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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, MARCH 1, 2021, 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	

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

Invocation: Pastor Steve Looper

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Charles Looper

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Amy Martin stated that we had an economic development committee meeting on February 11, 2021 but I didn't bring my notes and the minutes that we have are from an old meeting.

Amy also stated that we had a building and grounds committee meeting on February 11, 2021 that Rick Dake was here and addressed the board concerning purchasing property in the industrial development park to develop some affordable housing.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MINUTES:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

**RURAL REIMAGINED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Rafferty Cleary addressed the board and stated that they have met and have agreed on a logo for the Town and will be having an unveiling of the new logo on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Bee Rock. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to adopt this new logo. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that they are working on the compost toilets at Bee Rock and the condition of the road that leads to the overlook there is in very bad shape. Mayor Reels stated that we really need to get some rock in there. Amy Martin stated that we will have a building and grounds committee meeting on the last Thursday of this month to talk about that.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING SEWER PUMPHOUSE REPLACEMENT:** Duane Jarrett addressed the board and stated that the Greek Avenue sewer lift station is falling in and getting dangerous. I have called Wascon and they have given me a quote on what this would cost. After some more discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to accept the bid from Wascon. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that he didn't know if the board has been informed, but there are several cows, I counted around 55, that have died and they are close to our water system but we have checked and they are not getting into our water.

Duane Jarrett stated that the sewer's plant chlorine gas for disinfection is getting old and getting unsafe. It is going to take around \$700.00 to change him over to bleach and we will be working on getting that done.

Duane Jarrett stated the THM's are back in compliance for the water.

Nathaniel Green stated that he has got the plans back on the new wastewater treatment plant. He stated that this will be going out to bid starting Thursday and he wants to have the bid opening for April 13<sup>th</sup> and to have a preconstruction date for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He asked the board if they maybe could have a special called meeting for April 19<sup>th</sup> to accept the lowest bid so that they can break ground in June.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Reels stated that on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting at Debbie's Thrift and Boutique where Bishop Drug store used to be.

Mayor Reels stated that the contracts are back for the railroad crossings and he stated that he would be sending them to Jerry Warren tomorrow.

Mayor Reels stated that at the building and grounds committee meeting they had talked about the Industrial Development property and if there was anything in there preventing the sale of this property. Jerry Warren sent him everything he had and that the only thing in the deeds is that there can be no quarrying or drilling. Charles Looper stated that he is not interested in selling this property. Alex Garcia stated that we can discuss this also in

the building and grounds committee meeting. After more discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to get a fair market assessment and then if we have to have it appraised that the cost should be split 50/50. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that they have been working on the box culverts on Railroad but the weather has put this on hold. He stated that Gary Jones has asked if we could put some rock by the railroad access so Gary can use that because we have the equipment blocking his driveway. Mark Farley asked if the railroad was ok with this? Mayor Reels stated that he will call them tomorrow and see what they say.

Mayor Reels gave an update on the federal lawsuit that has been filed by Steven Murray.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Reels stated that he had received a text message from Starlett and read the message to the board. The message was: "It has been a joy serving the citizens of Monterey for the last two and a half years. New business obligations make it impossible for me to attend the Monday night board meetings. Please select a replacement for ward 4. I wish you the best and continue serving the people." Mayor Reels stated so effective immediately, Starlett has stepped down. Charles Looper asked if he can make that nomination now? Mayor Reels stated no. Charles Looper asked why not? Mayor Reels stated because we have to accept candidates and look at candidates. Charles Looper stated that but the other alderman in that ward was the one that selects them. Mayor Reels stated I understand that. Charles Looper stated then I am ready to select. Mayor Reels stated that he was not ready to take nominations. Charles Looper asked if that was his decision? Mayor Reels stated yes. Charles Looper asked Mark Farley if that was right? Mark Farley stated he thinks the board needs to vote on it. After further discussion, no action was taken and Mayor Reels adjourned the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Reels adjourned the meeting.



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JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:



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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager