

October 20, 2022

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sparta, White County, Tennessee, met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the City Hall, at 5:00 PM on the 20th day of October 2022, with Mayor Jerry Lowery presiding.

**Members Present**

Vice-Mayor Bobby Officer  
Alderman Jim Floyd

Alderman Travis McBride  
Alderman Judy Payne  
Alderman Brent Young

**Members Absent**

Alderman Brian Jones

Status of other city staff members were:

Brad Hennessee	City Administrator	Present
Tonya R. Tindle	City Recorder	Present
Dillard Quick	Public Works Director	Present
Caroline Sapp	City Attorney	Present
Doug Goff	Police Chief	Present
Kirk Young	Fire Chief	Absent
Mike O'Neal	Codes Enforcement	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. Doug Goff 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 McBride to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022 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 recognized Jeff Young and Hoyt Jones for their service to the City of Sparta and presented them with a token of appreciation.

There was a discussion regarding Ordinance No.22-950, an ordinance regarding establishing Robert's Rules of Order as the official set of procedures for conducting business at meetings of the Board of Mayor and Alderman. No motion was made and no action was taken.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman Payne to approve Resolution No.22-573, a resolution to apply to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) program's American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. The city match would be \$160,000.00. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....Yes  
Alderman Jones.....Absent  
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 Officer with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the property tax change of assessment #22-523. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Payne with a second by Alderman Young to approve the solicitations for Fire Fighter for the Fire Department due to the resignation of Danny Webb. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Officer with a second by Alderman Young to approve the application for a parade permit for Tyler Thompson, WCHS Baseball, October 29, 2022. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Floyd with a second by Alderman McBride to rescind the motion made by Alderman Brian Jones at the October 6, 2022 meeting changing the Fire Chief's pay from a pay grade 8 to a pay grade 10. Open records law requires public notice being made prior to voting on such topics. The topic was not on the agenda prior to the meeting. The roll call was as follows:

Alderman Floyd.....	Yes
Alderman Jones.....	Absent
Alderman McBride.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	No
Mayor Lowery.....	Yes

The Motion passed.

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

Citizens comments were heard:

- Hoyt Jones thanked the board and requested the caboose to be painted and to help find more room for the White County Museum

Additional items were discussed:

- Mayor's meeting with TDEC regarding sewer issues

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 5:42 P.M.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Jerry Lowery, Mayor

ATTEST

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Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder