

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 13, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Present: Mayor David Robinson.

Aldermen; John Finlayson, Maurice Hamm, Paul Simpson,
John Smith, and Harry Smith.

Mayor Robinson called upon Father Wayne Arnold of St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church to open with prayer. The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Charlie Rankin of Selmer Middle School.

There were no new deletions or additions to the minutes. Minutes approved.

A motion was made by John Smith to accept the financial statement. Motion seconded by John Finlayson. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Recreational Director Sybil Dancer reported that the Community Center was now dry due to the recent new roofing project. She addressed the audience concerning application of a "Hamburger Helper Grant" which could be an amount of up to \$15,000 per month granted for various projects. Sybil handed out instructions and urged everyone to give comments at the hometown helper web site which might possibly enable the department to secure these funds. Mayor Robinson also asked that everyone help by doing so.

Alderman John Smith asked City Attorney Abernathy if the Board was in violation in issuing Mr. Patel at Selmer Quick Stop a beer license since he was not a United States Citizen and the Selmer Beer Ordinance stated that one must be to obtain a license. Attorney Abernathy thought that he recalled an issue where this was unenforceable but stated that he wanted to research the question which he felt was valid and report back with the answer. Mayor Robinson reported that he had contacted MTAS and that he was informed that disallowing a permit based upon citizenship would be contrary to present state law and would not be enforceable.

Fire Chief David Dillingham reported on the purchase of 10 new Air Packs, turn-out clothing and 15 new Pagers purchased by the recent Fire Grant. He displayed some of the items for viewing. Chief Dillingham reported that his department had given the Utility Department 4 of the old air packs and requested permission to declare 10 of the older air packs and 12 bottles as surplus and call for a sale.

Motion by Maurice Hamm and second by Harry Smith to declare as requested the old fire equipment as surplus properties authorizing Fire Chief Dillingham to call for a sale. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson to call for first reading on an Ordinance updating the Fire Code Chapter 7, Section 7-201 through 7-207 to State level. Motion second by Harry Smith. John Finlayson—yes, Maurice Hamm—yes, Paul Simpson—yes, John Smith—yes, Harry Smith—yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson appointed Glen Mutters to the Planning Commission to serve in the vacancy created by Jason Martin.

The room was filled with persons concerned with the recent issue associated with Selmer's First Responders and McNairy Co. EMS.

Mr. James McNeil, McNairy County First Responder Coordinator, and Mr. David Dillingham, Chief Selmer Fire Department had been unable to reach a prior agreement concerning signing of an agreement of policies and procedures between the two divisions now necessary to be in place. Mr. McNeil had suspended the Selmer First Responders until the agreement could be signed. This had festered creating a somewhat intense atmosphere within the crowd. Mr. McNeil addressed the Mayor and Board and the few words causing the disagreement were discussed by both sides. Mr. McNeil later turned his presentation over to Mr. Chuck Latimer, EMT-P Regional Director. After a lengthy session an agreement was reached to allow and also change a few of the troubling words. Mr. McNeil agreed to even retype these areas on the Mayor's computer immediately so that the agreement could be in place at once allowing Selmer Responders to continue their outstanding works if need be.

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Motion by Harry Smith and seconded by John Smith to authorize Chief Dillingham to sign the corrected Agreement between McNairy EMS and McNairy County First Responder Unit operating within the service area of McNairy County for the Conduct and Coordination of an Emergency Medical Response Program.
All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Alderman John Smith expressed disappointment that this issue had caused Selmer to be without first responders and asked that in the future something this major be resolved sooner. Alderman Paul Simpson gave reference to the Fire Department's Mission Statement and stated that something should have been done before it got this far. Mayor Robinson explained that EMS had been unwilling to negotiate up until this point and that the city had been advised by Ray Crouch, MTAS Fire Management Consultant, that the original document presented by EMS would violate Federal Law (NIMS).

Police Chief Neal Burks presented three bids for three vehicle trade in purchases for the Selmer Drug Department. Motion by Paul Simpson to accept the lowest bid with trade-in from Long Lewis Ford of Corinth, Mississippi in the amount of \$58,864 for the purchase of three 2007 Ford Expeditions to be transacted within the Drug Fund.
Motion seconded by John Smith. All five voted yes.
Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.