

December 8, 2022

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a scheduled meeting at Duck Pond Manor, at 5:00 PM on the 8th day of December 2022, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer	
Alderman Jim Floyd	
Alderman Brian Jones	
Alderman Travis McBride	
Alderman Judy Payne	
Alderman Brent Young	

Status of other city staff members were:

Tonya R. Tindle	Interim City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O’Neal	Codes Enforcement	Present
Belva Bess	Electric Manager	Present

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 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.22-951 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend the Sparta Municipal Code Title 14, Chapter 1 Section 101. 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 Floyd to approve Resolution No.22-576, a resolution to amend the Human Resources Manual, Section III, Part J adding an emergency exception to overtime rules on a paid holiday. 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 hiring recommendation of Austin Edwards for the position of Police Patrolman. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the hiring recommendation of Derek Wilson for the position of firefighter. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the sale of used surplus police handguns to the police officers in the amount of \$250.00 each, due to the department getting new caliber handguns 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 approve the promotion of Brandon Young to the position of Wastewater Plant Operator in Charge, due to the retirement of Fred Currier. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the solicitation of applications for the position of Wastewater Plant Operator, due to the promotion of Brandon Young. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve an employee appreciation bonus in the amount of \$300.00. 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 a donation to the Sparta / White County YMCA in an amount of \$23,079.00 to help with the purchase of a 60Kw generator. This will allow the site to be used as an emergency shelter if needed. 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 Young to approve the solicitation of bids for solid waste containers. This is a budgeted item. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the solicitation of bids for chemicals for the YMCA and both water and sewer plants. This is a budgeted item. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Young to approve the purchase of various inventory items for the Electric Department. 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 Young to approve the solicitation of bids for safety doors to be installed at the City Hall. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the donation of \$10,000 to the Sparta / White County YMCA for the replacement of dangerous basketball goals in the gym. 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.

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 McBride to activate the Sparta Recreation and Parks Board and to appoint the following board members with expiring terms, Tara Heady – expiring September 2027, Daniel Marcum – expiring September 2026, Megan Choate – expiring September 2025, Brian Jones – expiring September 2024, and Kyle Goff – expiring September 2023. 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.

No citizens comments were heard.

Additional items were discussed:

- Certain Motlow classes offered free
- Christmas Parade December 10, 2022

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022

Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder