

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session July 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Selmer City Hall.

Mayor John Smith and the 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 J. T. Hawkins followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag of America led by Kim Holley.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by J. T. Hawkins to approve the minutes of June, 2021. (June 8, 2021 and June 29, 2021).

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to accept the June, 2021 financial statement. All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports were given.

Motion by Johnny Norris and seconded by Willie Sain to approve the request of Selmer Fire Department to apply for a three year one hundred percent paid employee grant.

All five voted yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by J.T. Hawkins and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve the request of Selmer Fire Dept to apply for two PEP Grants with a 50/50 match. (\$4000.00 and \$3,000.00).

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by John Finlayson to approve the request of Selmer Police Department to declare surplus 19 Glock Pistols, model numbers and serial numbers shown on next page of this minute book.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Willie Sain and seconded by Johnny Norris to approve the purchase of the 133 Warren Avenue property adjoining Selmer City Hall in the amount of \$125,000.00.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by J. T. Hawkins and seconded by John Austin to approve utilizing the Cares Act Money with a one time bonus check provided to each full time employee in the amount of \$2,000.00 and \$500.00 to a part- time employee determined to be eligible by the Department Head.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Finlayson and seconded by Willie Sain to approve and accept the bid from Willis Lawn Management in the amount of \$22,800.00 for mowing the Oak Hill Cemetery.

All five voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Huggins of 432 East Poplar Avenue brought pictures and addressed the Mayor and Board concerning unsightly areas near his residence. Mr. Huggins had attended a previous meeting concerning a house on Poplar that had since been cleared but asked the status of other properties in the Oak Street area. He was assured that these areas were going through the process necessary for official clean up. Mayor Smith explained that the town was in Phase 2. of the clean up and that all steps were necessary though very lengthy.

Mr. Huggins was also very concerned that major funds were being disbursed on the North Park (Patriot Park) in an area unseen when passing while the South Park, which was seen by everyone coming to town, was in a terrible looking shape.

He was very concerned with the age old water problem as well as the concession stand's need for paint and clean up viewed by everyone. He stated that for approximately a year and a half scrap iron, piles of bricks, weeds and what was now appearing to be kudzu vine growing on the property.

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Sybil Dancer explained that McNairy County owned the "Little League Ballfield" and that the Town of Selmer could neither change it or apply for grant funds on properties not owned by theTown.

Mr. Huggins left approximately 12 pictures and asked that they be looked at and the issues addressed.

Meeting Adjourned.