

City of Sparta
Regular Meeting October 5, 2021
5:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Elected Officials present were Mayor Allen Haywood, Mayor ProTem James Clark, Council Members David Ingram, Tom Roberts, and Sandra Sherrod called into meeting due to a schedule conflict with her job.

City Clerk, Virginia Webb and City Attorney, John Hitchcock were present.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor ProTem James Clark at 5:00 P.M., followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda

The motion was made by Councilman Roberts to adopt the agenda as amended and seconded by Councilman Ingram. The vote was unanimous.

Adopt Minutes

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Clark to adopt the minutes for the September 7, 2021, call council meeting. Councilman Ingram seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Councilman Roberts to adopt minutes for the September 14, 2021, regular council meeting. Councilman Ingram seconded the motion.

Clerk's Report

1. On September 23-24, 2021, the 16 Hour Court Clerk Certification course was held in Tifton, GA and was attended by the City Clerk. The training included information on the following topics-Routine Paperwork, Fees & Fines, GCIC Information, DDS Information, Municipal Court Rules, Ethics for Clerks, Records Retention, and Courtroom & Office Procedures. This training was conducted at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center by UGA Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. Lots of information was presented and corrective measures are being implemented.
2. Governor Kemp has made available through the Office of Planning & Budgeting, a supplement for all Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders, to include Communication Officers. This grant is a one-time pay supplement in the amount of \$1000 to offset expenses that may have occurred by these workers. It is available to full time public safety officers, EMS

personnel and firefighters. There is also a \$300 stipend available for the part time/ volunteer firefighters for the critical role that they play in rural communities across the state. These benefits must be applied for by eligible organizations. Funds will be paid to the employer after submission of documentation showing payroll information for eligible employees. Employees would have had to been employed between August 1 & August 31 of 2021. This supplement will be applied for, on behalf of the eligible employees of the City of Sparta and one received passed on to them.

3. QS1 Software Update-We are currently in training with the last module-General Ledger. Accounts Payables and all other financial information is included in this module. We are looking to go live by the end of the month. This will complete the total update of all systems-payroll, utility billing and financials.

1. The Pedestrian Park-The engineering fee of \$1,255 has been paid to EMI. The REACH program will reimburse the City approximately \$3,500.
2. Pastor Johnathon Beckham, a native of Hancock requests permission to host a Prayer Walk on November 4, 2021 on Hamilton Street.
3. A trailer was purchased from Sinclair Heavy Duty for \$3285 to haul zero mowers to & from properties to reduce wear and tear.
4. The cameras are re-installed in the council chambers in preparation for the election and locksmith was called to rekey all locks.
5. Q Public conversion- nearing completion, looking at December 1, 2021 to go live with General Ledger.
6. A blood drive will be in town at the park from 3 to 7 pm near Library. They are offering a \$10 Subway gift card in appreciation for donating. They are asking for the public to participate.

Old Business

Scheduled Street Paving & Repairs/Infrastructure

- 1) Ghettis Street Ext-Brandon Brown Paving completed October 4, 2021 estimated cost \$10,000.
- 2) Patching for Spring & Adams Street will remain on T-Splost list
- 3) Powelton Ave projects near Dyer Drive will be patched
- 4) Willis Street has been paved and the sewer line was redone
- 5) Parkway Drive has been asphalted
- 6) Ferrell Street paving cost \$17,883. Drainage problem was also repaired
- 7) Spring Street and Hamilton Street custom made man hole repair where street collapse occurred cost \$59,800, was paid for using T-Splost funds and funds from Utilities.
- 8) Next project will be intersection of Boland & Elm Streets and Adams & Elm Streets

Election Superintendent's Report of Candidates' Eligibility-Election Update

1. Eligible Candidates:

James Clark

David Ingram

Timothy Legette

Brandon Nolley

2.A follow up hearing has been set for Rav-Zuridan Yisrael on Friday, October 8, at 9:30a.m. to determine his eligibility.

A. Surplus Vehicles' Sale

7 Bids on Surplus Sale

1. 1986 Dump Truck- Willie Smith \$1000 (Winner)
2. 1986 Dump Truck -Jerry Davis \$578
3. 1986 Dump Truck- Sammy Jordan \$526.15
4. 1986 Dump Truck- Mario Chapple \$300
5. 1953 Fire Truck- Tom Roberts \$550
6. 1953 Fire Truck-Al Barnes \$1650 (Winner)
7. 2000 Ford Dump Truck- Sammy Jordan \$751.25 (Winner)

New Business

Consideration of Covid-19 Mask/Social Distance Ordinance

This ordinance will not be re-instated at this time. The situation will be monitored and if necessary, an emergency meeting will be held to reinstate it. Cases have decreased in the past two weeks.

Broadband Ready Designation Ordinance

Regina Pyles this will make a presentation at the next meeting.

Approval of Well Digging Permit Request from the Local Library

Sparta Hancock Library requests a well digging permit to support the outdoor garden area. Mayor Pro Tem Clark motioned to approve permit and Councilman Ingram seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Approval of 30,000 in ARPA Funds Awarded to Overview to be Designated for the Use in Assisting Qualified Sparta Citizens (Only) with Utilities and Residence Repairs

Mayor ProTem Clark made motion and Councilman Roberts seconded motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor & Council Work Session at 4:30p.m. Monday, November 8, 2021

Date changed due to Election Day would be next day. Mayor ProTem Clark motioned to approve and Councilman Ingram seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor & Council Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 8, 2021

City Hall Will be Closed Monday, October 11, 2021 in Observance of Columbus Day

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 5:30pm Thursday, October 14, 2021(Location TBD)

Citizens' Input

1. Shirley Leslie-torn fender on right side of car was damaged on cities' street. (Need to get two written quotes and police report). Rain water covers steps when it rains really hard at her residence at 317 Powelton Avenue.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Clark to enter executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ingram. The vote was unanimous.

Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Clark to return to regular session and Councilman Roberts. The vote was unanimous.

No items discussed in executive session requiring a vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Clark to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Roberts. The vote was unanimous.