

**March 20, 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 6th<sup>day</sup> of March 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	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
L. R. West	Electric System Director	Present
Lynn Omohundro	City Attorney	Absent
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 Young to approve the minutes of the March 6, 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.

Mayor Pedigo addressed the residents of Rainbow Hills Subdivision, and commented on a meeting O'Conner Utility District was having on Monday March 24 to discuss possibilities that might help correct the problem of low water pressure in that area.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve Ordinance No. 08-829 on first reading, an ordinance to add a Chapter 2 to Title 17 of the Sparta Municipal Code regarding solid waste service policies and fees to give the Board more time to make a decision. 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.....Yes
- The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve Resolution No. 08-426, a resolution calling for a city election to be held on August 7, 2008. 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.....Yes
- The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Officer to approve the City Recorder's financial reports for the month of February 2008. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Young to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of two police pursuit vehicles. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Sopha to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of an automated residential solid waste cart system. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve property tax change of assessment #07-327. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Officer to authorize the solicitation of employment applications for the position of Traders Helper I for the Water / Sewer Department. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a status report given regarding the three dangerous buildings located on Wagoner, S. Camp Heights, and Lee Streets that had previously been issued show cause orders. After discussion, there was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to authorize the City Attorney to send notice to the property owners that all three properties would be cleaned up by the City and a lien placed on the properties. 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.....Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Sopha to authorize the acceptance of the Federal Mogul bankruptcy settlement offer for unsecured utility claims by the City of Sparta, electric and water/sewer departments and authorize the charge off of the outstanding balance of \$38,312.04 as a bad debt. 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.....Yes

The motion passed.

Additional items discussed:

- Update on Margaret Pearson
- Update on turn signals on streets
- Pot holes in many roads
- Water problem on Mose Drive

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Alderman Young voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder