

January 16, 2025

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 16th day of January 2025, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

Members Present

Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer
Alderman Jim Floyd
Alderman Hoyt 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	Absent
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	Electric Manager	Absent

A quorum was present and notice had been previously mailed to all members and the news media. Mayor Lowery called the meeting to order. Travis McBride led a prayer and 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 December 19, 2024 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 special presentation by Kurt Dronebarger, Superintendent of Schools, and Bob Young, School Board Chairman to present the Schools' State Score Card with A+ and B scores, along with Level 5 School Recognition. Findlay Elementary was named one of six in the state as a TN 2025 Blue Ribbon School.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve Ordinance No.24-984 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 / 2025 Operating Budget that was adopted by Ordinance No. 24-978. 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 Jones to approve Ordinance No.24-986 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend Title 12, Chapter 2, Section 207 and 207(b) of the Sparta Municipal Code to update the Schedule of fees for building permits to the 2018 International Code Councils Building Valuation Data. 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 hiring recommendation of Robert Bryant for the position of Police Officer, due to the retirement of J. T. King. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the promotion of Sean Anderson to Electric Lineman from Apprentice Lineman after completion of the Line Worker Apprenticeship Program through TVPPA. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendation of Leslie Warren Nipper for the position of Electric Lineman. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the transfer of Keith Volkers from Sanitation Truck Driver to the position of Water Plant Operator in Training, due to the resignation of Tara Poston. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendation of Johnny Wright for the position of Trades Helper 1 to fill a vacant position. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve the Finance Director's financials. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Mayor Lowery recognized Tonia Wilson, Finance Director, for her accomplishment of obtaining the State of Tennessee Comptroller's Certified Municipal Finance Officers designation.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to authorized the Request for Qualifications for an external auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve the mayors' appointment to the Sparta Housing Authority Board, Caleb Lowery. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

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

No citizens comments were heard.

No additional items were discussed.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2025

 Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

 Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder

