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THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN CONFERENCE SESSION ON JUNE 1, 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 MAY 4, 2020 MINUTES:** JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to approve the May 4 and May 19, 2020 minutes. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #20-839 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE MONTEREY CITY CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.) Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #20-839. Julie Bohannon stated that she didn't think we should take the \$2.00 charge for no bill out of this ordinance and that we should add a \$2.00 charge for paying with credit card. After some discussion, Julie Bohannon made a motion to keep the \$2.00 fee in for not having a bill and to add a \$2.00 charge for paying with credit card. Motion failed due to lack of second. After a roll call vote on the original motion, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.) Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #20-840. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.) Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper and JJ Reels pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #20-841. A after a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER BIDS FOR THE TOURISM ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR BEE ROCK:** Jerry Warren explained that this will be for the composting toilets at Bee Rock. There will be two components on this. The first will be to purchase the toilets and they are coming from a company in Texas in the amount of \$23,502.45. We may also add a couple of solar panels to that and that could raise that just a little bit but it won't be very much. That will be for the toilets themselves. He stated that that the total price for the toilets and the installation would be \$44,600. Starlett Wessels asked if we have a security system to monitor for vandalism? Jerry Warren stated that we do not have that in here, but we can investigate and see what the cost would be. After further discussion, Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to accept the low bid of \$23,502.45. After a roll call vote, there were five "yes" votes and three "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Bohannon, Garcia, Looper, Reels and Walker. Those voting no were: Wessels, Farley and Foster. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Julie Bohannon stated that Buildings and Grounds met and we didn't have a lot but we talked about what is happening so there is really nothing to present. Julie stated that Rafferty has a few things he wants to announce. Rafferty Cleary stated that Saturday we are doing like a grand opening kind of think. We are going to have some live music, concessions and of course our vendors as well. He also stated that there will be a ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for Simply Divine salon.

Starlett Wessels stated that she would like to call on Nathaniel and Duane to give an update on water and sewer. Duane Jarrett stated that the CDBG project has wrapped up and we have over \$101,000 left over. We would like to use that on alternate number 1 and two. Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to use this money for alternate number and one and however far we can go on alternate number two to use up the rest of the CDBG money. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that the tank project was completed around Memorial Day.

Duane Jarrett stated that he wanted to make a comment on the letters sent out concerning Sheep Bluff Road. He stated that there were some things going around that we had suppressed that and I want to be clear on that. That is an annual average. As in when that one sample came in high it threw the previous three quarters out on our annual average. Another note on that, if you live in Monterey you are well within compliance. Duane Jarrett stated that he thinks there is some well water cross connections in that area because everywhere I sample in this town for 18 years now and I have one area that PH levels are always bad and it starts when you turn up Sheep Bluff Road. The only thing that I can come up with that would drive the PH up is a cross connection on wells.

JJ Reels asked if the CDBG was what they were doing on Industrial? Duane stated that was the sewer project. JJ Reels asked if they were going to clean up and redo the landscaping? Duane stated that they will clean that up.

Duane Jarrett stated that the ARC is up for bid right now. It will be an eight-inch line tied in at the BP station going down under the interstate to McCormick's.

Nathaniel Green stated that he wants to be reviewing final sets of plans, for the sewer plant, with the state in July.

Mayor Wiggins asked Nathaniel Green if the pump station off 300 has come out of the conceptual stage? Nathaniel Green stated that it has not.

Mayor Wiggins stated that he knows we approached Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Company about them laying a gas line. Now Mike Davidson is the new chief executive and Mike was the City Manager in Cookeville, I thought about approaching him and if they want to join us. Nathaniel Green stated that he could check with the state and see if that was feasible at this point.

Mayor Wiggins asked Jerry Warren to give an update on the paving project, certification on the Industrial Park and that miraculous achievement you made by getting that ARAP waived on Old Walton Road. Jerry Warren stated that he would like to take credit for that but I can't. He stated that was classified as a blue line stream and we talked to the guys at TDEC and worked through them and we were able to get permission to put new pipe in that ditch to cover where that drop off is. He started looking at initially 60 feet just to try to get through the worst part of it. Just because we got permission, I don't want to go crazy with it. We want to try to respect TDEC since they helped us with that.

Jerry Warren stated that as far as the paving project we talked to Rogers Group today and we are planning to meet with them later this week and basically get a game plan as far as where they want to start and make sure they get all the areas that we talked about and then try to get that scheduled in the next few days.

Jerry Warren stated that at the Industrial Park there is some property there that the city owns and we are looking at that to put some information together to see if we can get a submittal together to try to develop that into what the state calls a certified site.

Basically, that gets you on the states radar when someone is calling in and looking for industrial sites to say put a 50,000 square foot building. Its going to take a little while.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Starlett Wessels stated that with everything that is going on in our country right now, there is some protests in Crossville today and I know that Monterey is a small town and it is our job to protect our town and the citizens. So, I am proposing an ordinance to protect citizens, businesses and even the peaceful protestors if they were to ever want to come here and protest. The purpose of the ordinance is to give us recourse immediately if an impromptu protest were to occur, it would allow us to remove protestors. For a peaceful protest I am proposing that we have an ordinance that would require a permit for protests and implementation of boundaries for a peaceful protest. My suggestion would be the Farmer's Market due to the electricity, restrooms and the boundaries that would be easy to enforce. In order to have a protest in Monterey, the organizers of the protest would have to provide proof of event insurance and that any paid protestors would register with the police and pay a registration fee. Julie Bohannon stated that she thought that all of that is already in place because any event that happens in the Town has to go through the cultural administrator's office. Mayor Wiggins stated that he would like this to be turned over to the building and grounds committee and have the city attorney be with you every step of the way. Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to send this to the Building and Grounds Committee to discuss. There were six "yes" votes and two "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Wessels, Looper, Farley, Reels and Foster. Those voting no were: Bohannon and Walker. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiggins stated that PE Partners, our insurance company, has come up with an emergency relief dividend which means somewhere in the near future we are going to get a check in the amount of \$17,285.00. So, Nathan, finance committee, you can come up with recommendations on where to put this.

Mayor Wiggins stated that sometime back we passed a Resolution that the Governor was going to have \$46,000 available based on our per capita, that has been combined into the \$93,000 that we just learned we were going to get July 1. We may want to make some decisions on how that is spent. We first said that the \$93,000 would go into paving but that \$46,000 we were going to buy a box culvert for Railroad. I think we still have to do that. While I am on this subject, the pipe in the Jones' driveway, I may have breaking news here, or it was to me, did you know that is a street? That is not a driveway.

Mayor Wiggins stated the PEO annual board meeting and they declared a \$30,000 premium savings and that will reflect that in our premium payments

Mayor Wiggins stated that there are going to be some safety renovations here at city hall and the police department. We have asked Herrin Glass to come in and give us an estimate on installing bullet resistant glass in Evonne's and Ella's window, similar to those at Volunteer Electric. The window at the police department is plexiglass. We are going to put that same kind of window down there.

Mayor Wiggins stated that we had a gentleman come by today to apply for a business license, Bill Boman, and his business name is Don't Matter.

Mayor Wiggins stated that there is going to be a zoom meeting on Tuesday and it is going to be Amy News first meeting with members of the chamber. It is called a joint economic and community development board, which I have been attending now for about six years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sheila Walker addressed the board concerning her three rental properties in Monterey. After some discussion, Mayor Wiggins said that you will need to speak with police chief and the law committee.

Mayor Wiggins stated that there are regular zoom meetings held, I have went to two of those and Rafferty is right in there with me, we zoom with Putnam Parks and Recreation, all the Mayors, city managers and Rick Woods where we get first hand information from Lisa Bumbalough of the Putnam County Health Department, which guides all decisions made in all municipalities in Putnam as well as the County. The other zoom meeting has the same subject matter and that is with Corby King, director of schools, the hospital is represented, again the Mayor's and the County Executive. We may have some new developments this week, but we don't know yet but you will be the first to know.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Nathan Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at this time.

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Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager