

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 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	Nathan Walker

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

Invocation: Mayor Bill Wiggins

Pledge to the flag: Alderman Mark Farley

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2018 MINUTES:** Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There was a Building and Grounds committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper that the Building and Grounds committee recommends that we accept a water feature that will be donated by the County for Whittaker Park. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin that the Building and Grounds committee recommends that we accept the diabetes grant. Dawn Kupferer

stated that she did a letter of intent to the Department of Health asking them for a piece of their funding for a Diabetes Grant. It is for 1,500 linear feet of five-foot-wide sidewalk for crosswalks and 475 feet of eight-foot-wide boardwalk. It is to link the high school and the elementary school with the trail and to get the kids off of Crossville Street. It is a 100% grant. If they like our proposal, they will ask us for a full application in about a month and we will bring it back to you and let you look at it for your approval. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels that the Building and Grounds committee recommends to approve the Nursing Home Lease. The Mayor stated that these negotiations made between Signature Health and your Standing Stone Healthcare Board of Trustees, currently Signature is paying \$16,000 a month and starting April 1, 2019 they will be paying \$22,500. Plus, January 1, 2020 rent will increase one and one-half percent (1½%) and then January 1, 2021 the same thing. It keeps compounding every year. It is a 10-year lease and granted an option for a 10-year renewal and at that time the rent will be up for re-negotiation. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to let the Mayor negotiate with Bob Harrison of Plateau Properties to purchase the crag and five acres adjoining the Meadowcreek Park and bring the information back to the next board meeting. At this time, he is asking \$42,000 for this. After some discussion and after a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Walker stated that they had a Finance Committee meeting on February 6 and met with all the department heads concerning the 2019-2020 budget. He stated that we will be meeting again on March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Starlett Wessels asked Dawn Kupferer to give an update on the water proposal. She stated that we got an email today that Governor Lee is going to submit our application for water line out to exit 300 to the Appalachian Regional Commission for their approval for funding. We originally put in an application for \$825,000 and it was a 50/50 grant to take the water out there because of the issues we have with the water lines going underneath I-40.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Julie Bohannon stated that friends of Meadowcreek Park will have their first meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Julie Bohannon stated that we are hoping that the trail will be finished by the end of summer.

Julie Bohannon stated that on March 30 at the lake at Meadowcreek we will be having a kid fishing day ages 6-12 years old.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sheila Walker addressed the board and stated that she has lived in Monterey since 1975. I have four things I want to address with you. One of the things was to thank the City because they cleaned out the ditch in front of her mother's house on the dead-end part of South Poplar. The second thing that I want to address is on Poplar Street, the dead-end part, when you cross the street across from Hardee's, that's Bishop, just for a short piece. Then it goes around a curve and continues on South Poplar but going straight is also a dead-end part of South Poplar but the street sign there says Bishop. She is asking for the city to a three-way street sign. The third thing she would like to ask is to put up a "Slow – Children at Play" at the dead end of South Poplar. The last thing she wants to talk about goes back to when Beecher Norrod build the houses on Poplar Street. When he dug out all the dirt, it made a hill that went very high that completely runs off on to my mother's property in the back yard. I know that there is probably nothing that we can do about that now, but we need to make sure in the city that it doesn't happen again.

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

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Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager