

**January 6, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

<u><b>Members Present</b></u>	<u><b>Members Absent</b></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	Present
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 Young called the meeting to order. Police Chief, Jeff Guth, 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 December 16, 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 Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Verble to approve Ordinance No. 11-854 on second and final reading, an ordinance to repeal paragraph 8-223 of Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Sparta Municipal Code related to the days and hours of operation for 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.....Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes  
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Jones to approve Ordinance No. 11-855 on second and final reading, an ordinance of the City of Sparta, Tennessee repealing the prohibition of intoxicating liquor sales on premise and adopting a privilege tax on retail sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premise. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Officer to approve Ordinance No. 11-856 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Sparta, Tennessee repealing Section 8-210 of Chapter 2, Title 8 of the Sparta Municipal Code regarding the prohibition of the sale of beer for on-premise consumption. The roll call was as follows:

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

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

- House on Riverside Dr. torn down
- Park maintenance
- Patching pot holes
- Routine sewer maintenance

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

- Structure fires
- Purchased used thermal imaging camera

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

- Continued enforcement of traffic violations
- Radar certification by all officers

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

- Traffic light @ Wilson damaged
- Transformer for Payless Drug
- HMMI program
- On-line self audits
- Hwy 111 lights on

There was a motion by Alderman Jones and a second by Alderman Floyd 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..... Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes  
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Jones to authorize the payment of an invoice to White County Board of Education for expenses related to Motlow College, Sparta location in the amount of \$19,853.66. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Officer a second by Alderman Jones to authorize the solicitation of employment applications for a skilled laborer for the general fund. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones and a second by Alderman Floyd to approve the low bid for three 2011 Ford Crown Victoria police pursuit vehicles from Golden Circle Ford in the amount of \$69,632.40, which were budgeted items, with one being funded from a \$15,000.00 grant with the remainder from the Drug fund, one being purchased from the Equipment fund and one from the General Fund. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the tree trimming bid from White County Tree Service at \$70/hour. After discussion, Alderman Jones withdrew his motion. There was a motion by Alderman Floyd to approve the low bid from Putnam County Tree Service at \$65/ hour and the motion died for lack of a second.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd and a second by Alderman Payne to table the vote until further discussion. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Additional items were discussed:

- American Legion Building installing elevator
- American History Dedication @ Wallace-Smith Park 2/5/11

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with second by Alderman Floyd. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder