

August 4, 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 4th day of August 2011, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

Members Present

Alderman Hoyte Jones
Alderman Robert Officer
Alderman Judy Payne

Vice-Mayor Robert Verble

Members Absent

Alderman Jim Floyd

Alderman Debbie Sopha

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	Present
Jeff Guth	Police Chief	Absent
Dennis Clark	Codes Enforcement Officer	Absent
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Absent
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. Alderman Robert Officer opened with a prayer by request of the Mayor.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 regular meeting, with the corrected purchase price of \$17,500.00 for the used chipper, 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.

Lanny Selby, Fire fighter, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Update on calls
- Clean up on Polk Street station started
- New imaging camera installed

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

- Routine Maintenance & pole replacement
- Hwy 111 lighting problems corrected
- BBT transformer leaking

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

- Normal operations – water/sewer depts.
- Sidewalk @ senior citizens building
- Street patching

Rob Hall, Police Lieutenant, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Normal business

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hourly rate increase for the City Attorney from \$100/hr to \$125/hr. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes

Alderman Floyd.....Absent
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 Vice-Mayor Verble to approve the charge off of bad debts for the utility departments in the amount of \$8,787.75. The roll call was as follows:

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

The Mayor declared the Board to be in session as the Beer Board.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the on-site beer permit for Rodolfo Alvarez d/b/a El Tapatio located at 243 N. Spring Street. The roll call was as follows:

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

The Mayor declared the session of the Beer Board closed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Verble with a second by Alderman Jones to authorize the execution of a contract with Bass, Berry & Sims, Attorneys to serve as bond counsel for the issuance of \$1,590,000 in Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Bonds, Series 2011 for the financing of construction of water and sewer improvements. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Absent
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 Vice-Mayor Verble to table any decision regarding giving suggestions to the Chamber Board until after a work session. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Additional items discussed:

- Tall grass on Gaines Street
- USDA grant application for farmers market

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 6:05 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder