

April 21, 2011

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 21ST day of April 2011, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Alderman Jim Floyd	
Alderman Hoyte Jones	
Alderman Robert Officer	
Alderman Judy Payne	
	Alderman Debbie Sopha
Vice-Mayor Robert Verble	

Other city staff members present were:

Hugh M. Carmichael II	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
L. R. West	Electric System Director	Present
Lynn Omohundro	City Attorney	Absent
Jeff Guth	Police Chief	Present
Dennis Clark	Codes Enforcement Officer	Absent
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Olof Fornehed	Public Works Director	Present

A quorum was present and notice had been previously mailed to all members and the news media. Mayor Young called the meeting to order. Jeff Guth, Police Chief, opened with a prayer by request of the Mayor.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne a second by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 regular meeting which had been previously mailed to all board members and read by each member prior to the meeting. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Officer to approve Ordinance No.11-857 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Sparta Municipal Code pertaining to the sale of beer in the City of Sparta. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes
The motion passed.	

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve Ordinance No.11-858 on first reading, an ordinance to change the zoning classification for properties on Cope Street from R-A to C-D. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes
The motion passed.	

Kirk Young, Fire Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Structure Fires reported
- Station opening May 29, 2011

L.R. West, Electric Director, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Minimal outages
- Routine pole inspections
- Appreciation to police dept for traffic control

Olof Fornehed, Public Works Director, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Normal spring clean up
- CDBG Project starting

Jeff Guth, Police Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Meth lab clean-up
- YMCA 5K run

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the City Recorder's financial reports. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve the low bid of \$63,770.00 from Broom Construction for the water line replacement at SR111 @ Taft Church road. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Jones to authorize the execution of a slope easement agreement for an easement located on property in the Sparta / White County Industrial Park. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve property tax change of assessment No. 10-364. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Floyd to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with LTS Construction, LLC in the amount of \$26,216.00 in payment for emergency repairs to wastewater collection system, SR84 (N. Main St). The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Absent

Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Floyd to accept the verbal offer from USDA regarding the application for financial assistance for sewer improvements and authorize the mayor to execute the appropriate documents at a loan closing to take place next week. The total available financing of 2.8 million consists of a 1.5 million dollar loan @ 2.875% maximum interest rate over 38 years and a 1.3 million dollar grant. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Sopha..... Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Floyd to share the cost of the installation of approximately 30 feet of additional sidewalks at the Sparta / White County Senior Citizens Center. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Sopha..... Absent
Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes
The motion passed.

Additional items were discussed:

- Census
- Sonic Cruise-in
- Grass cutting at vacant houses
- Motlow budget
- Local planning office closing 6/30/11
- Charter changes

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with second by Alderman Jones. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder