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Nathan Walker
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 6, 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: Alderman James Foster

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Amy Martin gave stated that we had a building and grounds committee meeting on May 31, 2022 to discuss the plans for the \$200,000 that we received from the General Assembly. She stated that it was the recommendation of the committee to allocate \$50,000 to meadow creek park and allocate \$150,000 to the black bottom ball field for a multi-purpose field. She stated that we talked about extending the old softball field out some and adding a soccer field, parking, fencing, concession stand and bathrooms. After some more discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to accept the recommendation from the building and grounds committee and to allocate \$150,000 to the black bottom ball field and \$50,000 to meadow creek park. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2, 2022 AND MAY 16, 2022 MINUTES: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the May 2, 2022 and May 16, 2022 meetings. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Walker stated that he would like to recognize two citizens that have had a big impact at Burks Elementary School. He stated that Ms. Heather Tinch, Principal, and Ms. Diana Cook, Assistant Principal has really transformed the students, teachers and parents at Burks Elementary School. They are actively involved in the school and everyone there at Burks really appreciate and love these two. He stated that he is going to try to start doing this either monthly or quarterly, recognizing individuals for their outstanding participation in Monterey events. He presented Ms. Heather Tinch and Ms. Diana Cook the first Monterey Impact Awards.

3RD 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.: (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.) Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #22-853. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

3RD 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: (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 James Foster and Mark Farley to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #22-854. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER HIRING A CITY ATTORNEY: Mayor Walker stated that Attorney Brad Wood is present tonight and I am going to recommend that we hire him as the city attorney. He works with Cameron, Goolsby and Gross law firm. Mr. Wood addressed the board and gave a little information on himself. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to hire attorney Brad Wood for the city attorney. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER DOOR PURCHASE FOR THE FOOD BANK AT THE CATE GIL BUILDING: After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to accept the bid from Cookeville Glass and Mirror for \$3,393 for a door and frame for the food bank. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Walker stated that himself and Rafferty met with representatives from TN Green about the parking area at Bee Rock. After talking with them, they really just want to be kept in the loop of any kind of work that we do there. They have asked us to re-grass an area and to replant some native plants back in the area.

Mayor Walker stated that we have received a bid for the signal pole at Stratton and Holly from Stansell Electric for \$20,779. We received from our insurance a total of \$19,542. After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to accept the bid from Stansell Electric and to get this signal light back up. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Walker stated that TWRA will be holding a fishing event at meadow creek park on July 23 for kids with down syndrome. They have asked if we could rent three porta potties for that day? The cost would be \$300.00. Amy Martin asked about this event coming up this Saturday and asked if we are going to have porta potties there too? Rafferty Cleary stated he was going to talk to the board about that too. After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to rent porta potties for both of these events. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Walker stated that we need to look at the roof at the Depot. We are losing more and more shingles. After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to put out for bids for a standing seam room and a metal roof. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Walker stated that the codes enforcement officer (John Zachary) has been busy. Amy Martin questioned how does someone make a complaint? Ms. Dishman explained that someone would call in and we would either take the person's name and number and have John call them back or they would give us an address and we would leave that message for John and then he would send out a letter. They discussed better ways for us to do this and to check to make sure these were getting done.

Mayor Walker stated that the alcohol ordinance will be one of the first things that we ask our new city attorney to start working on and get it back to the board.

Mayor Walker stated that we are having a zoning issue. He stated that we have a new property owner and they have a new business in a residential area. He stated that he had met with them today, and it is a very nice business. He said that he is going to have the planning commission look into this and the city attorney also to see if there was any way we could rezone them, although it would be considered spot zoning.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Wiggins asked if Stansell Electric was going to fix the I-40 lights that have been down for several years? Mayor Walker stated that he didn't know if we have even filed a claim on that one yet.

Bill Wiggins stated that we have someone parking a car here at city hall all the time. When the clerk's office is busy that parking space could be utilized for city hall parking. He asked that the police put a note on that car, for it to be moved to the parking area behind the house beside city hall.

Bill Wiggins stated he has a proposal for Standing Stone Day. He stated that the Town of Monterey proclaimed Standing Stone Day back in 1977 and that included having an Indian presence on that day. He stated that himself, Dale Welch and Julie Bohannon are lifetime members of the Standing Stone Society and that for a fee of \$4,750 we would have Cherokee, Choctaw, Apache, Cheyenne and others here for storytelling, dancing, drummers and playing the flute. Some of these we would have to put up at the hotel for Friday night lodging, but the total cost of that would be \$4,750. Bill Wiggins stated that he wanted to make that in the form of a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that the property that he talked about purchasing last month from the railroad, he has talked with RJ Corman and they will be meeting in July and will discuss this and maybe give us a price. He stated that he was going to attend that meeting and that he would be bring that price back to the board.

Bill Wiggins stated that we need to have a street committee meeting and look into paving several streets. He stated the list he has is: Ford, Romines, Minnie, Callahan, Speck, Louis and Hoyt.

OTHER BUSINESS: Keven Peters addressed the board and stated that he has received a price on a refurbished ladder truck. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to accept bids for a used ladder truck. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kevin Peters stated that engine 2 is getting bad and we need to really be thinking of what we are going to do. Amy Martin stated that this needs to be turned over to the fire committee and then they can bring the recommendations back to this board.

Mayor Walker wanted to remind everyone of Freedom Fest on July 1 and July 2. There is going to be great entertainment, fireworks, BBQ cookoff, vendors and things to do for the kids.

Jerry Warren addressed the board with bids for the outdoor classroom at the depot. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to accept the only bid with the two alternates for \$96,110. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Zeda Hillis from James C. Hailey and Co. addressed the board and gave an update on the ARP grant from Putnam County. She stated that we needed to be thinking and making a list of what we are going to do with the remaining monies.

Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to eliminate any more bucket brigades in the Town of Monterey due to liability issues. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Nathan Walker

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager