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THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN CONFERENCE SESSION ON APRIL 6, 2020, AT 7:00 PM.

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

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Julie Bohannon	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:

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 MINUTES: JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER BIDS FOR PAVING: Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to accept the one and only bid for \$489,020.60 from Rogers Group. If we have any money left over, we can add an addendum to pave Peter Avenue and Woodcliff Road starting at Satterfield. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER LOS AGAVES BEER APPLICATION: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve Los Agaves beer application. After a roll call vote, there were five "yes" votes and two "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Bohannon, Garcia, Looper, Reels and Walker. Those voting no were: Wessels and Farley. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO WELCH CEMETERY BOARD: Mayor Wiggins stated there are three members that make up this board and two of those members have passed away. Keith Phillips talked with Sue Cox and Sharon Parrott and they said that they were willing to sit on this board. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to appoint Sue Cox and Sharon Parrott to this board. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nathan Walker stated that we are going to try to have a finance committee meeting the 1st of next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Nathaniel Green gave an update on the CDBG project. He stated that he would like the board to give another extension for 70 days because of rain to J & H Construction. He stated that John Hall Construction will be helping them and he recommends that they get a written agreement between the two parties with this extension. He stated that with this extension, they should be completed by June 20. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to approve the 70 day extension with the stipulation that there is a written agreement between J & H and John Hall. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that they started working on the Industrial Tank today and they have found more rust than anticipated after they drained the tank. He stated that he extra money set aside for anything like this. He recommends that we put a limit of \$25,000 for extra repair for all three tanks. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to allow this extra \$25,000 funding for extra repairs as needed for all three tanks. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that on the Meadow Creek dam we are waiting for the water to go down so we can take some pictures and get them to Geo Tek.

Nathaniel Green stated that the wastewater treatment plant plans are moving along nicely.

Nathaniel Green stated that on the ARC grant, we are anticipating getting the plans to Dawn this month. We are about 75% finished. Dawn Kupferer stated that once she gets the plans, she will get the plans to ARC for review.

Nathaniel Green stated that we need to have a water/sewer committee meeting this month to talk about the sewer going down Highway 70.

Duane Jarrett gave an update on the turbine at the intake at the water treatment plant. The crane came Friday and they had to back off because there was too much water coming in. They will be back in June to finish the project.

Dawn Kupferer stated that if we wanted to look for some grant money, if you will put me on your list to be added the water/sewer committee meeting, she will listen in and see what we are wanting and look for grant money for that project.

Mayor Wiggins asked about the compost toilets at Bee Rock. Jerry Warren stated that we have been trying to schedule a trip to look at them but with the tornado and this COVID-19 virus they have closed down for a few weeks.

Mayor Wiggins asked about the sidewalk project at the Burks campus. Dawn Kupferer stated that we have postponed the bid opening until April 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Julie Bohannon stated that she was excited about the bathrooms going in at Bee Rock. Please keep us informed on that.

Nathan Walker stated that with the recent events going on in the world, I just wanted to say a little something about the sales tax that we receive. Obviously, we are going to be seeing some shortfalls from what we had expected. He stated that the state already has some programs and grants for all of us effected and we need to try to get all of them that we can. Sales tax monies make up about 35% to 40% of our budget. That could translate into 15% to 20% of our budget. We need to save money anywhere that we can. We need to watch what we are spending.

Mayor Wiggins stated that with the death of Jack Ray, he was my consultant in terms of economic development and commercial activity. Jack was connected, he knew how to do the talk and we were getting excited about sewer getting exit 300. He has left a big void in many other ways too. But I have contacted the Development District and they have a program called the Retail Academy and among other things there has to be a three member board and I just had to have some of Jack Ray's DNA on this board. I have talked with Elizabeth Fonet and she said she was probably not going to be able to do it but she is going to talk to her son Amon, who is going back to grad school, but he is deeply involved and has much love form Monterey. The other two I have settled on. One is Rafferty Cleary and the other will be Nathan Walker. I will let you know how I proceed on this.

Mayor Wiggins stated that David Funk, a landscaper out of Cookeville, he does all of the Bank of Putnam County Landscaping and he and Jack became very close and David wanted to do some sort of memorial display for him. David called me and told me what he wanted to do and I told him the first thing we have to do is call Elizabeth Ann or Donna and he did. He had a long conversation with Elizabeth and what he wants to do is put out a nice plot with flowering plants and trees and we have settled on the grassy embankment that belongs to the railroad right in front of the Depot. I have email RJ Corman to get permission to develop that garden there. It is important to know that in Elizabeth's conversation with David and me, she said this was wonderful, but we do not, we will not put any kind of marker or monument, we won't put dad's name on it at all. It's sufficient to know that you did it.

Mayor Wiggins stated that you may have noticed the big ash tree that was in the side yard, it is gone. It was on the verge of coming down, so we got that out of there.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Eugene Buckner, at the end of Cates Road, has about 67 +/- acres. He is talking with Tennessee Greenway and he would like to have that on a Conservation Easement and donate that to the Town of Monterey sometime in the future. His mom, Mamie, lives there and it will not happen while she is living there.

Nathan Walker stated that he has talked with Kevin Peters and they are in dire need of an aerial fire truck. Kevin has found one in good shape for \$79,000 and that will include a trade in. If we finance this, it would be \$17,000 a year at a 3.89% interest rate right now. After some discussion, it was decided to put this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the railroad crossings at Poplar and Elm are now in the funding phase and part of that crossing work will be some paving. The crossings at Holly and Chestnut are on RJ Corman's schedule to be completely reworked but I do not have a date on that.

Mayor Wiggins stated that there is a new roof on city hall.

Mayor Wiggins stated that TDOT will have a public hearing, later this month, on the congestion on I-40 between Cookeville and Monterey. If you have any ideals that you would like TDOT to hear about relieving that congestion, please let me know.


Mayor Wiggins stated about the closures in Town, those correspond with the Governor's executive order and will expire on the 18th and if the Governor relaxes those, so will we.

Larry Bates stated that at the gun range down on the sewer plant property Larry Bates stated that there is a need for some sort of structure and we are going to have John Horst take a look and come to you all with some sort of ideal.

Mark Farley asked about the drain tiles at the police department. Jerry Warren stated that Elk Mountain is waiting on for the water to drain off.


Mayor Wiggins stated that we have four employees off, with pay, for this COVID-19. We have two gentlemen that have pulmonary conditions that they would be very vulnerable to. We have a policeman that is taking a break because his family was visited by someone that tested positive for the virus. And Chucky Speck, our mechanic, his wife works at a nursing home in Algood, she has tested negative, but public health officials caution that even though you are a symptomatic you can still convey it. So we may be looking at least one and maybe two part time employees.

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



Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:


Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager