

January 17, 2008

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 17TH day of January 2008, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

Members Present

Alderman Howard Griffin
Vice-Mayor Hoyt Jones
Alderman Bobby Officer

Alderman Debbie Sopha
Alderman Jeff Young

Members Absent

Alderman Margaret Pearson

Other city staff members present were:

Hugh M. Carmichael II	City Administrator	Absent
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	Present
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 Sopha with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2008 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.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Officer to approve property tax change of assessment #07-320. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve Resolution No.08-424, a resolution to authorize a special exception to approve the request of John M. Sims regarding the future use of two of the Steiner-Sims burial plots in the Old Sparta City Cemetery. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve the City Recorder's Financial Reports for the month of December 2007. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

L. R. West, Electric Manager, gave a progress report on the construction of the new addition to the electric building, the traffic light grant and tree trimming.

Ross Fann, Public Works Director, gave progress reports on the following projects: 2008 CDBG, Hampton's Crossroad Sewer Expansion, and water plant improvements. Greg O'Neal, Water Superintendent, recognized the following employee's for achievements: Rob Bernhardt achieved a Grade 4 Water Plant Operator certificate, Patsy Phifer achieved Grade 4 Water Plant Operator, Stephen Goodwin achieved both a Water Distribution Grade 2 and Cross connections and Backflow Prevention certifications, Jeff Sliger also achieved a Cross connections and Backflow Prevention certificate. D.C. Bussell, Wastewater Superintendent, recognized the following employee's for achievements: Mike Davis achieved a Wastewater Collection Grade 1 certification and Jason Young achieved a Wastewater Grade 3 Sewer Treatment Plant certification.

Ed Kay, Fire Chief, recognized Stephen Goodwin for achieving the status Fire Arson Investigator.

Mayor Pedigo acknowledged appreciation for all the hard work the aforementioned employees have shown in obtaining their certifications and thanked them for their dedication to the City.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Young to approve the hiring recommendation of Michael Howard for the position of Sanitation Laborer. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Joe England, County Commissioner, addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman regarding a joint commitment for a museum for the Citizens of Sparta and White County. The Mayor and Board had favorable comments for the project.

Additional items discussed:

- Update on Margaret Pearson

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Vice-Mayor Jones voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008

Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder