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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, APRIL 5, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor JJ Reels.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

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

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Nathan Walker

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Angela Mountain addressed the board concerning tethered dogs and abandoned dogs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nathan Walker gave an update on the finance committee meetings that were held in March.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 1, 2021 MINUTES:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

**ENGINEER UPDATES:** Zeda Hillis stated that Ironwood Construction has completed their project over by the interstate.

Zeda Hillis stated that there will be a pre-construction conference on April 13 with Rogers group on the paving projects.

Zeda Hillis stated that there was a pre-construction bid conference on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and there were eight contractors that showed up. There will be a bid opening at 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. and Nathaniel Green wanted to ask the board to have a special called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to award this project.

Mayor Reels stated that Jerry Warren stated that they are waiting on the weather to finish up the trail.

Mayor Reels stated that Jerry Warren stated that Railroad Avenue is ready to be paved and if there is enough money left over, they can pave Depot Street if the board wishes. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whittaker to pave Depot Street if there is enough money left over. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that he has received a letter from the state that two of the railroad crossings, Elm Street and Poplar, have been approved to be paved. They will be paved from the railroad tracks all the way up to Commercial Avenue.

Mayor Reels stated that the compost toilets are about a week away from having the final walk through on them.

Mayor Reels stated that the Easter egg hunt this past Saturday was a success.

**CONSIDER PROCLAMATION HONORING KAYLIN MARIE SHEPHERD:**

Mayor Reels read a proclamation making April 5, 2021 as Kaylin Marie Shepherd day for her accomplishment of winning nationals with the wrestling team.

**ALDERMAN SEAT NOMINATIONS:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to nominate Bill Wiggins to fill the vacancy in ward 4. Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to nominate Rebecca Iaquina to fill the vacancy in ward 4. After some discussion, Jim Whitaker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley and Charles Looper to end the discussion and to vote on it. After further discussion, Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to break the rules of Roberts rules of order and have a work session to let the two nominees address the board.

**1ST & 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-844 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR ONE PARCEL LOCATED ON N. ELM STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-1:**

Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-844. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-845 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR ONE PARCEL LOCATED ON E. CLEVELAND AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-1:** Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-845. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-846 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BAORD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE A TAX LEVY FOR THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2022:** Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-846. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-847 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-847. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER BID FOR A MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE MONTEREY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to accept the only bid of \$40,252.01 from Zoll, and this does include a five-year extended warranty. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Reels stated that Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at the softball field, bikers against bullies will be there for a fund raiser ball game.

Mayor Reels stated that the Monterey branch library is offering free tax service to anyone that needs help filing their income taxes.

Mayor Reels stated that there have been two new businesses open this last month. They are Debbie's Thrift and Boutique on the corner of Holly and Commercial and then Emalie and Elliott's Children apparel on S. Holly by K & P pet grooming.

Mayor Reels stated that Phillips 66 should be opening by the end of this month.

Mayor Reels stated that we have a new logo for the Town of Monterey.

Rafferty Cleary addressed the board and stated that a group called Olin Studios has presented to the board a master plan for Meadow Creek Park for \$15,000 and that the time line for this to be completed will be 20 weeks in four different phases. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to enter into this agreement. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Garden Club would like to use the property behind the Cate Gil building as a community garden. After some discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow them to use this piece of property. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that there was a gentleman that wants to do some volunteer work on the old softball field building. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to allow him to paint the building. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Depot won an award of Excellence thanks to Dale Welch.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Charles Looper asked Mayor Reels if he had anything to say to him? Mayor Reels stated that last month I stated that that if you didn't follow procedures, then you should resign and I want to apologize for that, because that was unprofessional.

Nathan Walker asked Mayor Reels if he had negotiated a contract for new uniforms for city employees? Mayor Reels stated yes with a reduction in price. After some discussion, it was decided that Mayor Reels will get the information and bring to the board for board approval of this contract at the next board meeting.

Nathan Walker asked about tree cutting on city property. Mayor Reels stated that there was someone that was cutting down some dead trees at Meadowcreek and at the Industrial Park. Nathan Walker stated but this board has not given the approval to do that. Mayor Reels stated that it was just dead wood on the ground. It was decided that Mayor Reels would contact the person and have them to cease until the board gave their approval

**ADJOURNMENT:** Amy Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager