

January 5, 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 5th 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 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	Absent
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Absent
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Absent
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 December 8, 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 second and final reading, an Ordinance to amend the Sparta Municipal Code Title 14, Chapter 1 Section 101, regarding planning commission total members. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Ordinance No.22-952 on first 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.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes
The motion passed.	

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman McBride to approve a 10 year lease with the Sparta / White County YMCA, adding changes to include an option to renew, terminate and a hold harmless clause. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Hethcoat & Davis engineers for the 2021 CDBG wastewater collection system rehabilitation project Grant. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the solicitation of Request for Qualifications (RFQS) for engineering services for the 2021 TDOT Multimodal Sidewalk Grant. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the renewal of the Master Services Agreement with Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc. 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.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to authorize the Statement of Work with Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc. for the Electric Department to implement a HMI(Human-Machine interface) & Alarm at the substation, not to exceed \$24,000.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the Statement of Work with Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc. for the Electric Department to implement an underground subdivision design for the new Gillen Farm Development, not to exceed \$29,000.00. The developer has deposited the \$29,000.00 with Sparta Electric. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to amend the contract with Norris Brothers to include installing two additional manholes and 280' of pipe bursting lines for an amount of \$56,000.00. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to amend the contract with Gulf Coast Underground to include smoke testing of an additional 10,500 feet of sewer lines for an amount of \$12,000.00. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Floyd to re-appoint Tonya R. Tindle as City Recorder per Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 3. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to appoint Rick Williams to the E-911 board due to Robert McCormick resignation. 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 purchase of additional wire from Power Supply that had been previously approved. The previous quote was for a reel and not the needed 1500ft. The new price is \$3.05 per ft for a 4,960 ft reel. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ram 1500 Crew 4WD Truck in the amount of \$37,081.75 for the Electric Department on State Contract. This was a budgeted 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 quote from Service Electric to replace a Tap Changer at the Substation in the amount of \$97,503.00. This failure will be filed with insurance. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve bid results for the purchase of chemicals for the water, wastewater plants and the swimming pool. The low bids of Kemira PAX-XL 8/lb. at .489/lb. with 2.5% fuel charge, Bioxide @ 2.88/gal., Sodium Hypochlorite at \$3.30/gal., Muriatic Acid @.40/lb., and Liquid Fluoride at \$3.80/gal from Dycho, and, Sulfur Dioxide 150 lb. cylinders @ 1.62/lb., 150 lb. cylinders of Chlorine at \$1.62/lb., and Calcium Hypochlorite at \$2.13/lb. from Citco Water., and, bulk Sodium Hypochlorite at \$2.86/gal., and Super floc C-1598/gal at \$23.99 from Brenntag. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Lowery.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the additional cost of \$6,189.17 to Stringfellow, Inc. for the repairs to the brush truck. The original quote to repair the pac mac unit was \$17,901.36, but upon further investigation the truck needed additional repairs to cylinders, etc., which made the final invoice \$24,090.53. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Lowery.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the low bids for solid waste containers to Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC. The bid was for 8- 6yd containers at \$1,118.00 each and 5- 8yd containers @ 1,268.00 with freight of \$737.00 for a total invoice of \$16,021.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the payment of legal fees to Bass, Berry & Sims in the amount of \$29,906.50 for legal consultation on the Riverkeepers lawsuit. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Lowery.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	No
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Absent
Mayor Lowery.....	No

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the hiring of Rhett Baker for the position of Sewer Plant Operator-in-training, due to the promotion of Brandon Young. Rhett Baker is moving from the Electric Department and will be moving from a pay grade 5 to a pay grade 3 until he completes his training. 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 Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize taking in-house applications for the position of Electric Groundsman/Truck Driver, due to Rhett Baker being moved to the Sewer Plant. 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:

- Riverkeepers Lawsuit

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 5:54 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023

Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder