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THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN CONFERENCE SESSION ON JULY 6, 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	

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 1, 2020 MINUTES:** Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** JJ Reels 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.

**APPROVE THE BID FOR THE ARC PROJECT:** Nathaniel Green addressed the board and after some discussion, Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to accept the low bid of \$453,250 from Ironwood Construction upon approval from funding agency and contingent upon TDEC's use and occupancy approval. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green gave an update for the pump station on the opposite side of exit 300. He said that the high estimate would be \$800,000. I tend to estimate high that way when we are asking for grant money, we won't come up short.

Nathaniel Green stated that the change order #3 from J & H was signed for \$51,577.11 and hopefully that is going to allow us to do the portion down by Johnny Walker's parents house.

Nathaniel Green stated that the tank project was completed.

Nathaniel Green stated that himself and Duane are in conversation in reviewing plans for the wastewater plant this month.

Nathaniel Green stated that Zeda climbed down and took pictures and we have sent those off to the Geo-Tec company

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Julie Bohannon stated that the building and grounds met and we were talking about cameras around the Depot and the Farmer's Market. After some discussion, Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to approve \$1,000 to be spent on camera's for the Depot and Farmer's Market. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Julie Bohannon stated that we also talked about changes in the event policies. Rafferty Cleary went over the changes. Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to accept these changes and Rafferty will send a corrected one to each board member. JJ Reels stated that he would like for it to be corrected and then the board pass the changes in the policy. Julie Bohannon rescinded her motion and Starlett Wessels rescinded her 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rafferty Cleary will have each of the board members a corrected copy at the next board meeting.

Julie Bohannon made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to give an additional \$500 to the Farmer's market budget for upkeep and to add this line item to the budget. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the water feature opened up Saturday, July 4. He stated that he has spoken with the county and they would like for the board to approve a time limit for this so that they can buy a timing feature for the pump. After some discussion, this was turned over to the building and grounds committee.

Rafferty Cleary stated that we received a grant for a new banner for outside of the Depot.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Ludwig lamp is trying to be installed right now.

Rafferty Cleary stated Bob Lee is here to address the board concerning diseases in some of our trees at Meadowcreek. Mr. Bob Lee talked to the board and explained to them about this specific disease that is affecting the hemlocks. He stated that the chemical is costing about \$2.50 for a 12 inch tree and this will last up to five years and then they will need to be treated one more time. After further discussion, Julie recommended to the board to investigate this.

Alex Garcia stated that the law committee met and we discussed the protesting ordinance and the Mayor is going to declare a curfew for the protests which will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Starlett Wessels stated that the police do a great job but she would like for them to investigate the leash law and making sure it is being enforced. After more discussion, Mayor Wiggins turned this over to the law committee.

Julie Bohannon stated that she had Ella to make everyone a copy of the City of Monterey's policy on the use of social media. Julie brought her concerns to the board and said that we need to hold each other accountable and some of the things that Mr. Nevad said were applicable to our personal pages.

Julie Bohannon stated that it would be nice to be informed about facebook live. I agree that it needs to be out there but it would have been nice if it was brought to the board. JJ Reels stated that anybody can facebook live it is their first amendment right. This is a public meeting.

Mayor Wiggins stated that again people were asking about fireworks. Mayor Wiggins stated that the last time we talked about this, we had found a site and we had to get permission from all the property owners and all of them but one said we could do it and we even volunteered to clean out some stuff. We were going to have a firetruck on the site but that is what did it and that is why we didn't bring up fireworks this year. Mayor Wiggins asked if the fire committee ever discussed it? JJ Reels stated that there no one called for one.

Mayor Wiggins stated that January 8, 2018 the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the Mayor to appoint a seven-member committee to make judgement about how to celebrate quasquicentennial of Monterey, to do fundraising and to come up with a slate of projects that would match that dollar amount that they would finally get. Mayor Wiggins explained that the committee does not meet anymore and he sent an email to the treasurer of Standing Stone Historical Society to question that what funds that were left in there to be transferred to the Town of Monterey and let the building and grounds committee finish up those three projects. I met resistance and they said that there was some legal problems with it and so I called Nolan and I can get him here personally, he said that they were just a conduit, a funnel for the money. JJ Reels asked, if this was money from person's in the community making donations, how is it our money? How is it being returned to us? Mayor Wiggins stated that he just explained it. Rebekah Beeler asked if she could speak or does she need to wait for public comment, because she is the president of the Standing Stone Historical Society? Rebekah Beeler stated that the Monterey Hometown Project is an ad hach committee that is under our non profit umbrella. After a lengthy discussion, Rebekah Beeler stated that what they needed was a letter, from the city attorney, that relieves them of this money so that they are not targeted later on.

Mayor Wiggins stated that himself and Rafferty met with some commercial real estate guy the other day the hotel, the Bethel Inn, is going to be for sale. He is also hooked up with the developer for the Fred's building.

Mayor Wiggins stated that the final numbers for the local sales tax was around \$416,000.

Mayor Wiggins stated a report from Jerry Warren is that the parts and equipment for Bee Rock are on order.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Rodgers Group has completed the milling and getting ready for paving.

Mayor Wiggins stated that on a personal note apparently there is speculation about my physical health and maybe my mental health. Physically, I am the same age as Charlie Daniels. I am still able to hold a thought and express it fairly clearly. I don't take any medication. If anyone wants to see my medical records including my mental health or go through cognitive testing I will be glad to do that.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mildred Roe and Joe Roe addressed the board concerning Meadowcreek Park. They stated that there are people in and out at all times of the day and night and they are requesting the gates to be locked at night. After some discussion, this was turned over to the law committee and the chief of police.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Wiggins adjourned the meeting.

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Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager