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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 6, 2023, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Mayor Mark Farley.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

	Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker	
James Foster	Jim Wolfgram	Charles Looper	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Chief Bill Randolph

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Bill Wiggins

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

AWARD PRESENTATION – RAFFERTY CLEARY: Rafferty Cleary stated that in the summer of 2022 Mayor Nathan Walker talked about recognizing citizens that had a positive impact in Monterey. He stated that the first awards recipients were the principal and vice-principal from Burks Elementary School. He stated that he wants to continue Mayor Walker’s vision. Tonight we have three MHS students that volunteer on a regular basis whether it be at the Depot, with the garden club, scrubbing graffiti off at Bee Rock, they are there do get the job done. He presented Monterey Impact awards to Josh Mee, Thomas Harris and David Farley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to approve the lease agreement with Outdoor Experience. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the scope of work for the playground equipment minus the adult exercise equipment and to change out

the spider web piece of equipment with a more handicapped inclusive piece of equipment and to not add the additional mulching. ARPA monies will be used to cover this purchase. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 MINUTES: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #23-861 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG): Amanda Mainord addressed the board and stated that we can apply for a grant of \$630,000 with the city’s match at \$77,865 or I am going to suggest applying for a \$350,000 grant with the city’s match being \$43,259 because we are more likely to get this amount. After further discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to authorize this application for sewer system improvements. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER EV CHARGE STATION GRANT FROM TENNESSEE TECH: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to move forward with this. Alderman Jim Wolgram asked where the money would be coming from to do this and many stations would we have? Rafferty Cleary stated that TDOT would be upgrading the parking lot and they will put in two to four. After a roll call vote, there were five “yes” votes and one “no” vote. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Whitaker, Foster, Looper and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Wolgram. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to post opening/closing at Meadow Creek Park from sun up to sun down. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that TDOT will be doing railroad work rehab on Holly and on Chestnut.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that there was an cardiac incident at the dental office a few weeks ago and he would like to see about getting an AED for the office at the Cate Gil building and one for Live Well Medical Clinic. After some discussion, Chief Bill Randolph has reached out to where we get ours to see if we can get two donated to the city for this.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that Chris Landers has asked about renting the old pump station by the Depot for an office for Old Grey. He suggested that Mayor Farley reach out to Chris Landers and get more specifics.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that before we mulch at the park, we may need to poll citizens and see if they would like the mulch or sand to be placed around the wooden playground equipment. He also stated that he is a fan of adult exercise equipment at Whitaker Park but at an affordable price.

MAYOR UPDATES: There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS: James Foster asked if we had done anything to fix the police department roof? Mayor Farley stated no that he has not had time but would get with the Chief to get some specs.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that the Depot Museum is going to be receiving an award in Memphis later this year.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he would like to have some streets closed for upcoming events. He stated that he would like Park Street to be closed on April 8, 2023 for our Easter events that will be happening in the park. He stated that on July 3, to be able to close Holly and Commercial for our live-in-the-city town concert. He stated that Chris Landers is wanting to pick one day a month and close the streets for local musicians to have concerts. Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to close these streets on these dates. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Smith addressed the board concerning moving water lines closer to homes on Shady Lane. He said right now there are three homes and one that will be building that would like the meters closer to their homes because the closest one they have is 2/10 of a mile away and the furthest is one mile away. This was turned over the water/sewer committee.

Alex Garcia stated that Twin Lakes is now active in Monterey.

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

Interim Mayor Mark Farley

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager