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**Mark Farley**  
MAYOR

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 8, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Mayor Mark Farley.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker	
James Foster	Jim Wolfgram		Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Bro. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Jim Whitaker

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lindsey Smith addressed the board concerning her water line on Wolf Pond Rd. Mayor Farley stated that we will send this to the water/sewer committee and let them look into this.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin for the employees to go by the policy on annual leave and either to take all of it (but 80 hours) by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year or to cash it in or they will lose it. All present voted yes. Motion carried. (Chief Randolph asked if the police officers could be exempt until they get a full crew in? This will be discussed at a work session on January 18, 2024.)

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 MINUTES:** Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to pass the minutes from December 4, 2023. All present voted yes. Motion carried.



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

**CONSIDER SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS BID (SOCCER FIELD):** Jerry Warren addressed the board and went over the bid that we received. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to accept the bid from Kemp Brothers for \$283,750.00. After further discussion, Alex Garcia withdrew his motion and Jim Whitaker withdrew his second and decided to table this and put this in front of the building and grounds committee meeting.

**CONSIDER CONSULTANT FOR TDOT TAP GRANT PROJECT:** Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to mitigate a contract with Warren and Tuggle for the engineer for this project. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPLYING FOR 2024 TDOT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT:** After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to apply for this grant with a 10% match. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER SPONSORSHIP FOR TREE DAY (TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL):** Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to purchase \$300 in trees to be given away on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the farmer's market on a first come first serve basis. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER STREET CLOSURE FOR APRIL 5 AND APRIL 6, 2024:** Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to close the streets from Poplar to Chestnut on Holly for an event that will bring in several vendors. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Bill Randolph swore in Alex Lindsay as one of our new hire police officers. (Amy Martin left the meeting at this time.)

Bill Wiggins stated that he has a proposal on the athletic & events authority but said that we need to have a work session to talk more in depth about this.

Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to add two more paid holidays for city employees to align with state and federal holidays. The two days are Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth. Alex Garcia tabled the motion and asked to put this before the board at the work session meeting.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** There was none.



**OTHER BUSINESS:** James Foster stated that the doctor that was working in the Cate-Gil building last day was Friday. He suggested we send this to the health care board for discussion.

James Foster asked if anyone had permission to use the field lights at the old softball field to play soccer?

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alex Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Interim Mayor Mark Farley

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager