

September 2, 2021

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 2nd day of September 2021, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

Members Present

Vice-Mayor Jim Floyd
Alderman Hoyt Jones
Alderman Jerry Lowery
Alderman Robert Officer
Alderman Judy Payne
Alderman Brent Young

Members Absent

Status of other city staff members were:

Brad Hennessee	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Absent
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Absent
Lynn Omohundro	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	Present
Belva Bess	Electric Manager	Present

A quorum was present and notice had been previously mailed to all members and the news media. Mayor Young 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 Lowery to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 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 Lowery with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the appointment of John Meadows as the Municipal Court Judge, due to the passing of Judge Gary Dodson. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve transfer of bad debts for the Utility Department in the amount of \$8,242.78. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Vice-Mayor Floyd to authorize the Mayor to sign the retainer agreement with Branstetter, Stanch & Jennings, PLLC to represent the City in a opioid-related lawsuit. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Young to approve the employment agreement with the City Administrator. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the applicant Matthew Reed, for the position of Sewer Trades Helper. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the applicant Zachary Burrier, for the position of Apprentice Lineman. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Lowery.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Young.....Yes
The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the parade permit for the White County High School Homecoming Parade on September 30, 2021. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the parade permit for the American Legion Post #99 for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 6, 2021. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Lowery with a second by Alderman Officer to review and discuss the amendment of the Sparta Municipal Code, Chapter 17 on Billboards, Section 14-1702(2)(b). The roll call was as follows:

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

Department heads gave reports.

Citizen comments were heard: Torry Martin addressed the Board regarding the Caboose, Trash @ Parks and installing Bike Racks in front of M & H Hardware.

No additional items were 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 5:40 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021

Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder