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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 MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor JJ Reels.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker
James Foster	Nathan Walker	Charles Looper

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Alex Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was none.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 MINUTES: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by James Foster and Alex Garcia to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Rafferty Cleary addressed the board and stated that this grant is a healthy build grant for up to \$48,000 and would be used to extend the trails a Meadowcreek. After some discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve to apply for this grant. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that last month this board approved to purchase Lot #9 at Meadowcreek. We have purchased that and have the deed in hand. He stated that Chuck Sutherland from UCDD and Rafferty and himself were mapping some of the trail and we found out that the waterfall on that property is undocumented so that means we got to name it. We named it Meadow Creek Falls.

Chief Randolph stated that with John Mackie being out and we do not know when he will be returning because of his health and then we have Blake out with COVID, that we really need a part-time officer to fill in. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to hire a certified part-time police officer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that last month we talked about the railroad improvements on Elm and Railroad. He stated that if we want to do it now, we can still use Rogers Group or if we wait, we will have to bid this out. After some discussion, James Foster made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to bid this out and see what the cost will be. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that the diabetes project has been suspended for 90 days due to weather.

Mayor Reels stated that the box culverts have been ordered and we are waiting on the weather.

Mayor Reels stated that on the Bee Rock compost toilets, we have them but we are waiting on the weather to clear up.

Mayor Reels stated that on the paving, there are a couple more things to do, but we are waiting on the box culverts to be put in before we have that completed.

Mayor Reels stated that last month we hired two part-time sanitation employees and one started about three weeks ago and the other one started today and they both are doing a good job.

James Foster stated that he has had some people ask him about the ditches washing in by the sidewalks at the park. Mayor Reels stated that there is a citizen talking to TDOT about this.

Amy Martin asked if she has missed any beer board meetings? Mayor Reels stated no. She said that she was at the Mexican restaurant and she noticed that someone had ordered a mixed drink. How do they have a license for that? Nathan stated that goes before the ABC board in Nashville.

Amy Martin asked if we were going to re-write the charter about the beer so we can get more businesses downtown? Mayor Reels stated that he sent that to Brett Knight and he sent back a two-page recommendation. He stated that he is going to appoint a committee

to go through all 147 pages, because this also deals with TCA codes, and make a recommendation to the board. Then we will have three readings on this and get it passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: James Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager