

**August 5, 2010**

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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2010, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

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

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
Ed Kay	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 Pedigo 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 Officer to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2010 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 Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Resolution No.10-449, a resolution to adopt the City's property tax rate of 1.05 for the 2010 tax year, which was the certified rate determined by the State Department of Property Assessments due to the reappraisal of property values. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve Resolution No.10-448, a resolution requesting a correction to the charter for the City of Sparta regarding voting in city elections by non-resident property owners. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

- Tree trimming
- Pole safety training
- Home energy audits available

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

- Street patching update
- Mosquito spraying
- Wall @ civic center ready for exterior finish
- Water tank valves installed
- Bad tasting water issue

Ed Kay, Fire Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Simulated disaster @ NHC healthcare
- Tornado sirens fully operational

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

- Upcoming fair 9/3/2010

Jody Vance of Gresham Smith & Partners engineering firm, addressed the audience regarding the Hwy 111 lighting project and answered questions posed by Tommy Brown, owner of the Sparta Drive-In regarding lighting issues possibly affecting his business.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the charge off of bad debts for the Utility Departments for the year ended June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$46,149.76, including Federal Mogul's bad debt of \$38,312.04 due to bankruptcy. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the emergency repair of a collapsed sewer line on Ben Lomand Drive in the amount of \$19,900.00 by Midsouth Trenchless, Inc. The roll call was as follows:

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

No additional items were discussed.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Alderman Payne. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder