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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 8, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.

There was a beer board committee meeting held prior to the regular board meeting for an application for Southeastern Convenience, LLC. Mr. Agee stated that he would be opening the last of March or the first part of April. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to issue a beer permit for Southeastern Convenience, LLC. After a roll call vote, there was four "yes" votes and three "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Martin, Garcia, Walker and Looper. Those voting no were: Whitaker, Farley and Foster. Motion carried.

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	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 James Foster

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brenda Young, Bette Simpson and Wendy Warren addressed the board concerning animal control. They presented to the board an updated animal control ordinance for the board to possibly adopt and was asking for a title given to Brenda Young so that she would be allowed to have access to the Putnam County animal shelter and be able to help the police department by picking up stray dogs and coordinating with them on any animal cruelty charges. Mayor Reels stated that we would send this to the law committee to look at.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nathan Walker stated that we did have a finance committee meeting and met with the department heads and got a list of their wants and needs. He stated that we will start the official budget process in the next couple of weeks.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021 MINUTES:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pay the bills as listed. Amy Martin questioned the bills from Gall's. Ella Dishman explained that was where the police and fire get uniforms and supplies. Amy Martin questioned the bills from RJ Corman Railroad. Ella Dishman explained that was for the water and sewer easements and for the quarterly rails for trails payment. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pull two of the galls bills for \$57.96 and \$326.20 from the bills and not pay these two. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried. After another roll call vote, all present voted yes to pay the bills, except the two Gall's bills. Motion carried. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper for the Mayor to pay for the two Gall's bill for his shirts. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER BIDS FOR ARC PAVING FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:** Nathaniel Green addressed the board and stated that they had a bid opening on January 26 for the water system improvements. After some more discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to accept the one and only bid from Rodgers Group for \$68,650.00. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that to get out of the contract with J & H Construction, we need to have a motion to allow the city attorney to review the paperwork and then for the Mayor to be able to execute it. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow the city attorney review the paperwork and if everything looks good, to allow Mayor Reels to execute the agreement. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that on the new wastewater treatment plant, we should have all the comments in by February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ENGINEER REPORTS:** Jerry Warren addressed the board and stated that the property at Industrial Park, the Town has a potential investor that would like to purchase this property, Rick Dake, and build some affordable housing. He wants to develop a community type environment. After some more discussion, Amy Martin stated that the building and grounds committee needs to look at this. We are having a building and grounds committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 and we will talk about this too.

Jerry Warren stated that on the box culverts, they should be completed in building those in about three weeks.

Jerry Warren stated that on the paving, Rodgers group is waiting until the box culverts are installed before they finish up the paving.

Jerry Warren stated that on Bee Rock, the composting toilets, they are waiting for the weather to clear up enough to finish them.

Jerry Warren stated that we had talked about make some improvements on Depot Street if the funding is there after Rodgers Group finishes the paving.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) **DISCUSSION CONCERNING COMPUTER SOFTWARE UPDATE:** Mayor Reels stated that this will be referred to the Technology Committee.

**b) DISCUSSION CONCERNING LIVE WELL CLINIC BUILDING:** Mayor Reels stated that Dr. Larry Reed was very instrumental in getting the clinic up and going and he would like to make a proclamation to name the clinic "Dr. Larry Reed Building". Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to name the Live Well Clinic Building, "Dr. Larry Reed Building". All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that the board had a work session with MTAS to go over the personnel policy handbook for the employees and they will be bringing a corrected, modern and up to date copy in March for the board to look at and approve.

Mayor Reels stated that he is working on a pay scale for city employees where they will get an annual pay raise on their anniversary date and is trying to get this done to incorporate it into next year's budget.

Mayor Reels stated that he has talked to TDOT and they are going to have to do a county on Holly and Stratton to determine if we need the traffic light put back up.

Mayor Reels stated that we have had three more businesses open up in the last month.

Mayor Reels stated that he was in a webinar called TN Smart Start Program and it is to give guidance to new businesses. There is no charge to be in this program it just let's the Town help guide and advise new businesses.

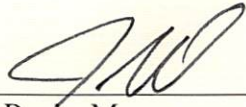
Amy Martin asked if the Mayor was going to appoint a committee to look at the alcohol ordinance? Mayor Reels stated that no, he is going to let the city attorney draw this up because we have to go by state guidelines also. After more discussion, Mayor Reels stated that he would set a work session for the city attorney to be here also and we can discuss this.

Amy Martin stated that she was shoveling snow this morning where the state had cleared the roads and pushed the snow into the parking spaces in front of businesses. She stated that she thinks that they should take the snow and dump it at the farmer's market. She also asked whose responsibility it was to salt the sidewalks in front of businesses? Mayor

Reels stated it is the business owner's responsibility. Amy Martin said that James Foster needs to call a street committee meeting to address this.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Nathan Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

  
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JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager