

August 3, 2023

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a scheduled meeting at Sparta City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 3rd day of August 2023, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

**Members Present**

Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer  
Alderman Jim Floyd  
Alderman Brian Jones  
Alderman Travis McBride  
Alderman Judy Payne  
Alderman Brent Young

**Members Absent**

Status of other city staff members were:

Tonya R. Tindle	City Administrator / City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Nick Dunn	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	Present
Tonia Wilson	Finance Director	Present
Belva Bess		Present
	Electric Manager	

A quorum was present and notice had been previously mailed to all members and the news media. Mayor Lowery called the meeting to order. Brad Walker opened with a prayer. Bobby Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance by request of the mayor.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 regular called 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 Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Ordinance No.23-963 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend Title 18, Chapter 1, Section 103 of the Sparta Municipal Code regarding sewer grinder pumps. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
Alderman Payne.....Yes  
Alderman Young.....Yes  
Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Floyd to authorize the solicitation of Request for Qualifications (RFQS) for landscape architects for the Sparta "Splash Park". All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the low bid for the purchase and replacement of garage doors at the N. Spring Street Fire Hall to Mid-State Garage Doors in the amount of \$10,400.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
Alderman Payne.....Yes  
Alderman Young.....Yes  
Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the low bid for the installation of guard rails on Wagoner Street by Roadway Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$18,425.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
Alderman Payne.....Yes  
Alderman Young.....Yes  
Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the low bid for the resurfacing of the courts at the N. Carter Street Park to Seal Rite, Inc. in the amount of \$20,995.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
 Alderman Jones.....Yes  
 Alderman McBride.....Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
 Alderman Payne.....Yes  
 Alderman Young.....Yes  
 Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the low bid for the purchase of various rock from Rogers Group for in-house projects for the Public Works Department. Crusher Run @ \$10.50/ton, ½” Chip @ \$17.50/ton, ¾” Chip @ \$16.50/ton, 2” Chip @ \$15.00/ton and 6” Rip Rap @ \$16.25/ton.

The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
 Alderman Jones.....Yes  
 Alderman McBride.....Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
 Alderman Payne.....Yes  
 Alderman Young.....Yes  
 Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of two police pursuit vehicles for the Police Department. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the charge-off of bad debts for the Utility Departments in the amount of \$ 3,785.24 for the year July 2022 to June 2023. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Young to authorize the sale of surplus property for various departments as allowed by Resolution No. 23-585. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize taking applications for the position of Equipment Operator, due to Igor Bachoy’s termination. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

Department heads placed their reports in the agenda and Aldermen asked questions.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the quote to sandblast and prime the Train Caboose by Mid-Tn Media Sandblasting in the amount of \$5,250.00.

The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
 Alderman Jones.....Yes  
 Alderman McBride.....Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes  
 Alderman Payne.....Yes  
 Alderman Young.....Yes  
 Mayor Lowery.....Yes  
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the solicitation of bids for the upgrade and rental of the city owned billboard located on Hwy 111. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

Citizens comments were heard:

- Erbie Price request the Civic Center fee waived for Martin Luther King Celebration.

Additional items were discussed:

- Handrails
- X-mas decorations
- Food Truck Work session
- TML Conference

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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 Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

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 Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder

