

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session September 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall. Mayor John Smith and all five Board of Aldermen were present as follows: John Austin, John Finlayson, J.T. Hawkins, Johnny Norris, and Willie Sain.

The meeting opened with prayer by Street Superintendent Ray Ouellette followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by John Austin.

Motion by John Austin and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the minutes of August 2021. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by J. T. Hawkins to accept the financial statement for August, 2021. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department reports were given.

Mayor Smith announced that the Knight family had been in business in Selmer for over fifty years and had come to every needed call from the town and its residents throughout the years. "They have helped in tornadoes, floods, snow and ice, every needed donation and every needed service throughout time." He recalled what the Knight's did for Selmer and residents during every disaster to include cleaning roads, City Hall and even the G. E. parking lot during last years heavy snow. "They always help in every way that they can!" Recently Mayor Smith related that the Knights had given a large donation to the relief going to Waverly, TN and to the supplies going to Houma, Louisiana during the past weeks. He further announced that recently they had sent four loads of Pine Chips worth approximately \$20,000 to go under the playground equipment in the park because all of it had been washed away.

Mayor Smith presented Jared Knight, Tim Knight, Anthony Knight, and Easton Knight Glover with an "Appreciation Plaque" as he extended a special "THANK YOU" from himself, the Board of Aldermen, and the Town of Selmer. Everyone in the room applauded!

Jessica Huff announced that many of the Youth and Adult McNairy Co Leadership groups were present as a part of their local government session and asked that they be recognized. She asked the groups to stand. They were applauded.

Mr. Butch Evans and Mr. Harvern Davis with a company called "Inet South" located in Corinth, MS discussed the possibility of bringing high speed internet into rural areas by using Selmer's Water Tanks in the county to provide access to areas where wireless net working has not been available. Mr. Evans explained that they could provide service to sixty to eighty percent of the people. "If you can see the tower or almost see it you can get coverage." Mayor Smith stated that he and the Board would look at his contract and discuss it with him. He further asked Mr. Evans how soon that the people would be able to receive the service. Mr. Evans stated that it could be possible as early as 30 days from the time that they were given the go ahead.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to approve a Resolution adopting the McNairy County, TN, Hazard Mitigation Plan for the incorporated Town of Selmer, TN. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the request of Selmer Fire Department to apply for a PEP Drivers Safety Grant. (50/50 match approximately \$8,000.) All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnny Norris. to authorize Mayor Smith to enter into negotiations regarding the purchase of 214 North 5th Street, Selmer, TN.

All five voted yes.

Motion carried.

Carolyn Burns addressed the Mayor and Board with many compliments concerning the Parks and Recreation and Director Sybil Dancer. She praised Sybil Dancer's efforts to make a way for children to take part in the recreational activities as well as the untiring work for successful events and the Christmas trees downtown. She showed a picture of her son and expressed appreciation in being allow to coach and spend time through recreation with him during his lifetime. She complimented the Christmas trees and how impressed her friends from Corinth were with their beauty, and all the hard work involved to make the town beautiful. Ms. Burns asked that persons who complained about the parks and events come and help them do the work that it takes.

J. T. Hawkins thanked Ms. Burns and complimented her on how much that she had contributed to recreational programs and how well she had done helping the children in these programs. Richard Ashe expressed that she was the best coach that he had seen!

The room Applauded Ms. Burns in appreciation.

Meeting Adjourned