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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 3, 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	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Bill Wiggins

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Julie Bohannon addressed the board and stated that she has two questions for the board to answer after she finishes her statement. She went asked if it is the Town's policy to expel citizens from public meetings in public buildings? She also asked if there is somewhere else for citizens to view the Town's public meetings besides the Mayor's face book page because she has been blocked from that page? Mayor Reels stated that when they get the kinks worked out, that the official face book page for the Town of Monterey is where you will be able to watch those. Amy Martin stated that she thinks this board needs to stay out of civic organizations meetings and she stated to Rebekah Beeler, President of the Standing Stone Historical Society, that they may need to look at somewhere else to hold their monthly meetings. Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that he will address this under new business.

Steve Maddox addressed the board and asked what the plans are on putting off road parking on lot number nine that the Town just purchased and if they have ordered signs for the park with the rules? Mayor Reels stated that this needs to go before the Building and Grounds committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5 AND APRIL 19, 2021 MINUTES:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Loper to approve the April 5 and April 19, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

**3<sup>RD</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:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Charles Loper made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-844. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-845 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR ONE PARCEL LOCATED ON E. CLEVELAND AVENUE FROM R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-1:** (There was a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-845. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #21-846 – 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 2022:** (There was a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-846. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</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:** (There was a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-847. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER LOAN RESOLUTION FOR THE \$6,000,000 FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass this Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING “LOVE FOR LIFE CELEBRATION” FOR DR. LARRY REED:** Mayor Reels stated that on Saturday May 29 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at 505 West Crawford they are have a “Life Celebration” for Dr. Larry Reed.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING CODES INSPECTOR:** Mayor Reels stated that Chad is terminating him employment and that we have put an ad in the paper for a new codes officer. He stated that as of right now, we have only had one application for this position.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNG TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mayor Reels stated that Brett Knight has submitted his resignation and that he met today with our new attorney, Will Mullins. Alderwoman Amy Martin asked what experience does he have with municipal government? Mayor Reels stated that he does not know.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING DRAINAGE PROBLEMS:** Mayor Reels stated that he is trying to get the stated to fix the drainage problem up by the high school at the old bar-b-que building. He stated that this is affecting the underlining of the sidewalk on the shoulder and sidewalk on the park side.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNG SAVE-A-LOT GRAND RE-OPENING:** Mayor Reels stated that May 26, 2021 Save-A-Lot will be having a grand re-opening at 10:00 a.m.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Reels stated that the change order has been signed for paving.

Mayor Reels stated that the Railroad has the paperwork and that we are waiting on Corman to come back.

Mayor Reels stated that the compost toilet at Bee Rock is completed.

Mayor Reels stated that they are working on the diabetes trail as weather permits.

Mayor Reels stated that he had received a bill from UCDD for \$598 and one from UCHRA for \$570 for dues. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pay these two bills. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that Nathaniel and Duane would like to address the board. Nathaniel Green stated that we are going to be under budget for extending the lines under the interstate and he would like to add an alternate bid, to go approximately 1,300 feet, for around \$70,000-\$90,000.

Nathaniel Green stated that Rural Development has agreed to another \$1.75 million grant and a \$750,000 loan to be paid over 40 years at 1.375% with the Town paying an additional \$500,000 down. I would need a motion tonight to accept Amendment #4. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to accept amendment #4. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that we have a bill from TDEC for \$1,484.40 that needs to be paid. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pay this amount to TDEC. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett asked permission to bid a flow monitor for discharge at Perdue and to bring the bids to the June's meeting. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to let Duane bid this out and bring the bids back to the June's meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that he wants to say that he is going to contribute to this board and town as much as he can.

Alderman Wiggins stated that there has been some serious movement with Downtown Revitalization.

Alderman Wiggins stated that the peninsula on Hanging Limb Road, there is natural beauty there and he stated that he would advise the Mayor to get in touch with Peggy Swallows and talk to her about that easement that is out there for us to be able to get back there.

Alderman Wiggins stated that when he was Mayor, Dawn and Jerry Warren were working on developing the Industrial Park and there were four sites of good size for installation of solar panels. He asked if there had been anything done with this?

Alderman Wiggins asked if there has been any kind of movement for the trail extension from Oak Street to Woodcliff Road?

Alderman Wiggins stated that he would advise the Mayor to contact Alan Wolfe about the corridor study on E. Stratton and S. Holly.

Alderman Wiggins stated that Shirley Gaw donated property several years ago for the garage and fire department and EMS. He stated according to the deed, part of the Gaw deed has the corner of the garage in their deed. He would suggest getting with Mr. Meadows and getting this fixed.

Alderman Wiggins asked about the Conservation easement at Bee Rock and asked about the timber overlook.

Alderman Wiggins stated that when he was Mayor, he had put out to bid awnings at the Cate Gill Building. Mayor Reels stated that he thinks Brad Vaughn will be taking care of this.

Alderman Wiggins stated that the street sweeper needs fixed.

Alderman Wiggins suggested the Mayor talk to Dawn about the Center Hill RPO's.

Alderman Wiggins stated that there is an alley behind Rafferty's property that leads to nowhere that we may want to declare abandoned.

Alderman Wiggins stated that at one point, Larry Bates had requested a shed for inclement weather at the shooting range and advised Mayor Reels that he may want to talk to Larry about that.

Alderman Wiggins stated that the lamp posts downtown are cruddy looking and that they need to be repainted/repared and the Volunteer Energy owns them now.

Alderman Wiggins asked about the traffic signals on Holly and Chestnut and Mayor Reels stated that he has signed a contract.

Alderman Wiggins stated that he has tried for several years to get TDOT to claim Crossville Street as a state road. He advised the Mayor that he may want to check on that.

Alderman Wiggins stated that Standing Stone Historical Society, that no one will ask him to leave because he has been there since its conception and is a lifelong member. Alderman Wiggins stated he thinks we need to suspend the use of city facilities until they have submitted a corrected action plan.

Alderman Wiggins stated that when the Monterey Hometown Project was formed that they were supposed to give monthly updates to this board and they did until after the quasiquincentennial celebration and then there was none. We do know that the money in the account was to pay for the Christmas lights for the poles, the roster plaque and the city entrance boulders. The amount in the checking account to date is: \$8,448.11 and that is to pay for the boulders.

Alderman Bill Wiggins asked for a point of privilege. He went to the podium and stated just a few short days ago, there was an attempted smear on him from members of this board. He stated that he was accused of bank fraud, bogus minutes and forged minutes. He stated he wants to know which bank was defrauded and how much? After a short time went by, he stated, you can either answer here for public opinion or under oath.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Reels stated that Mike Todd had contacted him and was wanting to know if we could abandon the alley Convenience Mart and the house he owns beside the store? He would like to make his parking lot bigger. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to abandon this alley and let Mike have this surveyed and take to the planning commission. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to adjourn the meeting.

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JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager