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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 MARCH 2, 2020, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Wiggins, III.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

	Alex Garcia	Starlett Wessels	Charles Looper
Mark Farley	JJ Reels		Nathan Walker

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

There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting on Ordinance #20-838. Betty Simpson, Wendy Warren and Ms. Young spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the flag: Vice-Mayor Starlett Wessels

Mayor Wiggins requested that we amend the agenda. Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to amend the motion. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiggins read a resignation letter from Dale Welch. In the letter Dale Welch recommended that his replacement be Julie Bohannon. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to nominate Julie Bohannon. Mayor Wiggins asked if there was a motion to elect Julie Bohannon by acclimation. Charles Looper made the motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiggins swore in Julie Bohannon at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MINUTES: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes except Julie Bohannon, which passed. Motion carried.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #20-838 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10 CHAPTER 2 OF THE MONTEREY CITY CODE REGARDING DOGS: Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #20-838. JJ Reels stated that he would like to clarify something. He stated that when we first started talking about this, it was not presented in this form, as an amendment. That was one of the issues I had with it. I wanted to make sure that it was written up right. After a roll call vote, there were five “yes” votes, one “no” vote and one “pass” vote. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Wessels, Looper, Reels and Walker. Those voting no were: Farley. Those voting pass were: Bohannon. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FROM GOVERNOR LEE’S BUDGET ALLOCATIONS: JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass this Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nathan Walker stated that the finance committee met last week and looked at the initial phases for the pay scales for city employees. We are going to have a meeting with the department heads on March 9th to look at it further and get some ideas from them.

JJ Reels stated that we had an informal meeting with the fire committee the other day and we didn’t have a quorum. Fire Chief Kevin Peters has some pressing issues that we need to discuss and I have asked him to be here tonight to discuss them. Kevin Peters stated that we have some issues that we have talked about over the last few years and one of them has been the live-in program. After some discussion, JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to start the live-in program tonight with Stephen Peters. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kevin Peters asked about the training house on Stewart. Nathaniel Green stated that would be torn down when we started the new wastewater treatment plant.

Kevin Peters talked about the Knox Box program and he stated that we would need an Ordinance for this.

Kevin Peters talked about part time paid fire fighters.

Kevin Peters stated that the ladder truck was in dire need of repairs. He stated that it is 48 years old and it would be over \$30,000 to make repairs. He stated that he has been looking at used ones and he has found a 1991 truck for \$76,000.

Kevin Peters stated that they need 1,000 feet of large diameter hose. He stated it needs to be replaced now. He stated it would be around \$5,400. Mayor Wiggins stated call and get a PO and get it ordered.

Starlett Wessel stated that Nathaniel Green was here to talk for the water committee. Nathaniel Green gave an update on the dam. He stated that Rami from Geotec was here and will be getting the report back to Nathaniel and he will let us know what they suggest.

Nathaniel Green stated that G & L will have a pre-construction conference on Monday March 9, at 10:00 a.m. here at city hall.

Nathaniel Green stated that he will have Duane look at the Waste Water plans. These plans will be ready to send to USDA in the next few months.

Nathaniel Green stated that he has been in contact with the Halls on their work days.

Nathaniel Green stated that they are getting the shoulders ready by Hardee's to lay the water and sewer lines.

OTHER BUSINESS: Dawn Kupferer stated that the drainage improvement project they are trying to fix a hole with an additional cost of \$18,000.

Dawn Kupferer stated that Elk Mountain started February 17 and it shouldn't be long to finish up.

Dawn Kupferer stated that the paving project advertisement was in the Sunday paper. We will have the bid openings on March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Dawn Kupferer stated that we are going to try to get our Industrial site certified. Mayor Wiggins stated that it is now being logged by Mark Speck.

Rafferty Cleary stated that we went out to Meadow Creek with the volunteers and got about one mile and a half in. They are doing a great job.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Diabetes Grant the permits have been obtained and plan to go to bid in April.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the plans and the specifications for the toilets are still in the planning phase.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we had an opening on the Planning Commission and I have appointed Jenna Wakefield to take the place of Paul Weist.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the Bee Rock lawsuit has been shrunk down to two. There will be a hearing to litigate the plaintiff's claims that they want a gate up on the easement and they do not want vehicular traffic on the easement.

Mayor Wiggins stated that paving on Old Walton Road – starting at Elmore, we have applied for a general permit to do something about that road that's breaking off. We thought that we might have a chance to get that done with a general permit, but we can't. What it is going to boil down to is one of those \$500 a foot permit because of the blue line stream.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Friday, they will be starting installation for the roof at city hall, that was approved last month.

Mayor Wiggins stated that as part of this flooding mitigation, Jerry is going to do some survey work from Railroad to Industrial.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the federal lawsuit against himself, the Chief, Sheriff Farris, there has been a motion filed to dismiss. We are awaiting a reply from the Judge.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Los Agaves is open and they will be having the grand opening on March 11, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: Terry Bowman addressed that board concerning wanting to wash the mud off of his parking area. Mayor Wiggins stated that would be Elk Mountain's responsibility to return the parking area to the way it was before construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we can't let this moment pass without saying we are melancholy that Dale has spent so many years in so many ways representing this Town and working on its behalf.

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

Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager