

February 7, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in regular session at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 7TH day of February 2008, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

Members Present

Alderman Howard Griffin
Vice-Mayor Hoyt Jones
Alderman Bobby Officer

Alderman Debbie Sopha
Alderman Jeff Young

Members Absent

Alderman Margaret Pearson

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	Present
Jeff Guth	Police Chief	Present
Dennis Clark	Codes Enforcement Officer	Present
Ed Kay	Fire Chief	Absent
Ross Fann	Public Works Director	Present

A quorum was present and notice had been previously mailed to all members and the news media. Mayor Pedigo called the meeting to order.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Young to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 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 information given about the future dates of the annual Liberty Square / Lester Flatt Bluegrass Celebration to be held annually beginning in 2009 on the 4th Saturday of May of each year in order to coincide with official Tennessee "Bluegrass Day" as designated by the state legislature by authority of Public Chapter 12 of the Public Acts of 2007. No action was taken.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve property tax change of assessment #07-322 & 323. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to accept the proposal of Burris, Thompson and Associates regarding an update of the employee classification and compensation plan for FY 2008/2009. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....	Yes
Alderman Griffin.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Jones.....	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Pearson.....	Absent
Alderman Sopha.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Officer to authorize the transfer of Johnny Cody from Trades Helper I (Water/Sewer Fund) to Street Laborer (General Fund). All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Alderman Young to authorize the promotion and transfer of Johnathan Demps from Sanitation Labor 1-1 (Sanitation Fund) to Street Laborer 2-1 (General Fund). All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Sopha to authorize the transfer of Paul Gilliam from Street Laborer (General Fund) to Custodian – Maintenance Worker (Electric Fund). All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to authorize the transfer of Paul Miller, Equipment Operator from General Fund to Water/Sewer Fund. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a show cause hearing for Erbie England on dangerous property located at 210 Wagoner Street. After discussion there was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Griffin to give the property owner 30 days to complete the demolition of the dangerous building and report progress back to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the March 6, 2008 board meeting. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a show cause hearing for Margarete Baumann on dangerous property located at 29 S. Camp Heights Street. After discussion there was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Young to give the property owner 30 days to complete the demolition of the dangerous building and report progress back to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the March 6, 2008 board meeting. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a show cause hearing for Linda Lee Brock Ward on dangerous property located at 223 Lee Street. The property owner is in the process of selling the property and no action was taken.

After a presentation by Woody Phillips, there was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Young to approve supporting the 4th of July Celebration at Liberty Square sponsored by the Sparta Downtown Business Association. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed

Jack Klein, former water plant operator, was recognized by Mayor Pedigo and addressed the board. He informed the board that he had received notification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) that a fine was being imposed on him personally in the amount of \$5,300.00 for violations that occurred during the time of his employment with the City of Sparta Water Department. When questioned by the board, Mr. Klein did not know the reason for the fine, but stated that he felt it was the obligation of the city to pay the fine on his behalf and requested that the Board of Mayor and Alderman approve such payment. After further discussion, there was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Young to deny Mr. Klein's request for payment of the fine. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Additional items discussed:

- Update on Margaret Pearson

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Vice-Mayor Jones voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008

Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder