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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 FEBRUARY 3, 2020, 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	Alex Garcia	Starlett Wessels	Charles Looper
Mark Farley	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: Alderman Nathan Walker

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 MINUTES: Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE CITY HALL ROOF REPAIR: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to accept the bid from Auster Miller Roofing Inc., for \$74,550 and to add the alternate work for \$10,073.00. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE FOR ANIMAL RESTRAINTS: Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to pass the 2nd reading of this Ordinance. After a roll call vote, there were five "yes" votes, two "no" votes and one "pass" vote. Those voting yes were: Welch, Garcia, Wessels, Looper and Walker.

Those voting no were: Farley and Reels. Those voting pass were: Foster. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nathan Walker stated that the finance committee met before the meeting tonight. He stated that there were three things on the agenda that was discussed. The first was the pay scale for city employees. We are not looking to take anything away from anybody we are actually looking to create a system that will reward them for their longevity and hopefully keep them longer. The second thing was we will be starting to look at the budget within the next couple of weeks and the third thing was an insurance matter that we have to address after we get some more information from our agent.

Zeda Hillis stated that they will be scheduling a preconstruction conference soon for the water tank repair.

Zeda Hillis stated that we had a geo technical guy that was supposed to do the dam inspection but he had some illness in his family and he had to cancel and reschedule.

Zeda Hillis stated that Nathaniel is nearing completion on the sewer project.

Zeda Hillis stated that Ella and them have got the new utility rates for this months water bill for Perdue.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: Nathan Walker stated that Burks Elementary School has cancelled their valentines dance for this year. He stated that himself and Julie have been talking and wanted to ask the city if they would sponsor this dance? Julie Bohannon stated that they could get the Community Center for free if the city sponsors it. Mark Farley asked about who would be chaperoning this dance? Julie Bohannon stated that the parents would be. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Dale Welch to make a \$500 donation for the valentine's dance. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Julie Bohannon stated that HGTV has a hometown takeover project for town's less than 40,000. She stated we may not get anything but she thought she should at least try.

Julie Bohannon stated that the engineers are going to look at buildings for the bathrooms at Bee Rock.

Julie Bohannon stated that Sunday there were 20 volunteers at meadow creek park working. She also stated that there were seven rock climbers that went out there and they really loved the trail and the crag.

Mayor Wiggins stated that this is Julie's last official report as she will be retiring February 29. He stated that she has done a great job and he wanted to applaud her for everything that she has done for the Town.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the infamous Bee Rock lawsuit will be on the docket in March.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Sheriff Eddie Farris, two of his deputies, Officer Andrew Phillips, Officer Steven Hiott, who is no longer with the department, Chief Bill Randolph and myself have been named in a federal lawsuit by a private citizen representing himself. We are being represented by a Dan Pilkington from Knoxville, Danny Rader is representing people from the county. Our attorney, Dan, has already filed a motion to have it dismissed.

Mayor Wiggins stated that BPC is not through with acquisition and face lifting downtown Monterey.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Julie's position will be vacant. We have recruited, applications are in and the civil service board met this afternoon to do initial screening and they will be scheduling interviews this week.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the police department is getting some calls about dogs. He stated that he has talked with the chief and they are thinking about having a complete dog dragnet for Monterey, ward by ward using police reserves. We will get the word out there to all pet owners in the first ward that if your dog is running at large, you may have to adopt him from the shelter. We will do this ward by ward.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the city lake on Hanging Limb Hwy, we have an island out there. There is a lot of square feet. I have been wondering and trying to think if there is some way we could use that for the public benefit. But there are some things to consider. We have a solar installation there and after all that is Monterey city's water supply. Right now you can't get out there unless you have a fishing pole.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Elm Mountain commenced today on police department property.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Chris Walker is finishing his terms of his agreement with the city of grinding stumps at the park.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Jerry Warren has advised the Mayor that he will be advertising bids for paving later this month.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the LED are in all (370) street lights in Monterey. With this activity with the coordination from VEC, Monterey is now the owner of the street light system. What VEC will do, whenever there is a burn out, storm, they will do the work for us.

Mayor Wiggins stated that this light right here at the corner of city hall was taken out by a traffic accident. VEC owns these lamp posts, so when that goes up, it will be a VEC installation.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Bobby Randolph is going to get back with me on the cost to re-erect the five lamps posts on the I-40 interchanges.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Larry Bates had his first gun class and had 46 in attendance.

Mayor Wiggins stated that there are some job opportunities. The census bureau needs workers and the election commission are needing poll workers.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the water fountain and water spigot in Whittaker Park have been turned off because we have people pirating water from those.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bette Simpson addressed the board and she stated that she fully supports what Ms. Wessels is trying to pass on the dogs. She stated that she would like to help and be part of the solution.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager