

February 15, 2024

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 15th day of February 2024, 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	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Absent
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Nick Dunn	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Present
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	Absent
Tonia Wilson	Finance Director	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. Travis McBride opened with a prayer. Members of the WCHS FFA Club led the Pledge of Allegiance by request of the mayor.

Mayor Lowery presented a Proclamation to the WCHS FFA Club proclaiming February 17, - 24, as FFA Week in the City of Sparta.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024 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 24-969, an Ordinance authorizing the rezoning of 305 S. Young Street from (R-A) Residential "A" to (C-D) Commercial "D". This was approved by the Sparta Planning Commission on January 2, 2024. No comments were heard and the public hearing was declared closed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve Ordinance No. 24-969 on second and final reading, an Ordinance authorizing the rezoning of 305 S. Young Street from (R-A) Residential "A" to (C-D) Commercial "D". This was approved by the Sparta Planning Commission on January 2, 2024. 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 Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve Ordinance No. 24-970 on second and final reading, an Ordinance to establish an updated occupational safety and health program plan, devise rules and regulations, and to provide for a safety director and the implementation of such program plan:

- 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 Ordinance No. 24-971 on second and final reading, an Ordinance to make amendments to Title 12, Chapter 4 of the Sparta Municipal Code pertaining to Residential Sprinklers:

- 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 Ordinance No. 24-972 on first reading, an Ordinance to make amendments to Title 18, Chapter 1, paragraph 18-107, subparagraph (4), protection of treatment plant effluent, Table "A" (setting a permanent location of posted limits) of the Sparta Municipal Code pertaining to the Sparta Industrial Pretreatment Program :

- 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 Vice-Mayor Officer to approve Ordinance No. 24-973 on first reading, an Ordinance to make amendments to Title 5, of the Sparta Municipal Code by adding Chapter 7, adopting and levying a Hotel/ Motel Tax in the City of Sparta:

- 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 Resolution No. 24-592, a resolution authorizing and establishing an auxiliary police officer program for the City of Sparta Police Department. 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 lease agreement for the Senior Citizens Building with the White County Comprehensive Senior Citizens Center. 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 purchase of a Kohler Power Systems 550 generator from GovDeals in the amount of \$73,500.00 to be used at the Water Plant. 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.

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

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the street light request for two lights on Fred Hill Road at the Hwy 111 intersection. 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 mayor's recommendation of Brian Jones to fill the expired term of Hoyt Jones on the Upper Cumberland Airport Board. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

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 5:17P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024

 Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

 Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder