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COMPTROLLER'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Town of Selmer Street and Sanitation Department

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Selmer Mayor and
Board of Alderman
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Selmer, TN 38375

Town of Selmer Officials:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the Town of Selmer Street and Sanitation Department, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Lee, the State Attorney General, the District Attorney General of the 25th Judicial District, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in our Office and may be viewed at http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/.

Sincerely,

Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury

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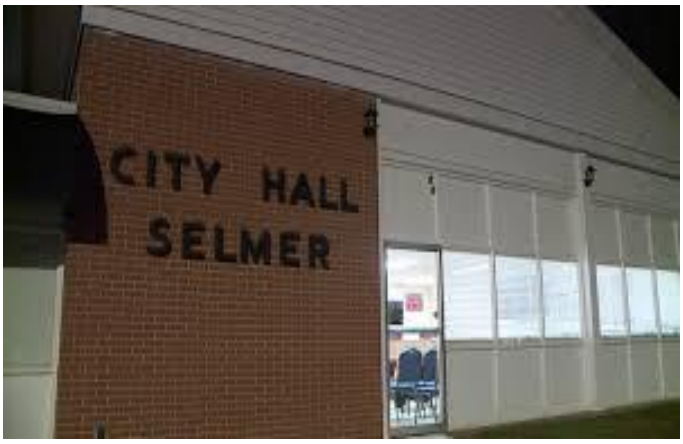
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Town of Selmer
Street and Sanitation Department

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to the Town of Selmer Street and Sanitation Department. The investigation was initiated after the Office of the Comptroller received allegations that the town's Street and Sanitation Department Superintendent made unauthorized transactions using his town-issued credit card. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period September 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025. The results of the investigation were communicated with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 25th Judicial District.

BACKGROUND



The Town of Selmer (town) is located in McNairy County, and it is the county seat, with a population of 4,488 residents. The town operates several departments to manage public safety, infrastructure, and community services. The town's Street and Sanitation Department oversees road maintenance, waste collection, and general town cleanliness.

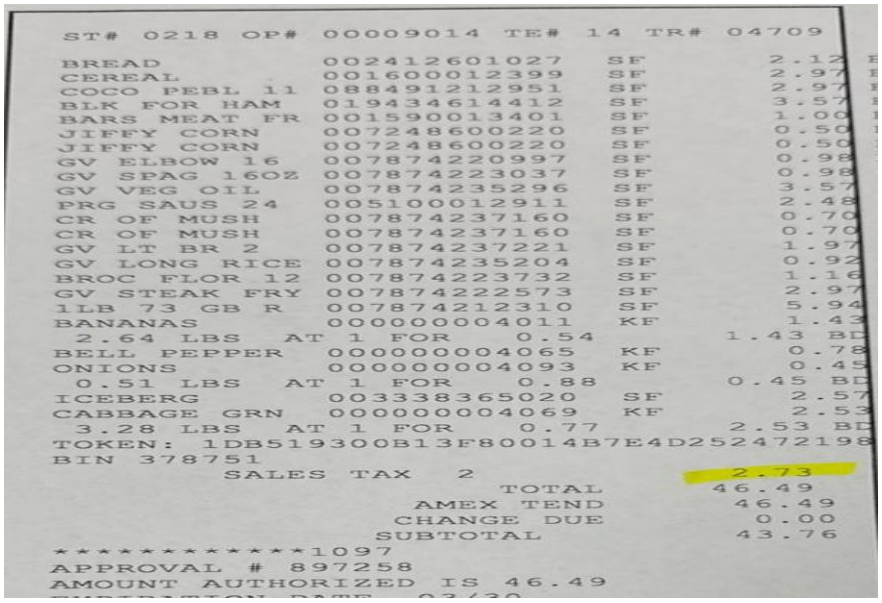
John Parker, Jr. was hired as the town's Street and Sanitation Department (department) Superintendent on September 9, 2025. He maintained that position until December 9, 2025, when his employment was terminated by the town's board during the December board meeting after he admitted to using the town's issued credit card for personal use.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

1. FORMER TOWN OF SELMER STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT JOHN PARKER, JR. MISAPPROPRIATED AT LEAST $185.66

Former department superintendent John Parker, Jr. misappropriated at least $185.66 from the town. During the investigative period, Parker made three unauthorized purchases at Walmart using his town-issued American Express credit card. The transactions occurred on October 25, November 2, and November 9, 2025. Receipts show the purchases consisted of food items, including eggs, bread, lunch meat, peanut butter, cereal, and vegetables **(Refer to Exhibit 1)**.

Exhibit 1



ST# 0218 OP# 00009014 TE# 14 TR# 04709

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CEREAL	001600012399	SF	2.97
COCO PEBL 11	088491212951	SF	2.97
BLK FOR HAM	019434614412	SF	3.57
BARS MEAT FR	001590013401	SF	1.00
JIFFY CORN	007248600220	SF	0.50
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GV ELBOW 16	007874220997	SF	0.98
GV SPAG 16OZ	007874223037	SF	0.98
GV VEG OIL	007874235296	SF	3.57
PRG SAUS 24	005100012911	SF	2.48
CR OF MUSH	007874237160	SF	0.70
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GV LT BR 2	007874237221	SF	1.97
GV LONG RICE	007874235204	SF	0.92
BROC FLOR 12	007874223732	SF	1.16
GV STEAK FRY	007874222573	SF	2.97
1LB 73 GB R	007874212310	SF	5.94
BANANAS	000000004011	KF	1.43
2.64 LBS AT 1 FOR 0.54			1.43 BD
BELL PEPPER	000000004065	KF	0.78
ONIONS	000000004093	KF	0.45
0.51 LBS AT 1 FOR 0.88			0.45 BD
ICEBERG	003338365020	SF	2.57
CABBAGE GRN	000000004069	KF	2.53
3.28 LBS AT 1 FOR 0.77			2.53 BD

TOKEN: 1DB519300B13F80014B7E4D252472198
BIN 378751

SALES TAX 2	2.73
TOTAL	46.49
AMEX TEND	46.49
CHANGE DUE	0.00
SUBTOTAL	43.76

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APPROVAL # 897258
AMOUNT AUTHORIZED IS 46.49

Copy of the November 9, 2025, Walmart receipt detailing the $46.49 unauthorized purchase Parker charged using his town-issued American Express credit card

At the December 9, 2025 board meeting, Parker stated to board members that he misused the credit card more than once for personal reasons.

Summary of Misappropriation by John Parker, Jr.

Misappropriation	Transaction Date	Amount
Walmart Transaction #1	10/25/2025	$104.68
Walmart Transaction #2	11/2/2025	$34.49
Walmart Transaction #3	11/9/2025	$46.49
Total		**$185.66**

On June 15, 2026, the McNairy County Grand Jury indicted John Parker, Jr. on one count of Theft of Property under $1,000, one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, and one count of Official Misconduct.

The charges and allegations contained in the indictment are merely accusations of criminal conduct, and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

Town of Selmer Street and Sanitation Department Investigation Exhibit