

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 18th day of May 2023, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

Members Present

Members Absent

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	City Administrator / City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	Absent
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. Doug Goff 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 Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 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. 23-959 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2022/2023 operating budget that was adopted by ordinance #22-946. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve Ordinance No. 23-960 on first reading, an ordinance to provide for the general revenue thereof for the fiscal year 2023/2034 to be known as the General Revenue Ordinance for said year. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Absent
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes
 - 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 approve Ordinance No. 23-961 on first reading, and ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriations of the several departments of the city for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Young to approve the proposed contract with Gresham Smith for engineering services for the 2022 TDOT Multimodal Sidewalk Grant Project. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Absent
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes
 - 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 approve the property tax change of assessment #22-530. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the payment of \$35,845.09 to Tennessee Department of Transportation for the city's 20% share of construction cost associated with STBG funding and non-participation construction cost associated with the Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) grant. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Young to approve the low bid of \$17,980.00 for water meters for the 2023 / 2024 budget year from G & C Supply. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Young to approve the purchase of a mosquito fogger in the amount of \$15,000.00 from ADAPCO. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Absent
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes
 - 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 approve the low bid of \$34,103.33 to Hach Co. to replace the turbidimeter at the water plant. The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Absent
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes
 - 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 approve contracting with Tri-Star Real Estate & Auction Services for selling surplus city lots that have been acquired through the tax sale. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the solicitation of bids for the purchase of two 24' concrete tile basins for the Allen Drive rehab project.

The roll call was as follows:

- Alderman Floyd.....Yes
 - Alderman Jones.....Yes
 - Alderman McBride.....Absent
 - Vice-Mayor Officer.....Yes
 - 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 approve the hiring recommendations of two police officers, Ronald Vance and Austin McCoy. 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 Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the applications for Temporary Beer permit from Don Sergio / Calfkiller Brewing Company for the Green Markets dated May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, and November 3, 2023. Permit applications #2 – 6 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.

Citizens comments were heard: Nick Blaylock addressed the Board regarding changing the name of Hale Street to Jerry Don Nash Blvd.

Additional items were discussed:

- Caboose Repairs
- New Handrails on Bockman Way Sidewalk

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 5:40 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023

Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder