

March 7, 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 7th day of March 2024, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

Members Present

Members Absent

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

Status of other city staff members were:

Tonya R. Tindle	City Administrator / City Recorder	Present
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. Travis McBride opened with a prayer. Bobby Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance by request of the mayor.

Mayor Lowery removed items #11 and #12 from the agenda, regarding parades and parade routes.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Vice-Mayor Officer to approve Ordinance No. 24-972 on second and final reading, an Ordinance to amend Title 18, Chapter 1, paragraph 18-107, subparagraph (4), protection of treatment plant effluent, Table "A" (setting a permanent location of posted limits) pertaining to the Sparta Industrial Pretreatment Program. 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 Ordinance No. 24-973 on second and final reading, an Ordinance amending Title 5 of the Sparta Municipal Code by adding Chapter 7, adopting and levying a Hotel / Motel Tax within the city limits. 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 McBride to approve Resolution No. 24-593, a resolution amending the City of Sparta Human Resources Manual, Section 5, amending Part "P" on personal day leave. 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 renewing the sewer sludge hauling contract with TDS, Inc. for another year. 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 Finance Director's financials. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendation of Billy Corey Goodwin for the position of Truck Driver for the Street Department. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the application for Reserve Police Officer for Terry W. Langford. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the purchase of a 225KVA transformer from TVTGB purchasing contract #172 in the amount of \$15,530.00 for Jason Lewis for a rapid EV charging station. This will be paid for by Jason Lewis. 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 the solicitation of bids for the installation of the backup generator purchased for the water plant. 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 authorize the donation of \$200.00 to the White County Fair Board's Ms. Cynthia Gist for her Senior Miss TN competition costs. 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 the mayor to conduct discussions with realtors regarding property for extending our park programs. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

No citizens comments were heard.

No additional items were discussed:

- Caboose artwork
- Gresham Smith Contract for Splash Park

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 5:22P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024

Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder