36 years of service in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Attorney Abernathy encouraged that the appropriate offices of the state of Tennessee name the National Guard Amory in Selmer in Brigadier General Hawkins' honor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinances of the new building, residential, mechanical, and plumbing codes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnnie Kay Witt to nominate LaShell Moore for the position of Vice-Mayor for the Town of Selmer. Finlayson, Porter, Sain, and Witt voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by LaShell Moore to nominate Willie Sain for the position of Treasurer for the Town of Selmer. Finlayson, Moore, Porter, and Witt voted yes. Sain abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Felisha Porter to authorize the Mayor and the Utility Director to solicit bids for interim financing related to the Sewer System Upgrade Project for the New ABB Site. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by LaShell Moore and seconded by John Finlayson to authorize the Mayor and the Utility Director to contact Cumberland Securities regarding a potential

necessary bond issue related to the Sewer System Upgrade Project for the New ABB Site, in case the EDA grant is not received. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Felisha Porter to approve 22 Fence Company's bid for fence repair/replacement and barbed wire at the Selmer Utility warehouse, shop, and gravel pit. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by LaShell Moore to approve ordinances: Amending electrical standards and adopting existing building and property maintenance codes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson for AIM (Arts in McNairy) to proceed with applying for a grant to be used for upgrades at Rockabilly Park – covering and lighting for the stage, and interactive musical sculptures. Requesting that the Town of Selmer provide a 25% match of \$5,000 for this project. Finlayson, Porter, Sain, and Witt voted yes. Moore abstained, stating she was on the AIM board. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by LaShell Moore for the appointment of Mike Dickey as Superintendent of the Street and Sanitation Department. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Questions or Comments from the Audience - None

Meeting Adjourned