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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 7, 2022, AT 7:00 PM.

Mayor JJ Reels addressed the board and stated that due to health reasons that he would be stepping down as Mayor effective immediately. He stated that he thinks the board will continue to move forward and thanked the board for allowing him to serve with you.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Mark Farley.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker	Mark Farley
James Foster	Nathan Walker	Charles Looper	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Alex Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dana Pierce and Amber Matheney addressed the board concerning project graduation.

Susan Jackson addressed the board and stated that she thinks the town needs to hire a part time police officer. She stated that we needed to have an officer for each ward in the day time and the night time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nathan Walker stated that the finance committee had met to start the initial budget and talked with all the department heads to get a list of their needs and wants. He stated that we will be having another budget meeting this month.

Amy Martin stated that the building and grounds committee met and that they discussed several different things. She stated that Dawn Kupferer needs approval from this board

to apply for a grant for phase V of Monterey's connectivity efforts. The project will build 1,000 linear feet of 8 foot wide asphalt trail, from Oak Street to Woodcliff Road along the railroad. It would also include 200 linear feet of boardwalk. The project will be connected with 970 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk, from the end of the trail to Commercial Ave. This is a 100% grant if awarded in the amount of \$259,160.00 Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to apply for this grant. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Amy Martin stated that in their discussions, they were talking about a bill from Warren and Associates and found out that the previous Mayor had Jerry Warren and an architect working on a project for the Cate Gil Building. Do we need to proceed with that? None of the board members are aware of what this is, so this should halt until we know what this is for.

Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia for Rafferty Cleary to submit an approval letter to SORBA for a Cookeville rotary club grant for a changing station at meadow creek park with the stipulation that they bring the plans before this board for approval. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Walker stated that he had been approached by a member of the county commission and was asked to give a presentation and ask for some of the TDEC ARP funds in the amount of \$500,000. After some discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to go before the county commission along with Nathaniel Green and give a presentation. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that John T. Hall has finished their construction and they did come in under budget by \$10,058.72. After further discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve change order number 4 with a decrease of \$10,058.72. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to increase the engineering fee for Nathaniel Green by \$5,000. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that we have a rain water problem up around Perdue and asked if we could rent a flow meter from Nathaniel Green for around \$1,100 monthly for approximately two months, March and April, for two years. After some discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to approve this for two years. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett addressed the board and stated that chemical have increased by 44% and that he is going to recommend an eight (8) percent water rate increase to cover the chemicals. Nathaniel Green stated that he would recommend that we get a service study done and Jackson Thornton is a good group.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 MINUTES: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the February 7, 2022 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION CDBG CITIZENS INPUT- DAWN KUPFERER: Nathan Walker stated that they did have the public input and they are going to apply for a CDBG grant for a fire truck. The fire truck will be around \$560,000.

DAWN KUPFERER TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CLOSE OUT OF CDBG AND OUTDOOR CLASSROOM BID OPENING ON APRIL 6TH AT 10:00 A.M.: Rafferty Cleary stated that they are going to open up the bids on April 6th at 10:00 a.m. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia that if there is anything else that needs to be closed for the CDBG, that this is the approval. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER TOURISM CONTENT CREATOR CONTRACT WITH ANDREW BUCKNER: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to enter into this contract with Andrew Buckner. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to accept JJ Reels resignation from mayor. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia made a motion to nominate Bill Wiggins to get the quit claim deed for the city garage bay. This was turned over to talk about in the work session.

Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to reject the bids for paint at the depot. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to rebid the paint job at the depot. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Walker stated that there was a business owner that has approached him and said that they would allow us to use his property to shoot fireworks for the 4th of July. Nathan stated that he has contacted a couple of firework places and they said that it would be around \$1,000 per minute. If we do the same show as we did about 10 years ago, it will be around \$15,000. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to approve this and to go ahead and get the fireworks ordered. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Mark Farley

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager