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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, JUNE 5, 2023, AT 7:00 PM.

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

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Alex Garcia	Jim Whitaker	
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 Jim Whitaker

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Alderman Alex Garcia stated that they did have a building and grounds committee meeting and there were four things that we discussed. Alderman Garcia will be getting prices on 16 light poles with decorative lights facing down. We discussed the soccer field at black bottom and agreed to send this out for bids. Rafferty Cleary was supposed to get with Cherry Creek Electric to get a price to fix the lights at Whittaker Park and Rafferty stated that it is going to be costly. Rafferty Cleary is supposed to get with Billy Joe Wilson to pick up some old mining carts for signs at Meadow Creek Park. Rafferty stated that he is supposed to pick those up tomorrow.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2023 MINUTES:** Jim Whitaker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by 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 #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:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #23-857. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance #23-858. After a roll call vote all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 23-862 – A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE, TO SET THE 2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE:** (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass this Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFETY PARTNERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FROM PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS:** (Alderman Amy Martin entered the meeting at this time.) Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to pass this Resolution. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER CONSULTANT SELECTION POLICY FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY TDOT:** Jerry Warren explained that the Town already adheres to this policy, but we have to adopt a policy per TDOT specifications for the grant. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to adopt this policy. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER STREET PAVING BIDS:** Alex Garcia made and was seconded by Amy Martin to accept the bid from Rogers Group to pave Crossville Street and Ford Street at this time. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** After some discussion, Amy Martin nominated Cecilia Paulson. Alex Garcia nominated Rafferty Cleary. Bill Wiggins nominated Josiah

Leonard. After a vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried to accept all three nominations and Ella will send these names to the planning commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nathaniel Green addressed the board concerning an amendment to the Calfkiller Hwy water line. After further discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass amendment #1 for this agreement. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green gave an update on the Jackson Thornton study and asked the board if they were going to take the recommendations from this study on the water/sewer rates? After further discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to accept the Jackson Thornton water/sewer rate study. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to bid out the black bottom field soccer complex. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins asked if we needed to close the streets for the Old Grey concerts this summer? Alex Garcia said that we have already done that.

Rafferty Cleary asked if we could order three porta potties for these concerts? Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to have porta potties for each of these events. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that next month we need to look at Connie Bishop to either refill her position on the civil service board or to replace her. Mark Farley said that we need to see if she is still wanting to be on there.

Bill Wiggins stated that he had spoken with Brad Vaughn and that the agreement on Dr. Smith's old office, they are supposed to be paying rent as of April 1, 2023 at \$187.50 per month for the first year.

Bill Wiggins stated that when he was Mayor, he left a contract with Live-Well Medical Clinic, and to his knowledge that has never been signed. Mayor Farley asked Ella to get a copy of this and he would hand deliver the new one to them.

Bill Wiggins said that he had been in talks with Siota, American Indian for the Standing Stone Day celebration, and this year's event will be an exclusive red-men event at the Standing Stone monument park. Siota has asked if the Town could get electric close to the monument so that they will not have to use extension cords this year.

Charles Looper stated that something is going to have to be done with the red light at Poplar and Commercial. We either need to buy a new one, buy covers for the lights or put a four way stop there. There are too many accidents happening because you can not tell if the light is red when you are on Poplar Street. Mayor Farley asked for Bobby Farley to look at getting prices for this.

Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to declare the dog kennel, that was in Jeremy Beard's vehicle, as surplus property so they can sell it and get a cage for that vehicle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** There was none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Jim Wolfgram stated that last month the VFW agreed to help sponsor the banners of our KIA military. He stated that they would be writing a check for \$500.00 to the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alex Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Interim Mayor Mark Farley

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager