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THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN CONFERENCE SESSION ON MAY 4, 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	James Foster	Nathan Walker

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 6, 2020 MINUTES: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to approve the April 6, 2020 minutes. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #20-839 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE MONTEREY CITY CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES: Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to pass the 1st Reading of Ordinance #20-839. Mark Farley asked how much was last years rate? Nathaniel Green stated that for 2,000 gallons it was \$16.50 and they will be going up to \$16.75 and then for every 1,000 gallons after that will go up to \$5.80 from \$5.50. JJ Reels stated that he would like to see item g deleted from the ordinance, which is adding a \$2.00 fee when customers do not have their bill. James Foster asked how many times in the last 10 years has the rates went up? Duane Jarrett stated that this will make the fourth (4th) time. After more discussion, JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to amend the ordinance by deleting item g (Customers that do not have a copy of their bill when paying shall be charged an administrative fee of \$2.00 per bill.)

After a roll call vote, there were three “yes” votes and five “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Wessels and Reels. Those voting no were: Bohannon, Looper, Farley, Foster and Walker. Motion failed.

After a roll call vote on the original motion to pass the 1st Reading, there were six “yes” votes and two “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Bohannon, Wessels, Looper, Farley, Foster and Walker. Those voting no were: Garcia and Reels. Motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #20-840 – 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 2021: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pass the 1st Reading of Ordinance #20-840. Mark Farley asked what last year’s tax rate was? Mayor Wiggins stated it was the same \$1.36. We did not raise taxes this year. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #20-841 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to adopt the 1st Reading of Ordinance #20-841. Nathan Walker went over the list of items that were added to the budget. JJ Reels asked about the fire ladder truck that the chief wanted to purchase for \$17,000 a year for five years. Nathan Walker explained to him that the comptroller’s office has stated that with the COVID-19 we should expect at least a twelve percent (12%) decrease in revenues and that is why the fire ladder truck was not added. After some more discussion, after a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #20-841 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR LEE’S LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT GRANT: Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to pass this Resolution. Mayor Wiggins stated that this will be another \$93,000 that we could get and use for paving alternate streets. Dawn Kupferer stated that once we get this resolution turned in and if it meets all the requirements, which it does, then we could expect payment as early as July 1, 2020. Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to pass this Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE PROJECT DIABETES TRAIL: Dawn Kupferer stated that we are waiting on additional funding. We are supposed to be hearing back from them this week so we would like to postpone this item until the next meeting. Mayor Wiggins stated that trail behind the police department is very grainy now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was none.

Mayor Wiggins stated that he was talking to Chief Randolph today and Rafferty and they have been notified about a pending parade to honor the graduating class of Monterey High School this year. Mayor Wiggins stated Nathan you and Julie did a spectacular job for the Valentine’s day dance at the community center and you all might want to come up

with something that we could do too. Back to the parade, Julie you are chairman of building and grounds and Pokey you are chairman of streets and I am assuming you all have no information? Julie Bohannon and Charles Looper both stated that they did not. Mayor Wiggins stated that we do have regulations about parades. What my feeling is, this is for such a noble cause that I think we should waive all fees and permits. After further discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Julie Bohannon to waive all fees and permits and for the police to help with the route and traffic control. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiggins stated that John Ross stated that the water feature at Whittaker Park which is under construction should be ready by June and then tentatively we will have a grand re-opening of Whittaker Park, provided everything looks pretty good public health wise.

Mayor Wiggins stated that David Funk landscaping will be making a memorial for Jack Ray at Whittaker Park.

Rafferty Cleary stated that here in a couple of weeks, there will be some new signs going up at the farmer's market. There was a lump sum donated by some vendors, so if you see those that is where that is coming from.

James Foster asked when the ball fields were going to be open? Mayor Wiggins stated if everything looks ok, it will be June 1st.

Duane Jarrett gave an update on the maintenance of the water tanks. He stated that we have used \$10,450, on the Industrial water tank and the Peter Avenue water tank, of the change order money that was approved.

Mark Farley asked what can you tell us about the soft spots at Mr. Bowman's? Mayor Wiggins stated that he will let Jerry Warren address the technicalities that are involved in that. First of all, Mark, that is on private property and we have no easements. Mark Farley stated that was what he was wondering. JJ Reels asked if they were talking about the drain between the two buildings? Jerry Warren stated yes. Mayor Wiggins asked Jerry Warren to hypothesize about what happened there? Jerry Warren stated that based on pictures, basically it appears to me that where we put the new pipe in, it carried the water that came to it but the pipe through Mr. Bowman's property could not carry the water and the water built up in the park and got a little pressure on it and then it found weak spots around that catch basin and that is where it came out. It appears that it is on private property so I would have to defer that to the property owner. JJ Reels stated across the street, across Commercial, there is, where the water drains through, have we done anything to address that issue over there? Where it is stopped up, there is a lot of trash and stuff there a lot of vegetation. If we open that up, I think the water from the park would pool out quicker. Jerry Warren stated that we have looked at above and below and one of the things we are looking at right now is getting a package together to basically kind of do some additional cleaning and of course that brings on some permitting questions and we did have a conference call with TDEC last week.

Jerry Warren gave an update on the Old Walton Road Project and he stated that he talked with TDEC and has applied for additional permits. It has gone from the TDEC office in Cookeville and is in Nashville TDEC office now.

JJ Reels asked where we are at with the paving project? Jerry Warren stated that he has talked with Rodgers group today and they are getting the paperwork back to us to look at and they are tentatively looking at Memorial Day or the first of June.

Jerry Warren stated that they came up a few days ago and used their GPS and profiled the stream bed from Industrial Drive up to Railroad. What we are trying to do is identify where we have vegetation, snags and anything that is impeding the flow of water. There will be permits required from TDEC.

Mark Farley asked Jerry Warren if that was a change order in that spot-on Mr. Bowman's property? Jerry Warren stated that if you are referring to the pipe that was put in his parking lot, Mr. Bowman actually paid for that himself. Mark Farley stated he was just wondering if that was a change order or not?

Rebekah Beeler stated that she would like to talk about the parade that was mentioned earlier. She stated that they were adopting seniors and she asked them if having a parade was something maybe we could do and May 16 was the date of the original date of their graduation and we were talking about using that day. We were going to make May 16th at 2:00 p.m. the time of the parade. I was going to present this to the board and to you Mayor and I really appreciate all of your all's support. She stated that she has already contacted the Chief and he said to name the date and they would do it. They are wanting to use the old Cumberland Container's parking lot. Mayor Wiggins stated that the property was railroad property and that they could use it.

Starlett Wessels asked when will the farmer's market be open for yard sales? Mayor Wiggins stated as of right now, it will be June 1.

JJ Reels asked about the four city workers that were out for the COVID-19, are they back to work? Mayor Wiggins stated that we did have two employees that were quarantined because they had been exposed to someone who tested positive and we had two employees that had underlying health issues, and all four employees are back at work.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wiggins adjourned the meeting at this time.

Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager