

City of Sparta  
City Council meeting  
February 8, 2022 @5:00 pm  
City Council Chambers

Elected officials present were Mayor Allen Haywood, Mayor ProTem Sandra Sherrod, Council Members Brandon Nolley, Tom Roberts, and Rav Zuridan Yisrael.

The meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Sherrod at 5:02 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of agenda** – The agenda was approved by a motion made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Yisrael. The vote was unanimous.

**Adoption of Minutes** The minutes the of January 11, 2022 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Yisrael. The vote was unanimous.

Marion Warren made a proposal about the ARPA funds suggesting how they could be used– No action taken

### **Old Business**

- Mayor Haywood discussed that the City of Sparta is now on a January through December fiscal year and the 2022 budget process has begun and hopes to have a draft of the budget by the end of the month
- Occupation & Business License Ordinance – The mayor stated that the City Clerk suggested that we continue with the current business license fees and wait until September to revisit the proposed fees. Council agreed.

### **New Business**

- Confirmation of Griffith Polatty as Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission & Josie Williams as a member, nominated by the county to serve on the Commission was discussed. Councilman Nolley questioned the appointment procedure. Mayor Haywood stated that this was just a rubber stamp move as the city has no say into who is appointed by the county. The City Council gets to nominate two members on the Commission, and the County Commissioners get to nominate two members. These two individuals are the two persons the county

selected and there is nothing we can do about that. In light of this, Councilman Roberts made a motion to adopt these persons and Mayor ProTem Sherrod seconded the motion. Councilman Yisrael and Nolley voted no. Since there were two for the motion and two against the motion, Mayor Haywood broke the tie with a yes vote. The motion was approved.

- Karen Ebey shared information about the city park - no action was taken
- The mayor asked the council to sign a support letter for CABT to support the action against the push to increase the weight limit for big trucks. He also shared how GPS guides truck traffic from Hwy 15 through Powelton Ave rather than down Broad Street. He discussed how the big trucks are damaging the streets in the city. No action was taken but all council members signed in support of this letter
- Future meetings were discussed with Mayor & Council work session at 4:30 on Thursday, March 3.
- Mayor & Council regular meeting is Tuesday March 8, at 5pm.
- Historic Preservation Commission Regular meeting at 5:30 on Thursday, February 10, 2022

### **Executive Session**

Personnel & legal matters were discussed. No action was taken when the council returned to regular session.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Roberts to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilman Yisrael. The meeting was adjourned.