

November 20, 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 20th day of November 2008, with Mayor Pedigo presiding.

Members Present

Vice-Mayor Hoyte Jones
 Alderman Bobby 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	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 Sopha with a second by Alderman Payne to approve the minutes of the November 6, 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.

Patrick Haller and Guy Zimmerman with the Highland's Redbud Celebration Committee addressed the Board requesting a donation for the 2009 Redbud Celebration and demonstrated ways this could benefit our community.

Ed Kay, Fire Chief, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Warning Sirens update
- Training for paid and volunteer firefighters
- Volunteer firefighter program explained
- Questions answered regarding eastside fire hall

Rob Hall, Police Lieutenant, gave a departmental report and discussed the following:

- Laptops in cars from Homeland Security Grant
- Digital video cameras in 6 cars
- Questions answered regarding police car striping

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to approve the City Recorder's financial reports. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Alderman Sopha with a second by Vice-Mayor Jones to authorize the execution of a contract for professional services with Vantage Consulting Services for the 2008 THDA HOME Grant Program for housing rehabilitation. 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 Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to authorize the execution of a contract for professional services with Vantage Consulting Services for the 2008 CDBG Grant Program for sewer rehabilitation. 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 Alderman Payne to authorize the execution of a contract for professional services with H & D Engineers for the 2008 CDBG Grant Program for sewer rehabilitation. 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 Alderman Payne to approve out-of-state travel for D.C. Bussell to attend the Pumper and Cleaner Expo in Louisville, KY. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Sopha to authorize the start of design and construction phase for water system improvement 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.

D.C. Bussell, Sewer & Sanitation Superintendent, previewed the new automated garbage pickup video and answered questions.

Discussion regarding the O'Connor Utility District contract was delayed until further information could be gathered.

There was a motion by Vice-Mayor Jones with a second by Alderman Young to authorize the solicitation of bids for a new or used dozer for the Public Works Department. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed.

Additional items discussed:

- Appointment needed for the County / City Economic Development Board
- Donated Item needed for the White County Museum
- Warning sirens needs to be worked into budget for 09/10

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Alderman Sopha with second by Alderman Payne. All voted "Aye" by voice vote. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008

Tommy Pedigo, Mayor

ATTEST

Tonya R. Tindle, City Recorder