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THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE MONTEREY MUNICIPAL BUILDING OF SAID TOWN ON JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Wiggins, III.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Dale Welch	Amy Martin	Starlett Wessels	Charles Looper
	JJ Reels	James Foster	Nathan Walker

There being a quorum present, and so declared, the following business was transacted:

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the flag: Vice-Mayor Starlett Wessels

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 MINUTES: Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pay the bills as listed. JJ Reels questioned some bills and after clarification a roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY: a) Bee Rock – Mayor Wiggins stated that we are now the owners of 10.65 acres. It is under a conservation easement. The Tennessee Parks and Greenway Foundation have set a tentative date for a grand dedication for June 22, 2019. The reason this has been set so far out is because there is still a lawsuit pending and that will be adjudicated on April 3. Mayor Wiggins stated that we are not going to do anything out there until after April 3. What we would like to do after that, is take the 50 foot easement and make that a two way lane so people can come and go. We are wanting

to put a parking area, a bathroom and a security light on the ¼ acre, without harming the adjoining property.

b) Nursing Home – Mayor Wiggins stated that the Standing Stone Healthcare center, the board of trustees has been knee deep in negotiations with Signature Health. That deal has not been ratified by Signature. The monthly rent is currently \$16,000 and they said they would pay \$20,000 and the board of trustees said no, and came back with \$22,050. The board of trustees is giving a 10 year option with the lease and an escalator clause of about one and one half percent on the rent. The current lease expires March 31, 2018.

c) Stormwater infrastructure – Mayor Wiggins stated that you have in your pocket an engineering contract with Jerry Warren and he is here tonight to discuss this issue. Jerry Warren stated that we have talked about this issue in some work sessions and we have talked with TDEC and TDOT and got some of the older plans from TDOT that goes back to the 1950's. We will be surveying the area from the park down by the railroad down to Railroad Avenue and we will try to take in on down to the interstate on the survey. We have also talked with different folks that can help us out with the tv work. After more discussion, JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to approve this contract. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

d) Solar – Mayor Wiggins stated that Hannah Solar has completed two of the three installations. Right now they are on the emergency services building, they have just about completed it. Also the one at the water intake station out at the city lake on the Hanging Limb highway. The third installation will be at the sewer plant on Woodcliff Road and yes once we get the new sewer plant built, those things are portable. We will have a work session in February. I have asked Hannah to come in and brief everyone on creating a solar farm up on the slopes of Industrial Park.

e) Façade Project – Mayor Wiggins stated that Dawn has been working feverishly on this. We have one more little session. That project has narrowed somewhat. Bank of Putnam County has bought the Bradley Agency and it is their plan to rehabilitate that building on their own.

f) RPO – Mayor Wiggins stated that with Dawn's help we have constructed a work program that we foresee that Monterey will be applying for grant funding. It consisted mostly of Crossville Street, we are looking at curbs and gutters and sidewalks and crosswalks. We are looking at the intersection at the Burger King, maybe some redesign and maybe some signaling. The Woodcliff Road/Highway 84 intersection, wherever the trail crosses the street, we are looking at crosswalks.

g) Health Clinic – Mayor Wiggins stated that he put the health clinic on here because Brenda and Heather, the building needs a lot of work and we are going to have to get that done. It needs winterizing.

h) VEC – Mayor Wiggins stated himself and Nathan Walker met with VEC last year and they have submitted a proposal, if Monterey wants to pay for the labor and the fixture and the bulbs and associated costs to install the 70 watt bulbs, it will cost \$131,000. If we elect to go with a higher voltage, and we may, the price jumps to \$152,000.

i) Utility District contracts – Mayor Wiggins stated that we are going to have to have a water/sewer committee meeting to look at the Catoosa Utility contract and East Fork Utility contract.

j) TDOT – Mayor Wiggins stated that TDOT called and on phase one they came here to look at our crossings at Holly and Chestnut and also the signaling at the intersections here on Commercial which they pledge to install brand new LED signaling and rid ourselves of the loops and put electronic triggering mechanism in place. On phase two they want to come and talk with the Town of Monterey and the railroad about the crossings at Elm Street and Poplar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Starlett Wessels stated that she has asked Nathaniel Green to Duane Jarrett to report to the board. Nathaniel Green stated that we have our NPDES permit. He gave an update on the equipment that we will be needing at the new sewer treatment plant. He gave a few handouts on this equipment and explained the pieces of equipment. He also talked about the water/sewer rates and the health of our water/sewer fund. He stated that on the CDBG, he talked with Dawn yesterday, and we have not received anything back on the environmental clearance yet so once we have that we will have 90 days from the period we receive that to have the plans inspected, so that could be at any time.

OTHER BUSINESS: JJ Reels stated that he has been asked about the lack of things for teenagers to do. Everyone thinks that we need to have a teen center or a rec center. Has anyone approached the school board about maybe acquiring the old Uffleman building? Amy Martin stated that we have talked about different things to be put in there, Dale Welch asked why did they move from the building? Amy Martin stated because of asbestos. (Charles Looper left the meeting at this time.)

JJ Reels stated the other thing, when we had the dinner at the senior citizens center, he had spoke with the director about the work out equipment and stuff. He stated that he has a trainer in Cookeville and he was telling him that the government has all kinds of grants to help the senior citizens get equipment. Is there anything that can do to get this grant? He stated that his trainer would be willing to come up once a week and teach a class to the seniors. Amy Martin asked if we could use some of the money in the Standing Stone Trustees account? Ella Dishman stated that this is ran by the county, so it would be up to the board. Dale Welch stated that the chairman of the senior citizens board is Charles Looper.

NEW BUSINESS: JJ Reels stated that right before he got here he received a call and a concern about the group that held the drag queen story hour held at the Library in Cookeville that they may be attempting to have one in Livingston, Sparta and Monterey. I don't know if there is anything that we can do about it, but the citizens are concerned that they are going to do this and they don't think it is appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wiggins adjourned the meeting.

Bill Wiggins
Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman
Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager