



## City of Sparta

12912 Broad Street

Sparta, GA 31087

### Called Meeting - September 17, 2020 @10AM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor ProTem James Clark, followed by Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Council Member in attendance were James Clark, David Ingram, and Sandra Sherrod. Mayor Allen Haywood, and City Clerk Virginia Webb were also in attendance. Council member Tom Roberts and City Attorney John Hitchcock were absent.

James Clark opened the meeting for the Proposed Budget hearing and turned over discussion to Mayor Haywood. Mayor Haywood stated that the proposed budget would be an 8-month budget starting May 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Starting January 1, 2021, the City of Sparta would go to a budget that matches the calendar year (January through December). The purpose of this meeting is to explain the proposed budget and allow questions. Some revenues will not be received in this period (May-December) and some expenses will occur during this period that were not expected. We have had a pump to go out at the Waste Water Facility that we did not expect but we will also get the other \$45,071.95 from the CARES Act, so that will help out with finances and any unexpected expenses.

Cathy Ransom, City Resident and Manager of The Hancock County Library and friends of the Library, asked for financial support for the library. Any help would be appreciated as they are seeking to add an additional full-time manager and some part time staff. They do have funding from Hancock County Board of Commissioners, and approximately \$30,000 from private donors.

The City of Sparta now pays for water, sewer, natural gas and janitorial services for the Hancock County Library.

The Mayor stated that the City of Sparta will not be able to financially assist with any other services at this time, due to the fact that we are working correcting the problems that we currently have. We will look at our next budget (FY2021) and will hopefully be able to provide more financial assistance.

James Clark made a motion to adjourn meeting. David Ingram seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned.