

September 1, 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 18th day of August 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
Doug Goff	City Attorney	Absent
Kirk Young	Police Chief	Present
Mike O’Neal	Fire Chief	Present
Belva Bess	Codes Enforcement	Present
	Electric Manager	Absent

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 August 18, 2022 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.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the property tax change of assessments #21-276. 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 Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to authorize the emergency purchase of materials and labor to repair a back-up transfer trailer in the amount of \$23,860.00 from Turnco Machine & Welding of Cookeville for the Sanitation Division of Public Works. There was discussion and Alderman Young and Vice-Mayor Officer both amended their motions for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. 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 Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve a 2011 Jeep Patriot and a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe from drug seizers being placed on Govdeals. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the proposal for reconducting lines and replacing bad poles in the amount of \$205,000.00 from Service Electric Co of Chattanooga for the Electric Dept, which is a budgeted item. 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 Payne to approve the internal promotion of Patrolman Charlie Sims to Police Sergeant to fill the position left by the promotion of Tony Copeland to Investigator. 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 Young with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendation of William Hutchinson for the vacant position of patrolman due to the resignation of Jared Denton. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Department heads submitted written reports to the Board.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Young to donate \$1,000.00 to the White County School System to help with expenses of T-shirts for all the students and teachers in honor of achieving the Level 5 School Status from the State of Tennessee. 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 Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to increase the employee compensation plan from Pay Grade 2 through Pay Grade 7 \$2.32/hour to stay competitive. 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 Payne to approve the mayors recommendation of Caroline Sapp for the position of City Attorney, due to the resignation of Lynn Omohundro. 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 mayors recommendation of Macey Gurley for the position of City Judge, due to the resignation of John Meadows. 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 mayor's recommendation for the following appointments to the Sparta Planning Commission: Karen Benningfield and David Vidrine terms to expire September 2023, James Leftwich and Emilee Austin Roberts terms to expire September 2024, Hoyt Jones and John Farris terms to expire September 2025, and Jason DeIToro and Robert Oakes terms to expire September 2026. "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

No citizens comments were heard.

Additional items were discussed:

- 8th Annual Shady Brady Ride

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 5:15 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022

Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder