

January 19, 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 19th day of January 2023, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

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

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. Travis McBride 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 January 5, 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.

Mayor Lowery administered the oath of office to patrolman Austin Edwards.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman McBride to approve Ordinance No.22-952 on second and final reading, an Ordinance to amend the Sparta Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 3 Section 306, regarding the appointment time of the City Recorder. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 Floyd to approve Ordinance No.22-953 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend the Sparta Municipal Code Title 18, Chapter 3 Section 308, regarding the Water / Sewer Tap Fees. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 Resolution No.23-577, a Resolution to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Local Parks and Recreation Program Funds for a 50 / 50 match \$1,000,000 grant for a Splash Pad Park. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Hethcoat & Davis engineers for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Sewer Rehabilitation. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 City Recorder's financial reports. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 McBride to authorize taking bids for a new HVAC system at the Civic Center, this is a budget item. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize taking bids for re-working the booster pumps at Story Mountain, this is a budget item. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize taking bids for water projects for the 23/24 budget year, this will be on the 23/24 budget. This is due to the long lead time on material. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to authorize taking bids for a new Pavilion on N. Carter Street, this is a budget item. 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 Andy Thomas for the position of Groundsman for the Electric Department, due to the transfer of Rhett Baker to the Sewer Plant. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Pay Grades 8 to 13 pay increase to balance out the pay plan from the previous \$2.32 raise given to Pay Grades 1 – 7. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 McBride to authorize taking applications for the meter reader position left vacant by Andy Thomas being promoted to Electric Groundsman. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the City Attorney's hourly rate of \$150/hr. for invoicing purposes. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
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 Floyd to approve the hiring recommendation of Tonya Tindle for the position of City Administrator. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Absent  
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 Alderman Young with a second by Vice-Officer Officer to authorize taking applications for the position of Accountant, due to Tonya Tindle being hired as City Administrator. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Citizens comments were heard.

- Erbie Price addressed the board regarding flooding issues in his neighborhood.

Additional items were discussed:

- Handrails on Bockman Way steps

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 5:42 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