

November 3, 2022

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 3rd day of November 2022, 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:

Brad Hennessee	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Absent
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	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 Alderman McBride to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022 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 McBride to approve Resolution No.22-574, a resolution to approve a donation to the White County Humane Society, Inc, a non-profit organization in the amount of \$1,500.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
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 City Recorder's financials. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Young to approve the pay grade adjustment for the Fire Chief position from a pay grade 8 to a pay grade 9. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
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 position of Lead Investigator and assign the position to pay grade 6A in the city's Position Classification / Compensation Plan and promote Nick Dunn to that position. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
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 pay grade 8 pay range adjustment to start at \$57,540.00 (mid-point between pay grade 7 and pay grade 9) to bring consistency to the Position Classification / Compensation Plan. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
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 a 1 year lease with Samantha Satterfield D/B/A Sunseekers Outfitters for \$650.00 a month for the building located at 211 W. Bockman Way. The roll call was as follows:

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

Mayor Lowery announced that we will cancel the two regularly scheduled board meeting for the month of December and only have one meeting on December 8 at Bilbrey Farms with the Christmas party to follow

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

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to accept Brad Hennessee's resignation of November 23 and to approve paying him through the pay period ending November 27, 2022 and not requiring him to work out his notice. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
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 authorize hiring William "Bill" Penny to defend the city in the lawsuit against the Riverkeepers. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
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 appointing Tonya Tindle as interim City Administrator, due to the resignation of Brad Hennessee. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Yes  
Alderman McBride.....Yes  
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 solicitations for Street Laborer, due to the termination of Chelsea Dolin. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Citizens comments were heard:

- Cydney Fields thanked the Mayor and Board regarding the injection well to help prevent flooding around her property.

Additional items were discussed:

- Mayor's meeting with TDEC regarding sewer issues 11/10/2022
- MTAS involvement with hiring City Administrator
- Garbage Trucks
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- WCHS football team meal provided by City

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 5:42 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder

