

May 2, 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 2nd day of May 2024, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
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
Nick Dunn	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O’Neal	Codes Enforcement	Absent
Tonia Wilson	Finance Director	Present
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. Bobby Officer 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 April 18, 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 Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Ordinance No. 24-974 on second and final reading, an ordinance to amend Title 18, Chapter 3 of the City of Sparta, Tennessee municipal code revising its rates effective June 1, 2024, for the sale of water and sewer services and prescribing rates for those services based upon meters read and bills rendered on and after July 1, 2024, for water and sewer usage. The roll call was as follows:

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

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the finance directors’ financial reports. All voted “Aye” by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman McBride with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the contract with Gresham Smith architects for the Splash Park Master Plan. The contract will be approved with amendments that were suggested by the city Attorney. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendation of Troy Wenger for the position of Truck Driver, due to the retirement of Ron Pittman. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the solicitation of applications for the position of Street Department, due to the resignation of Kevin Tayse. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the purchase of two basin seals for the sewer plant from Motion in the amount of \$10,439.32. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the purchase contract of 16 body cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the police department for \$10,711.32 for five years. The roll call was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

There was discussion regarding placing stop signs at Golden Mountain @ Hale Street, and at the intersection of Turntable Road @ Ray Broyles Rd, as well as the speed limit on Winding Lane. Mayor Lowery advised the board there would be discussion at the work session.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor McBride to authorize the solicitation of bids for 8-yard garbage containers. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

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

Citizens comments were heard:

- Lynn Holloway commented on the intersection at Turntable Rd @ Ray Broyles Road, regarding trees in curve are dangerous. She is against the stop sign.

Additional items discussed:

- Paving Bids.
- Work session immediately following the board meeting.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman McBride. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder