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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, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, 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	Mark Farley
James Foster		Charles Looper	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderwoman Amy Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Alex Garcia gave an update on the water sewer committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 AND JANUARY 31, 2022 MINUTES: Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 and January 31, 2022 meetings. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #21-851 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE AMENDING ORDINANCE #17-533, TITLE 8, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BY ADDING CHAPTER THREE FOR

CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS: Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garci to open this up for discussion. Amy Martin asked why this was a 1st and 2nd Reading of this Ordinance in January also? Mayor Reels stated because this was tabled last month, so it is up for 1st and 2nd reading again this month. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to table this until they have time to further review this.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #21-852 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MONTEREY ZONING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL USES AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE C-1 ZONING DISTRICTS: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia and Charles Looper to pass the 3rd reading of Ordinance #21-852. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BANK FOR THE \$6,000,000 INTERIM FINANCE: After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to accept the bid from One Bank of Tennessee at the interest rate of 1.85% as long as the closing cost is not more than \$1,000. If the closing costs are more than \$1,000 then the Town will go with First Horizon with an interest rate of 1.71% and closing costs of \$1,000. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE BRUSH TRUCK: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to accept the bid from String fellow, Inc. for a 2023 freightliner at the price of \$176,614.18 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER TRANSFERRING JOSH SMITH TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT (FULL TIME) TO REPLACE JOHNATHAN PHILLIPS: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to transfer Josh Smith to the street department full time. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BID FOR STEPS AND LANDING AT THE CATE-GIL BUILDING: After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin reject both of these bids and to rebid for powder coat steps and railings.

Mayor Reels stated that we did not receive any bids for painting the depot. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded Charles Looper and Alex Garcia to advertise this again in the Crossville Chronicle, Herald-Citizen, Overton County News, Livingston Enterprise, Fentress Courier, Sparta Expositor and social media. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Reels stated that he has been in contact with the state and the company that will be here on April 1. The company is the same ones that did the interstate lights and they are going to look at and get us a cost estimate for the lights on the interstate that need replacing and repairing.

Mayor Reels asked about where we were at with the codes officer? Mark Farley stated that we need to re-advertise in the same papers as the painting for the depot.

Mayor Reels stated that he had spoken with Silas Stoddard and stated that on the Resolution that we passed a few months back, that Dawn Kupferer did not submit that application in time so we have missed out on a grant for \$1,000 and he is very disappointed that this happened.

Mayor Reels asked about the employees pay scale. Jim Whitaker stated that Nathan Walker will be looking at those and put them in this year's budget.

Mayor Reels read a text that he had received on August 6 from Brandon Smith about the voting wards.

Mayor Reels stated that there are going to be two events this weekend. The coat drive ends Friday and then there is going to be a father/daughter, mother/son, family dance Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hope in Christ. Bill Wiggins asked on the coat drive, who has identified the needs, who's going to distribute the coats and who do you see to get a coat? Mayor Reels stated that there are members from Hope in Christ that will be doing the disbursement. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to donate \$200 for the Valentines dance. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rafferty Cleary stated that he has the results from the survey and that himself, Mayor Reels and John Ross met today and they are going to take the top three results and try to work on getting those in place.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Depot Society wants to build a pocket park by the round house and this will be totally funded by the Depot Society. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to allow the Depot Society to proceed with this park on city property. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that there is a UT graduate that wants to do her research study on some trees at Meadowcreek Park. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow her to do her study at Meadowcreek Park. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that Andrew Buckner has spoken with him and he proposed to write at least two blogs a month for the Town of Monterey for \$500 per month and if he does an extra two or three per month, that would be an extra \$150 per month. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to draw up a contract for one year to see how it goes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

James Foster asked about the light on Stratton and Holly. Mayor Reels stated that we are just waiting on parts.

James Foster stated that he is going to make a suggestion to not let anybody cut wood on city property unless it is brought before the board.

Amy Martin stated that last month she brought up about citizens complaining about the town's lack of Christmas lights. She stated that there are some civic organizations that would probably donate to this. After some discussion, this was turned over to the street committee chairman, James Foster, to look at new decorations. Mark Farley stated that he would talk to Tommy Walker, VEC, and see if there was a way to use the current electric poles for these decorations.

Amy Martin stated that the Hilltop Chorale performs at least three free concerts to the community a year, and she is asking the Town for a donation to purchase music and to also pay the piano player. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to donate \$250 to the Hilltop Chorale. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that the compost toilet at Bee Rock is not doing as it was designed to do. He asked if we could contract with a septic company to see if they could pump these out?

Bill Wiggins asked when Stansell electric is up here for the signal lights, if they could fix the interstate lights on the eastbound ramps?

Bill Wiggins stated that any group that uses Bee Rock for drills, we need an agreement from them for insurance purposes.

Bill Wiggins stated that since we have the master plan for Meadow Creek, when are we going to set priorities? Mayor Reels stated that we will need to have a meeting. Alex Garcia stated that first thing should be a sign.

Bill Wiggins stated as chairman of the law committee, he went down to the police department and ran into some needs. They have a roof problem; they need an awning and they need a steel door close to the chief's office. Security fence needs to be contacted and see when they are going to put the netting up.

Bill Wiggins stated that there is an opportunity to buy some available property by the city garage. It is owned by Norman Copeland and he has it for sell.

Bill Wiggins asked if we have received a quit claim deed on the Gaw property at the garage? Mayor Reels stated no.

Mark Farley asked about filling Carl Reeves position in the water department that has been vacant. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to fill this position in house and that if Greg Farley is the only applicant to move him to full time in that position and then advertise for two part-time sanitation employees. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins asked if we had the certification for the Industrial Park yet? Mayor Reels stated no.

ADJOURNMENT: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mayor Reels to adjourn the meeting.

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager