

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 4, 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
Mark Farley	JJ Reels	James Foster	

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the flag: Alderman Charles Looper

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 7, 2018 MINUTES: Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

SOLAR PROPOSAL: JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pursue the concept of a solar installation at Industrial Park. After a roll call vote, there were three “yes” votes and four “pass” votes. Those voting yes were: Welch, Looper and Reels. Those voting pass were: Martin, Wessels, Farley and Foster. After clarification that this is just to look into the concept, Amy Martin and Starlett Wessels changed their vote to yes. Motion carried with five “yes” votes and two “pass” votes.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE: Mayor Wiggins stated that at the work session Jerry Warren made a pretty graphic demonstration with a graphic model of where we are headed. He talked about phases and the next steps that will need to be taken. No motion is required, but I will put this out there since I told property owner's that I would put it on the table. An immediate approach, not a solution, not a temporary fix, would be to run a pipe, a sizable culvert, from the first catch basin on Mr. Bowman's property, which would require an easement, and how an easement would work in the middle of property, I don't know, but to run that under the trail to the railroad tracks would take some pressure off that system. It would also add to the problem under the railroad by pushing water toward Crossville Street. There was some ups and downs on this, but I said I would at least bring it to the board's attention. You can do what you want with it, I have lived up to my promise that I would put it on the table. JJ Reels asked if we need a motion to go through with that? Mayor Wiggins stated I put it out there. I said that I would put it out there. It doesn't really add much to it, it's just that Bobby and I said what can we do now? This would cost a little less than \$5,000, but we did not take it any further than the problems that it would cause downstream. Mark Farley said we looked at two weeks doing the thing? Mayor Wiggins stated yes; we could do that quicker if we get someone up here. Mark Farley stated let's try to get someone up here before we make that decision to pay that. JJ Reels stated yes that was what I was thinking too. Mark Farley stated we may be wasting \$5,000 for nothing. We can figure out what we got to do. Amy Martin stated that she would hate for it to add any problems on Crossville Street. Mayor Wiggins stated that the engineer, Jerry is very knowledgeable in this and he is aware that whatever we do, we need to do in phases so as not to transfer the problem further downstream.

MONTEREY HOME TOWN PROJECT – ANITA LANE: Anita Lane gave an update on what they have done and what they are planning on doing. She stated that they are officially donating the Christmas snowflakes to the Town of Monterey. They purchased 25, five feet snowflakes, for a total of \$11,466. She stated that the Board needed to fill a vacancy left by Rebecca Iaquina to their hometown project board. She also requested the board to pay \$421.42 out of the street department's fund as a small gesture of gratitude and good will for all the hard work in donations of our volunteer's and donors. Dale Welch stated that Monterey Hometown project has never voted to ask the city taxpayers for any money. So, you are just doing this on your own? Anita Lane stated yes. Dale Welch stated that Monterey Hometown project has \$10,000 in their budget. Anita Lane stated no; we have \$9,000 in our bank account. Dale Welch stated you have the check for \$400 and \$125 just last week. After further discussion, Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin and Mark Farley to pay the \$421.42 out of the street department fund. There were six "yes" votes and one "no" vote. Those voting yes were: Martin, Wessels, Looper, Farley, Reels and Foster. Those voting no were: Welch. Motion carried.

Mark Farley made a motion to nominate Starlett Wessels to serve on the Monterey Hometown project and was seconded by Amy Martin. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Starlett Wessels stated that she has asked Nathaniel Green to address the board. Nathaniel Green stated that the water/sewer committee had met on January 29 and talked about different issues concerning the water and sewer departments. JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to allow Nathaniel Green to go back to Perdue with a new contract before they talk about passing new water and sewer rates. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried. Nathaniel Green will report back at the March meeting with the outcome of the meeting with Perdue.

MONTEREY IN REAL TIME: Mayor Wiggins handed the gavel over to Starlett Wessels and went before the board and said that he needs some guidance from the board. He stated that we have talked about the conversion to LED's for all of our street lights. We have the final figures from Volunteer Electric. The cost to them to complete the installation for 70 watts would be \$131,250 and the cost for 90 watts would be \$152,250. The savings to the Town of Monterey would be \$43,00 yearly. What I need from you, is when I go to the bank and approach them about making a loan to not only pay for this installation but how much they would add to that loan. You have two choices. One you can approach the street committee, and Mark Farley was chair, they set priorities on paving Railroad Avenue and Old Walton Road from Elmore to the Clarkrange Highway. Now there is a new need for money and we will be looking for money for the storm water drainage. You heard Jerry say that it will be \$450,000 to \$500,000. What to you want me to look at when I am talking to a lender? Or do you want to wait on that decision until Jerry and Dawn have an opportunity to explore other grant opportunities? It was the consensus of the board to wait.

