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Mark Farley
MAYOR

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, MAY 1 2023, AT 7:00 PM.

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

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	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: Bro. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Alex Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sherry Lawson addressed the board and stated that she is wanting to move their liquor store, Spigot Wine, across the street while they repair the current building. Mayor Farley stated that he would check into this for her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Bill Wiggins stated that we have a budget and he did say that we need to start looking at the fire department for 2024-2025 budget. He also stated that we need to start thinking about hiring a city manager. This will take a private act to change our charter.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 MINUTES: Jim Whitaker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass these amendments. After a roll call vote, there were six “yes” votes and one “no” vote. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Whitaker, Foster, Wolfgram, Looper and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Martin. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #23-857 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD 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 2024:

Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #23-857. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #23-858 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024:

Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to pass the first and second reading of Ordinance #23-858. Alex Garcia stated that his opinion is that the \$35,000 for an assistant at the Depot could be used in the fire department. Amy Martin asked why the Depot Society could not pay for this salary of the grant money they received? After further discussion and a roll call vote, there were four “yes” votes and three “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Whitaker, Foster, Looper and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Martin, Garcia and Wolfgram. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded to reject and rebid the street paving bids. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Zeda Hillis with James C. Hailey and Co., asked the board if we could have a work session on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the rate study completed by Jackson Thornton, CPA’s? It was decided to have this work session on that date.

Zeda Hillis gave an update on the new waste water treatment plant.

Mayor Farley stated that we had received an email from Standing Stone Scribe asking if we wanted to place an ad for the graduates. It was a consensus of the board to not place an ad.

Mayor Farley stated that we had received an email from TDOT asking if wanted to continue with the daffodil project on the interstate. It was the consensus of the board to opt out and not replace these.

Rafferty Cleary stated that vandals have struck again at Whitaker Park pavilion. They took a bat to the electric meter box. He also stated that the lights are not working at the park and he has contacted VEC and they will check on these tomorrow.

Rafferty Cleary stated that there are some students from TTU that would like to do an economic impact study at Bee Rock. The cost for this is \$450. Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to approve \$450 for Geofence to do this study. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that we can get "veteran" banners made, 34 banners at \$62.00 each, to put on the light poles. It was suggested that we ask VFW if they wanted to make a donation for this. After further discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to have these banners made. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Down Syndrome group went good at Meadow Creek Park. He stated that we had a Boy Scout group that spent the night at Meadow Creek Park also.

Rafferty Cleary stated that May 18, the Jr. Beta Club from MHS, would like to have a community service work day and will be working at Whittaker Park. They will start around 8:30 a.m. if any of the board members want to join in.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the building and grounds need to have a committee meeting and look at the street lights.

MAYOR UPDATES: There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bill Wiggins stated that we need to look at an athletic and event authority and come up with a mission statement.

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

Interim Mayor Mark Farley

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager