

August 2, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in regular session at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 2nd day of August 2007, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

Members Present

Alderman Howard Griffin
Vice-Mayor Hoyt Jones
Alderman Bobby Officer
Alderman Margaret Pearson
Alderman Debbie Sopha
Alderman Jeff Young

Members Absent

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	Present
Ed Kay	Fire Chief	Absent
Ross Fann	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.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2007 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.

Mayor Pedigo introduced and welcomed Linda Mackie as the new coordinator for Motlow College. She gave a brief summary of their plan of action and needs to help serve the citizens of Sparta and White County.

Rhonda Dawson, president of the Downtown Business Association, requested permission from the City to block off a section of Liberty Square and to use the Amphitheater on October 20, 2007 to host The Souper Bowl Soup cook-off. There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve the request. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Mayor Pedigo opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 07-824, an ordinance to adopt the City's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. No comments were made and the public hearing was declared closed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve Ordinance No. 07-824 on second and final reading, an ordinance to adopt an operating budget for the City of Sparta for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
Alderman Griffin..... Yes
Vice-Mayor Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Pearson..... Yes
Alderman Sopha.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve Resolution No. 07-416, a resolution to adopt the City's property tax rate of 1.10 for the 2007 tax year, which was the rate determined by the State due to a reappraisal. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
Alderman Griffin..... Yes
Vice-Mayor Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Pearson..... Yes
Alderman Sopha.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Alderman Officer to authorize the execution of a contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Sparta Walkway and Trail Enhancement project, Phase II. The grant is an 80 / 20 grant, with the local share being approximately \$60,000.00. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
Alderman Griffin..... Yes
Vice-Mayor Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Pearson..... Yes
Alderman Sopha.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve the following job descriptions: Public Works Superintendent over Water, Street, and Vehicle Maintenance, Public Works Superintendent over Sewer and Sanitation, Special Projects Supervisor, Water / Sewer Compliance Officer, Water / Sewer Compliance Technician. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Alderman Officer to approve the change of employment classification of Clay Parker from Street Superintendent to Special Projects Supervisor, with no change in Pay Grade or compensation. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Alderman Young to approve the promotion of Terry Gardner from Trades Helper I (Pay grade 2, Step 2) to Sanitation Truck Driver (Pay grade 3, Step 1). All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve the change of employment classification of Rob Rowan from Sanitation Truck Driver to Trades Helper II, with no change in Pay Grade or compensation. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Pedigo with a second by Alderman Pearson to approve the promotion of Greg O'Neal from Water/Sewer Compliance Officer (Pay grade 5, Step 5) to Public Works Superintendent – Water, Streets, & Vehicle Maintenance (Pay grade 8, Step 1). All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Officer to approve the change of employment classification of Jeff Sliger from Meter Reader to Water/Sewer Compliance Technician, with no change in Pay Grade or compensation. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Young to authorize the solicitation of employment applications for Trades Helper I, Street Laborer I, and Meter Reader I. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to authorize the execution of a contract for professional services with James C. Hailey & Company, Inc. for various improvement projects at the water plant. The roll call was as follows:

- Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
- Alderman Griffin..... Yes
- Vice-Mayor Jones.....Yes
- Alderman Officer.....Yes
- Alderman Pearson..... Yes
- Alderman Sopha.....Yes
- Alderman Young.....Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Pearson to approve the charge off of bad debts in the amount of \$11,068.18 for the Electric & Water Funds for the year ended June 30, 2007. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Mayor Pedigo called the Beer board to order.

There was a motion by Alderman Pearson with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve the beer permit of Mike Sarr, Citgo Mart IV at 556 W. Bockman Way. The roll call was as follows:

- Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
- Alderman Griffin..... Yes
- Vice-Mayor Jones.....Yes
- Alderman Officer.....Yes
- Alderman Pearson..... Yes
- Alderman Sopha.....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 Young with second by Alderman Pearson voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder