

May 6, 2021

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 6th day of May 2021, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

**Members Present**

Vice-Mayor Jim Floyd  
Alderman Hoyt Jones  
Alderman Jerry Lowery

Alderman Judy Payne  
Alderman Brent Young

**Members Absent**

Alderman Robert Officer

Status of other city staff members were:

Brad Hennessee	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Lynn Omohundro	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 Young called the meeting to order. Doug Goff opened with a prayer. Jerry Lowery led the Pledge of Allegiance by request of the Mayor.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Young to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 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.

The Board recognized Grant Slatten and Gracie Dodgen honoring them for their outstanding careers in Sports and Academics at White County High School and presenting them each with a proclamation.

The Board presented proclamations to Belva Bess, Lorie Jeffries, Dana McKinney, Renea Price, Jennifer Roberts, Tonya Tindle, Julie Wenger and Angie Wilhite in recognition of Professional Clerks Week.

The Board recognized David Darnell from Highland Economic for a brief introduction.

There was a public hearing regarding Ordinance No.21-936, an ordinance concerning a rezoning request made by Megan Dodson to amend the digital "Zoning Map, Sparta, Tennessee, March 2012" to change approximately 0.22 acres of property on Fred Hill Road from M-1 to C-D. There were no comments and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Jones to approve Ordinance No.21-936 on second and final reading, an ordinance concerning a rezoning request made by Megan Dodson to amend the digital "Zoning Map, Sparta, Tennessee, March 2012" to change approximately 0.22 acres of property on Fred Hill Road from M-1 to C-D. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Resolution No. 21-562, a Resolution to apply to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for H.O.M.E. grant funds in the maximum amount of \$375,000 with no city match. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the City Recorder's financial reports. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to approve property tax change of assessments #20-422 and #20-423 for a net decrease of \$828.00 to the tax roll. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Vice-Mayor Floyd to approve the low bid of \$19,823.86 from Moyer's Metals for building materials for the new shed at the S. Carter Street location of the Public Works Department. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Young to approve retiring a 2005 Ford Excursion and 23 Silver Dollar Coins from drug seizure as surplus from the Police Department for the purpose of sale on GovDeals. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Young to approve retirement of a 1998 International 4900 Digger Derrick Truck as surplus material. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Jones to authorize discussions in offering a building lease at 136 Baker Street, formerly occupied by the White County Board of Education. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowrey with a second by Vice-Mayor Floyd to approve solicitation of applications for Patrolman for the Police Department, due to the resignation of Jared Denton. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Lowery to approve the internal promotion of David Zuber to Senior Tradesman in the Water Department, due to the recent promotion of Andy Thomas to Electric Meter Reader. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the internal promotion of Preston Martin to Truckdriver in the Water Department, due to the impending promotion of the person that held that position. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

The Mayor declared the Board to be in session as the Beer Board.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Jones to fine Alcorn's Market (Jayaben Patel) \$1500.00 and to be placed on one year probation for the violation of the provisions of the City of Sparta beer ordinance, section 8-220, for permitting the sale of beer to a minor. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to fine Dixie Mart (Bhavnaben Patel) \$1500.00 and to be placed on one year probation for the violation of the provisions of the City of Sparta beer ordinance, section 8-220, for permitting the sale of beer to a minor. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

The Mayor declared the session of the Beer Board closed.

Department heads gave reports.

Citizen comments were heard:

- Seeds of Hope – Tina Lomax request donation for homeless shelter

Additional items discussed:

- Consider making parks no smoking zones
- Sympathy to Dee Harris and U. Culley families

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder