

The Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session January 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Mayor Sherry Inman called the meeting to order. All five Aldermen were present as follows: Mike Cain, John Finlayson, LaShell Moore, Johnny Norris, and Willie Sain.

The meeting opened with prayer by Ray Ouellette followed by the Pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Sgt. Tony Westbrook.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the December, 2023 minutes. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to accept the December, 2023 financial statements. Mike Cain -----NO, John Finlayson--yes, LaShell Moore--yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain--yes. Motion carried.
Mike Cain questioned what they called a financial statement.

Department reports were given.

Motion by John Finlayson to authorize Attorney Abernathy to take all necessary steps needed to render the violation at 235 Hillhurst Dr., Selmer, TN. Motion seconded by Willie Sain. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Mike Cain to approve the bid from Waste Connections and proceed with the contract for Commercial Garbage pickup. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by LaShell Moore to start the Employee Performance Evaluation Policy. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Josh Waffird presented a request to adopt a resolution to participate in an application for a Main Street Program Grant, The funding is not known for the project at this time.

Motion by Mike Cain and seconded by Willie Sain to adopt a resolution to participate in the "Main Street Program".

John Finlayson said that with the town's funding obligation connected with the present downtown grant he would like to have more information on the cost before considering this. LaShell Moore stated that when it came to dollars, she would like to have more information. Mike Cain and Josh Waffird insisted that this request was making no financial commitment at this time, only to participate.

Mike Cain--yes, John Finlayson--no, LaShell Moore--no, Johnny Norris--no, Willie Sain--yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Mike Cain to start a "Standing Committee Plan".

Motion died for lack of a second. John Finlayson expressed concern that this plan was not discussed at last night's work session.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Mike Cain to amend Selmer Fire Department's "Fire Marshall Grant" with no match from the previously approved \$35,000 to \$45,000 as requested by Fire Chief Anthony Carr.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to start the bid process for the Patriot Park Scoreboard installation. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

LaShell Moore asked Attorney Abernathy to refresh the new Board on the Water Leak Service Agreement for SUD customers. Mayor Inman has presently vetoed the December action to approve based on unanswered questions with the contract. Attorney Abernathy basically related some concerns that he had stated at the December meeting. Mainly the necessity of having to opt out if one does not wish to participate and the extra work for the Utility office.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to table action concerning the Water Leak Contract Veto until more information could be obtained. Attorney Abernathy said that he would reread all the information and report back.

All five voted yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson to overturn the Mayor's veto concerning the present signatures authorized on Selmer Utilities checks. Motion seconded by Willie Sain contingent upon this being right with the charter.

Mike Cain said that he had a Resolution to address this issue. John Finlayson again stated that it was needed at the Work session last night. He stated that Anji and Chris were signing them and that he had no issues with that. Mike Cain said let's see what the Charter says about that. Attorney Abernathy stated that he was aware of that provision, and that he also remembered it referring to Warrants. He said that the Board could give them the authority to sign and that he did not think that it was a problem. John Finlayson said that they did do that at the December, 2023 meeting and that was what the Mayor was vetoing. Mike Cain stated that he wanted to determine if it was right and would include SUD to determine this.

Roll Call: Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---yes, LaShell Moore---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain---No.

Motion Carried.

Mike reported that Section 44 of the Charter addressed the check issues.

Motion by John Finlayson to overturn the Mayor's Veto concerning the CMFO opposition. Motion seconded by Johnny Norris.

Mike Cain stated that it was disrespectful without complying with State Law and separating titles. "The original motion is disrespectful to Anji and to the CMFO position." "It does not comply with state law!" "Creating a specific officer position complete with job description and specified compensation would be necessary because of Anji also filling another job function."

John Finlayson said he had no problem with updating what needed to be done but that the title that she had worked hard to achieve should not be restricted and that she had been doing a great job for a number of years! Mike Cain stated he had no problem with that, and that he had written an Ordinance identifying and defining theses.

John Finlayson again stated that he wished that he had presented it at last night's meeting for all to discuss. Mike Cain said he had a problem with no discussion to overturn the veto.

Roll Call: Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---yes, LaShell Moore---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain---yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by LaShell Moore to appoint John Finlayson as Vice Mayor.

Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---yes, LaShell Moore---yes, Johnny Norris---yes, Willie Sain---No.

Motion carried. John Finlayson is Vice Mayor.

Motion by John Finlayson to appoint Johnny Norris as Treasurer.

Mike Cain---No, John Finlayson---Yes, LaShell Moore---Yes, Johnny Norris---Yes, Willie Sain---No.

Motion carried. Johnny Norris is Treasurer.

Mike Cain asked Johnny Norris if he knew what the Charter said concerning the duties of the Treasurer and that it was a Full Time Job! He asked if he was prepared to quit his job at the Post office.

Willie Sain said that it was the same old stuff! "They will do what they want to do with the Charter or without it!" "Go by the facts and do what was right!"

John Finlayson asked if Sybil's mileage had been reimbursed as instructed two or three times and again in the December meeting. John Finlayson asked, "Willie do you think that is right?" Willie Sain replied, No!

Mike Cain stated that the motion in December was a violation of both Code and Policy and further that she had returned a check a year and a half prior for gas mileage reimbursement under similar circumstances as viewed by somebody, but that they did not know the reason.

Sybil Dancer stated that she did not have a key to get in City Hall to get the keys to the Recreation Department vehicle and had to use her own vehicle.

John Finlayson stated that we were not in Kindergarten having to check in and out!

Shay Knight made a presentation concerning her request to continue having a Car Show to raise money for Cancer. She related her beginning fourteen years ago when her mother was diagnosed with Cancer. She said that God had given her a vision and showed her something. She stated that she wanted to continue obeying and helping people with this event. She said past failures had helped her to grow. "It is not just a Shay Knight program, but a Selmer Cars for Cancer event!" She explained that the event had become a Festival. She said that it brings in lots of people and benefits Selmer in all ways. Mayor Inman told her that she would put it on the Agenda for the next session.

Mayor Inman told everyone that today was National Law Enforcement Appreciation and that she and others had gotten refreshments for the police department and all had enjoyed it today.

She thanked all officers and wanted to let them know that they are appreciated.

Homer Watson questioned if everyone understood the Charter and urged them to read it. He encouraged everyone to work together as a team and not to bring personal issues to the meeting.

Mike Cain stated that he was not after anyone and was not at odds. He stated that he wanted a much more effective government, respect for each other, and for each to honor their commitment to follow the Charter and Ordinances in all respects, determine what's right and only do it the right way. "I only have one vote but I will be a consistent voice trying to achieve those three things that I laid out."

Meeting Adjourned.