Mayor Wiggins stated a pearl of wisdom. If you live long enough you are going to get older. The reason I say that is, tonight, Starlett, as the Vice-Mayor, you have the gavel tonight to finish the meeting. I will be out of commission for a few days. I have to have surgery in the morning at Centennial. I have no idea how long I will be down, but you are the Mayor Starlett. It is not life threatening; I just have to have this corrected.

Mayor Wiggins stated that he wants to share information with you about what transpired in 2018, whether it originated there or it was concluded in 2018. Before I get into this, it is my opinion that we have the momentum and the wind at our back and I attribute that to department heads, employees, private citizens and organizations out there who work on behalf of the Town of Monterey and the majority vote from the board of aldermen. I haven't mentioned the Mayor, and let me tell you why. I guess I got this from what my parents, sort of a value system and it has carried over through my years on the planet, that when you have a job, you work with quite confidence and you try your best to be effective and consequential. Well done is much better than well said. In this list that I am going to go through, there are some nuggets that originated with the mayor and the time to really talk about that is during campaigns. That's when candidates toot their horn and there will be a season for that. I will tell you that if I maintain sound mind and body and have sufficient energy and power to vote, I will be on the ballot and I will be willing and anxious and eager to debate any and all incumbents. Coming with the Mayor's job, sometimes you get the spotlight and you get the blind light and you get praise and you get

applause. I am telling you, experience has taught me, especially in public service, that it is fools gold. Because all that shiny glitter can turn by 8:00 the next morning. I do not take any comment to great achievement on my own, I share that.

Mayor Wiggins stated that you voted last year to complete the façade grant at Reba's and the Bradley Agency. The Bank of Putnam County has purchased the Bradley Agency and they have plans to complete that project. So, the only project that we will have to finish is Reba's. We should have everything ready to finish her building by spring time. We have to get this finished or we will never be able to qualify to receive another façade grant.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the Rail Trail will be extended from Poplar to Oak Street.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the nursing home lease is in it's final version and we will have this at our next board meeting to vote on.

Mayor Wiggins stated that friends of meadow creek were created and they are getting ready to take on some projects with the spring thaw coming.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the drop shed at the public service garage is now finished.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the solar installations have been installed at the water plant, sewer plant and the emergency services building.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have five police cruisers, relatively new, but in tip top shape.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have had some tree removal in alley's and right of ways. The fire department has done this.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the lawsuit to recover the \$12,000 from the last façade grant is well underway.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have the Tennessee Titans caravan.

Mayor Wiggins stated that, the Civitan club with their fundraising, have added new playground equipment at Whittaker Park.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we did get Old Walton Road paved from Industrial Drive to the city limits, Industrial Drive was paved and Crossville Street was paved up to Romines.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we extended water from Wilder Avenue to Belle Ridge campground.

Mayor Wiggins stated that our bonding rating went from an A to an A+.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Fred's opened, 16,000 square feet of retail space.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Bank of Putnam with their huge investment, August 17th is going to be their grand opening.

Mayor Wiggins stated that with our next property conservation grant, we look to install cameras at the farmer's market. Already we have them at city hall, police station and Whittaker park.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Bee Rock is now ours and there are plans to develop that.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Gaw Street was redesigned and paved.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have finished all the sealing and striping at city hall, cate gil, nursing home and emergency services building.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the Cate-Gil building itself, for a 1930's building, is in excellent condition, and we are about finished over there except for that front suite. There is a little more to be done to make that available for someone that might want to rent it.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the board approved some vehicles for our water and sewer folks. You also approved a new garbage truck, salt truck and spreader, backhoe, mini ex along with a trailer.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we fenced in the public works garage to cut down on vandalism and enlarged the fenced area at the police department.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have installed an electronic gate at the water plant.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we have a new command center at the EMS building.

Mayor Wiggins stated that city court was moved to city hall.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

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

Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager