

December 15, 2011

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 15th day of December 2011, with Mayor Jeff Young presiding.

Members Present

Alderman Jim Floyd
Alderman Hoyte Jones
Alderman Robert Officer
Alderman Judy Payne
Alderman Debbie Sopha
Vice-Mayor Robert Verble

Members Absent

Other city staff members present were:

Hugh M. Carmichael II	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
L. R. West	Electric System Director	Present
Lynn Omohundro	City Attorney	Absent
Jeff Guth	Police Chief	Present
Dennis Clark	Codes Enforcement Officer	Absent
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Olof Fornehed	Public Works Director	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. Police Chief, Jeff Guth, opened with a prayer by request of the Mayor.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 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 Jones with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve Ordinance No.11-861 on first reading, an Ordinance to amend certain paragraphs of Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Sparta Municipal Code. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....Yes
Alderman Floyd.....Yes
Alderman Jones.....Yes
Alderman Officer.....Yes
Alderman Payne.....Yes
Alderman Sopha.....Yes
Vice-Mayor Verble.....Yes
The motion passed.

L.R. West, Electric Director, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- TVA rates to decrease 3% in January
- Online payments increase to 2% with use of easy pay

Kirk Young, Fire Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Update on calls
- Donations to DCS to shop for children
- Christmas parade

Olof Fornehed, Public Works Director, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Norman operations
- Street cuts with CDBG to be fixed
- Sidewalk @ Bockman Way started

Jeff Guth, Police Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Christmas parade
- Local emergency management training for Liberty Square
- Beginning state accreditation program for department

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 Alderman Jones with a second by Vice-Mayor Verble to approve a \$4,000.00 Industrial Loan to Mark Cantrell of Quality Apparel to install a backflow preventer valve. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve property tax change of assessments #11-367, #11-368, & #11-369. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve adding the employment recommendation for Electric Superintendent to the agenda. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve Jim Oakes as the Electric Director's employment recommendation for Electric Superintendent. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Young.....	Yes
Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Verble.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve not extending the City's option for negotiations regarding the proposed industrial site. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Additional items discussed:

- County's farmers market grant

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Payne with second by Alderman Floyd. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Jeff Young, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder