

December 20, 2007

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 20TH day of December 2007, 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	Absent
Dennis Clark	Codes Enforcement Officer	Present
Ed Kay	Fire Chief	Present
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 Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 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 a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve the City Recorder's Financial Reports for the month of November 2007. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

L. R. West, Electric Manager, gave a progress report on the construction of the new addition to the electric building and informed the Mayor and Board of Alderman of a grant received from the Upper Cumberland Development District to replace all the traffic lights with LED bulbs for a 60% savings on the total project cost. Tree trimming, traffic lights, and wiring at the water plant were also discussed.

Ross Fann, Public Works Director, gave progress reports on the following projects: Taco Metals Sewer, 2006 CDBG, and Hampton's Crossroad Sewer Expansion. He also discussed filters being installed at water plant, construction of new public works garage, and leaf raking progress.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Griffin to approve property tax change of assessments #07-316 to #07-319. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Young to approve change of employee classification for Make Davis from Trades Helper 1 to Wastewater Collection System Operator. 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 Young with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to approve change of employee classification for Patsy Phifer from Senior Water Plant Operator to Operator in Charge. 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 show cause hearing for Erbie England on dangerous property located at 210 Wagoner Street. After discussion there was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Alderman Officer to give the property owner 30 days to show substantial progress in demolishing the dangerous building and report progress back to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the January 17, 2008 board meeting. 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 show cause hearing for Margarete Baumann on dangerous property located at 29 S. Camp Heights Street. After discussion there was a motion by Alderman Griffin with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to give the property owner 30 days to show substantial progress in demolishing the dangerous building and report progress back to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the January 17, 2008 board meeting. 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 show cause hearing for Linda Lee Brock Ward on dangerous property located at 223 Lee Street. After discussion there was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Officer to give the property owner 30 days to show substantial progress in demolishing the dangerous building and report progress back to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the January 17, 2008 board meeting. 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.

Fire Chief, Ed Kay, was recognized regarding the dangers of novelty lighters and after discussion there was a motion by Alderman Officer with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to request an Ordinance to ban novelty lighters from being sold in the city limits. 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.

Additional items discussed:

- Update on Margaret Pearson
- Charter Cable rate increase notification

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Vice-Mayor Jones with second by Alderman Sopha voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder