

January 15, 2009

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 15th day of January 2009, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

Members Present

Vice-Mayor Hoyte Jones
 Alderman Robert Officer
 Alderman Judy Payne
 Alderman Debbie Sopha
 Alderman Robert Verble
 Alderman Jeff Young

Members Absent

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	Absent
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 Sopha with a second by Alderman Verble to approve the minutes of the December 30, 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.

Ross Fann, Public Works Director, gave a departmental report and discussed recommendations to be submitted to the Board as a result of a recently approved water/sewer rate increase and the decision to hire the new construction crew.

Jeff Guth, Police Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the year end activity report for the police department.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the solicitation of bids for chemical feed improvements for the water plant. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to authorize the solicitation of bids for the following construction equipment per the water / sewer capital improvement plan for the Public Works Department as follows:

- Excavator / track hoe - cost estimate \$155,000. Source of funds, 2008 bonds.
- Lowboy trailer - cost estimate \$35,000. Source of funds, 2008 bonds.
- 1 T utility truck - cost estimate \$50,000. Source of funds, 2008 bonds.
- ½ T pickup truck – cost estimate \$18,000 - \$23,000. Source of funds, Water / Sewer fund reserves.

All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the hiring recommendations of Tim Tayes for the position of Trades Helper I and Douglas Dodson for the position of Public Works Customer Service. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....	Yes
Vice-Mayor Jones	Yes
Alderman Officer.....	Yes
Alderman Payne.....	Yes
Alderman Sopha.....	Yes
Alderman Verble.....	Yes
Alderman Young.....	Yes

The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to authorize the solicitation of employment applications for two Street Laborer positions in Public Works Department to fill vacancies created by the transfer of Darrell Moore and Franklin Austin to positions in the the Water and Sewer system. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the promotion of Tom Glass, Trades Helper II(Pay grade 3) to Senior Trades Helper (Pay grade 4), Robert Parrish, Trades Helper I(Pay grade 2) to Equipment Operator(Pay grade 3), Darrell Moore, Street Laborer(Pay grade 2) to Water / Sewer Truck Driver (Pay grade 3), and Franklin Austin, Street Laborer to Water / Sewer Trades Helper I(same pay grade) to accommodate the staffing needs of the public works construction crew per the Public Works Capital Plan. The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
 Vice-Mayor Jones Yes
 Alderman Officer..... Yes
 Alderman Payne.....Yes
 Alderman Sopha..... Yes
 Alderman Verble.....Yes
 Alderman Young.....Yes
 The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Young with a second by Alderman Officer to table the discussion regarding the request from Scott Davis for sewer service outside the city limits. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. The motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the engineering cost of \$74,524.00 of H & D Engineers for 2009 Water / Sewer Improvements Projects . The roll call was as follows:

Mayor Pedigo.....Yes
 Vice-Mayor Jones Yes
 Alderman Officer..... Yes
 Alderman Payne.....Yes
 Alderman Sopha..... Yes
 Alderman Verble.....Yes
 Alderman Young.....Yes
 The motion passed.

Julie Andersen was recognized representing the YMCA board and reported that they had been requested by the City of Sparta to review the recently completed YMCA feasibility study and make a recommendation to the city. The recommendation of the YMCA board was that the city should begin negotiations with the Middle TN YMCA for transfer of ownership of the facilities and operations to the Middle TN YMCA with sufficient safeguards in the agreement to insure the return of the property to the City of Sparta in the event it was to ever cease being used as a YMCA.

Additional items discussed:

- East side fire hall being occupied during extremely cold conditions

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Vice-Mayor Jones. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

 Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

 Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder