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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, JUNE 7, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.

Mayor Reels called Rafferty Cleary to the podium to present a plaque to the John Ludwig family. Mr. John Ludwig was very instrumental in obtaining the “nickel plate line railroad” lamp for the Monterey Depot Museum. This lamp has been erected and will forever be known as the “Ludwig Lamp”.

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: Alderwoman Amy Martin

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Amy Martin stated that there had been a building and grounds committee meeting and at that meeting they discussed the parking at Meadow Creek Park and the lights and a garbage can. The garbage can has been placed and a letter has been sent to Volunteer Energy to place a street light on Connor Road. She also mentioned that Ms. Anna Bailey would like to put a hopscotch game on the trail and wanted to know if the board needed to take any action? The board stated that would not have to be approved, but they all agreed it was a great ideal.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3 AND MAY 17, 2021 MINUTES:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to approve the May 3 and May 17, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Nathan Walker 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 #21-848 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN UPDATED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN:** Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #21-848. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE AND TAX BONDS BY THE TOWN OF MONTEREY IN A PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED COSTS:** 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.

**CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF \$6,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE TOWN OF MONTEREY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE PLEDGE OF REVENUE OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AND THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE BONDS AND NOTES:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass this Resolution. After a roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING EMPLOYEE INSURANCE:** Ella Dishman stated that she was the spokesperson for the employee's and we all had a meeting and 23 out of 25 employees were present and voted for the Platinum 28 plan. All the employees were in agreement that the cost of the employee's portion would go up from \$11.50 to \$21.50 for single coverage and \$75.87 to \$95.87 for employee/spouse or employee/child and \$98.86 to \$128.86 for family per pay period. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to go with the Platinum 28 plan for the 2021-2022 budget year. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING CODES INSPECTOR:** Mayor Reels stated we only had one applicant turn in his application and he is asking the board to confirm this decision. Alex Garcia asked if we waited and did not put this person in and asked the county to oversee this until we got someone, who would get the income from the permits? Mayor Reels stated the county would receive those monies. After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to appoint

Mike Watson, the only applicant, as the codes inspector and give him a year to get qualified. After a roll call vote there were: two "yes" votes and six "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Martin and Garcia. Those voting no were: Whitaker, Farley, Foster, Walker, Looper and Wiggins. Motion failed.

Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to readvertise to see if we get any other responses. There were six "yes" votes and two "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Whitaker, Farley, Foster, Walker, Looper and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Martin and Garcia. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING EMPLOYEE TERMINATION:** Mayor Reels stated that drug paraphernalia had been found in city vehicle and we had one employee that stated it belonged to them. This person was brought in front of the civil service board and was terminated. He stated that we have put that position in the paper to hire someone else.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Reels stated that we had a pre-construction meeting concerning the new waste water treatment plant and have a notice to proceed set for July 6, 2021.

Mayor Reels stated that Dunkin Donuts has obtained a business license to open for September 1, 2021.

Mayor Reels stated that he had received a card from the senior citizens center thanking the board for the contribution they received from the Town.

Mayor Reels stated that he has also received a resignation letter from Ms. Sandra Gilmore and that July 31, 2021 will be her last day as the director of the senior center.

Mayor Reels stated that we are still waiting on the traffic study for the traffic lights on Poplar and Commercial and Stratton and Holly.

Mayor Reels stated that the loops in the road at the traffic lights at Commercial and Holly and Commercial and Chestnut are messed up and we have a price of \$1,200 to fix these from the City of Cookeville.

Amy Martin stated that she had a citizen ask her about getting a traffic light at Stratton and Chestnut by the Dairy Queen.

Charles Looper stated that on April 20, 2021 we signed a lease with Brad Vaughn for the Cate Gil building. Since the signing, Brad has put new paint, LED lights, has laid new hardwood flooring in Dr. Smith's old office and has upgraded the x-ray machine to digital. Brad Vaughn has asked if he could amend the lease to include the offices on the left when you come in the door at the Cate Gil building? He would like to take those offices and upgrade/repair them and let this be the supply room, breakroom, etc., for the new doctor's office for additional space. After some discussion, Charles Looper made a

motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to amend the lease to include those offices. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Bill Wiggins stated that there needs to be installed awnings over the windows and door.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nathaniel Green addressed the board and stated that on the CDBG project, John Hall will be back finishing the work around two months from now.

Nathaniel Green stated that on the ARC project we could go a little further because we still have money left over. He stated that he has spoke with Bobby Farley and we could do Williams and Rose, 1,100 feet of four (4) inch line. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve change order #2 to reduce by \$41,355. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that he has received a quote from Wascon, for the flow meter for Perdue, for \$4,150. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to approve this. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that our THM's are back from May and they are down to 37.

Amy Martin asked when we could have another work session with the city attorney to go over the alcohol ordinance? That meeting has been set for June 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Amy Martin asked where in our codes is it where it talks about paving parking lots for businesses? Nathan Walker stated that he didn't think there was a place in there. He said he remembers when Rocky Pops opened there was some talk about that because it was a restaurant and that he did have to pave his parking because of the requirements on the seating of restaurants.

Amy Martin asked if we were still picking up brush? Mayor Reels stated yes.

Bill Wiggins stated that we have closed a few alley ways and that we may want to instruct the planning commission to look at all alley closures for the town.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he wanted to give the board something to think about and that was getting a low frequency radio station for information about the town. This would be great for a tourism stand point. He stated that the high end for this would be around \$14,000 and the low end would be around \$10,000. This is just something for the board to think about and consider.

Nathan Walker asked if we were planning any July 4<sup>th</sup> events? Rafferty Cleary stated no, not at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Bill Wiggins stated that back when we adopted the international building codes in 2000, it was in there that when the board filled that position of codes officer, we appointed three board members to a personnel committee and let them handle

the interviewing of a codes officer. We did this for Marvin Dyer and for John Zackary. Mayor Reels stated he would need to see the policy.

Mayor Reels stated that the Tuesday after Memorial Day he designated as Dr. Reed Day. Nathan Walker said to make that official, I make a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to make the Tuesday after Memorial Day as Dr. Larry Reed Day. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Charles Looper stated that he wanted to point out that Dr. Larry Reed was his student and he had one other student that had become a doctor.

Bill Wiggins asked when we were going to talk about the updated personnel rules and regulations? Mayor Reels stated that we will see if we can get Mr. John Grubbs, from MTAS, here at the work session for June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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