

December 7, 2023

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 7th day of December 2023, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

**Members Present**

Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer  
Alderman Jim Floyd  
Alderman Brian Jones  
Alderman Travis McBride  
Alderman Judy Payne  
Alderman Brent Young

**Members Absent**

Status of other city staff members were:

Tonya R. Tindle	City Administrator / City Recorder	Absent
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	Present
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. Brian Jones 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 Floyd to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 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.

Mayor Lowery opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No.23-968, an ordinance to authorize the rezoning of 605 N. Spring Street Map 41E Group "A" Parcel 017.00 from Commercial "D" (C-D) to Residential "A" (R-A). This was approved by the Planning Commission on November 6, 2023. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve Ordinance No. 23-968 on second and final reading, an ordinance to authorize the rezoning of 605 N. Spring Street Map 41E Group "A" Parcel 017.00 from Commercial "D" (C-D) to Residential "A" (R-A). This was approved by the Planning Commission on November 6, 2023. 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 Resolution No.23-588, a resolution authorizing the city to participate in the James L. Richardson "Driver Training" matching grant program, with a \$4,500 grant match. 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 authorize our electric engineers, Patterson & Dewar, to design the specs and to solicitate bids for an additional transformer at the substation to be used for the Industrial Circuit. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the Finance Directors financials for the month of October 2023. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Floyd to approve an employee appreciation bonus in the amount of \$350.00. 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.

The Mayor declared the Board in session as the Beer Board.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the applications for Off-Premises Beer permits for Navarino Investments d/b/a Regas Exxon Food Mart located at 660 Roosevelt Drive and Regas Hwy 111 Shell located at 144 Taft Church Road. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman McBride to approve the applications for an Off-Premises Beer permit for Mac's Convenience Stores LLC d/b/a Circle K #4703904 located at 488 W. Bockman Way. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

The Mayor declared the session of the Beer Board closed.

There was a motion by Alderman Panye with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to re-appoint David Vidrine and Karen Benningfield to the Planning Commission. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

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 approve the emergency repair to the Mayberry Street Pump Station to Wascon Sale and Service in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. The repairs will be for parts and labor to the Muffin Monster. 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 swore in Brandon Griffin as the new City Judge, due to the resignation of Macey Gurley.

No citizens comments were heard:

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 5:20 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder