

May 16, 2024

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 16th day of May 2024, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

Members Present

- Alderman Jim Floyd
- Alderman Brian Jones
- Alderman Travis McBride
- Alderman Judy Payne
- Alderman Brent Young

Members Absent

- Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer

Status of other city staff members were:

Tonya R. Tindle	City Administrator / City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Nick Dunn	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O’Neal	Codes Enforcement	Present
Tonia Wilson	Finance Director	Absent
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. Mike O’Neal 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 May 2, 2024 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 Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Ordinance No. 24-975 on first reading, an ordinance authorizing the rezoning of 111 Mitchell Street from Residential “A” (R-A) to Residential “B” (R-B). This was approved by the planning commission on May 7, 2024. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Yes
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Absent
 - 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 the solicitation of bids for rock and asphalt for the various departments for the 23/24 budget year. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the low bid for new wire and bulbs for the Christmas Snowflake decorations to American Lighting Inc. in the amount of \$7,737.83. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Yes
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Absent
 - 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 approve the invoice from Service Electric in the amount of \$105,895.97 for repairs to the Substation LTC. This will be filed with insurance. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
- Alderman Jones.....Yes
- Alderman McBride.....Yes
- Vice-Mayor Officer.....Absent
- 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 negotiation and purchase of approximately 120 acres of land on Winding Lane. No action taken.

After discussion, there was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to adopt an amendment to Alderman Floyd’s motion regarding the negotiation and purchase of approximately 120 acres of land on Winding Lane. The amendment to the motion was to seek a realtor following proper procurement procedures to help with the negotiation and legal process of acquiring the land. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman McBride.....Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....Absent
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 negotiation and purchase of approximately 120 acres of land on Winding Lane. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to table the appointments to the Industrial Development Board. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Floyd to authorize placing stop signs at Golden Mountain @ Hale Street therefore making it a three-way stop. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Jones to authorize placing stop signs at the intersection of Turntable Road @ Ray Broyles Rd therefore making it a three-way stop and to add rumble strips before the stop signs, including additional warning signs. The roll call was as follows:

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

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the applications for Temporary Beer permit from Don Sergio / Calfkiller Brewing Company for the Green Markets dated May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18, 2024. Permit applications #2 – 5 are approved and will be issued contingent upon the successful completion of the previous permits. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

The mayor declared the session of the Beer Board closed.

Department heads placed their reports in the agenda and Aldermen asked questions.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Alderman Payne to approve deeming the building located at 33 W. Bockman Way as an immediate danger and an emergency case as stated in the Sparta Code 12.1208, and to move forward with the process of demolition. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman McBride.....Yes

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

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize taking sealed bids for the demolition of the dangerous building located at 33 W. Bockman Way. The roll call was as follows:

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

Citizens comments were heard:

- David Aubrey made comments regarding the stop sign at Ray Broyles and Turntable
- Bob Payne made comments against the proposed park on Winding Lane
- Paul Lambert made comments against the proposed park on Winding Lane.

No additional items discussed.

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 5:50P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024

 Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

 Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder