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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, MAY 2, 2022, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nathan Walker

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker	Mark Farley
James Foster		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: Vice-Mayor Mark Farley

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Walker stated that we had a finance committee meeting but that will be discussed later in this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2022 AND APRIL 11, 2022 MINUTES: Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to approve the April 4, 2022 and April 11, 2022 meetings. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CLOSING SOME STREETS FOR THE LBJ & C HEADSTART GRADUATION CLASS ON MAY 9, 2022: After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to close the necessary streets for this and this will be coordinated with the chief of police. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #22-853 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE A TAX LEVY OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2023.: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #22-853. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #22-854 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023: Mayor Walker went over what the finance committee had discussed and explained all the items that were added, the wage schedule for the employees. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #22-854. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 BUDGET: Mayor Walker stated that this is just housekeeping items and after further discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the budget amendments as submitted. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Walker stated that the State of Tennessee budget committee has appropriated \$500,000 to the Monterey Depot Historical Society and \$200,000 to the Town of Monterey for a soccer field and improvements to meadow creek park.

Mayor Walker stated that the water/sewer department had a piece of equipment that went down and he approved an emergency purchase of around \$6,000 to replace that.

Mayor Walker stated that he was hoping to have an update on a city attorney tonight, but the attorney has not got back with him to let him know if they can accept the work load or not. He stated that he should know sometime this week.

Mayor Walker stated that John Zachary has returned as our codes officer.

Mayor Walker asked Jerry Warren to address the board concerning the bids for the depot platform. Jerry Warren stated that we had only received one bid for \$115,600 and the original budget was for \$90,000. He stated that we could either rebid or accept this bid. After further discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to reject this bid and to rebid the project. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Zeda Hillis stated that they are going to be here this week to do another walk thru for the waste water treatment plant.

Zeda Hillis stated that they have sent a letter to Jackson Thorton for them to start the rate study for the town.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Wiggins stated that when a city employee does something with a remarkable accomplishment, they deserve to be recognized. Rafferty Cleary will be traveling to San Diego, CA in November to speak with American Society of landscape and architects concerning our own meadow creek park.

Bill Wiggins stated that on full disclosure four years ago, Julie Bohannon was involved with a project, what they called the Wilder project, and he wanted to give a shout out to some of the ones involved in helping secure these donations. Ronnie Phillips, John Mark Windle, Cameron Sexton and Rafferty Cleary. There was also someone else, but they don't want their name disclosed, that has been working behind the scenes advocating for the Town of Monterey.

Bill Wiggins stated that we have civic organizations that sponsor holiday events and he would like to see this get up and going strong again especially Standing Stone Day. He stated that he would like to see Rafferty Cleary be the spokesperson to talk with the native American people to get them more involved with our Standing Stone Day. After some discussion, Mayor Walker stated that we will have a work session in two weeks at 7:00 p.m. here at city hall and we will invite a representative of each of the organizations to be present at this meeting to give their input.

OTHER BUSINESS: James Foster stated that the Front Porch has requested a handicap ramp be installed in the sidewalk in front of their restaurant. Mayor Walker stated he would have the city boys look into this.

Mayor Walker stated that we are trying to get Facebook live back up and running.

Charles Looper stated that he thinks this board needs to look at increasing the mayor's pay. This will be turned over to the finance committee to look at.

Rafferty Cleary stated that Heritage Academy students have been involved in three different projects the last few weekends and wanted to recognize their hard work.

Bill Wiggins stated that Jim Basham, Jim Whitaker, Harold Boswell and Rafferty Cleary have been working diligently on the dining car.

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

Mayor Nathan Walker

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager