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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, JULY 10, 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
James Foster	Jim Wolfgram	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Bro. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman James Foster

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeff Leonard wanted to thank the board for the July 3 festivities and fireworks. He stated to see all the kids out playing and having fun, he wanted to publicly say thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Alex Garcia stated that the Technology Committee met and according to state law we have to keep a public record of anything that is put on any Town social media account. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to accept the contract with Archive Social. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green addressed the board concerning the bid for the Highway 70 water line addition (contract 123). Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to accept the low bid of \$199,750 from Mofield Brothers Const. Co. to take to the city limits and Joe Stephens will pay the alternate bid of \$156,250.00 to take from city limits to his address. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 MINUTES: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2023 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

1ST & 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #23-859 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.33 ACRES LOCATED ON E. RAILROAD AVE FROM C-1 TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL, C-2: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the rezoning to C-2. After a roll call vote, there were four “yes” votes and one “no” vote. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Whitaker, Foster, and Wolfgram. Those voting no were: Wiggins. Motion carried.

CONSIDER UTILITY CYBER SECURITY POLICY: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to table this until next month. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Templeton addressed the board concerning her property at 107 E. Hoyt and the neighbors not cutting their grass. The mayor stated that he would check in on this for her.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that over at Whitaker Cemetery, Polly Goff, donated some land to the city and there is a road that goes back to the backside and we have people on the backside using that one road as a private drive. After some discussion, the board agreed to post a sign that says “Cemetery Use Only” and have the street department put the sign up.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that we need to re-start the downtown program that former Mayor Richard Godsey started.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that we are going to have to bring our attorney into play about Uffleman school. I think we need to be preparing and have somebody to take pictures of what it looks like from the outside.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that meetings have been held with the American Indians about Standing Stone Day and we have it all mapped out. Everything that has to do with the Indians will be in the monument park. I have already talked with Randy Porter and everything there will be exclusively for the American Indians. He stated that for the overnight costs and incidentals would be around \$6,000. After further discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to spend \$6,000 and to take this out of the general fund. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that earlier in the year two public work part-time employees were hired with the understanding to be evaluated and to make them full time employees provided they survive their probationary period. According to Bobby, they have. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to make Daniel Smith and Ashton Anderson full time employee's effective tonight. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that on the civil service board, Connie Bishop's term has expired and we need to either re-appoint her or be thinking of other names for the August meeting.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that we have mentioned this before but we need to start thinking about a City Manager. I think that before the summer is over, if we make a decision to hire someone for next year, that will require a charter change and that has to go before the State Legislature. MTAS will help us get everything ready so that could be approved and we could proceed with the City Manager.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that we have had our sites set on that parking area between the Depot and the old Adams building for public parking and two EV charging stations. Rafferty has been in contact with Fed Ex and that we have a contact with them.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that Meadow Creek Park there is 534 acres adjoining our park that they are getting ready to sell. I am going to be in contact with Rob Harrison at Plateau Properties to see if a deed could be worked out for the Town. We really don't want to see a timber operation come in and timber all of that out.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that we need to consider adding MLK and Juneteenth to the Town's holiday schedule for the employees.

Alderman Bill Wiggins asked if the finance committee needed to start working on job descriptions so we can fix the pay schedule? Mayor Farley stated yes, we do.

Alderman Bill Wiggins stated that on the Athletic & Events Committee maybe to have seven members with staggered terms and their domain would be for all city facilities for events, maintenance, new venues, etc. and mentioned Suzy Cournoyer, Chris Buckner, Synthia Allen, Rebecca Walker, Alex Garcia, Rafferty Cleary, Chris Landers and Larry Wiley.

Alderman Bill Wiggins asked if everyone got the water department report. We scored a 100 out of a 100.

Alderman Alex Garcia stated that recently he was contacted by the senior citizens center about some thefts that are going on there. He stated that the Putnam County maintenance department installed cameras and then he asked them if they would be willing to loan their wi-fi to the Town for us to install a camera at the t-ball field and live stream the games. He stated that the camera would be around \$30 and there would be no cost after

that. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by James Foster to spend \$30 on a camera for the t-ball field. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he met with Jerry Warren today and we were working on the TAP grant that the city got and submitting a lot of paper work on line but Jerry couldn't be here tonight but he had a couple of things for you all. There is a grant out there with the department of energy that would supply some funds for parking lot visions we have down there between the Depot and the old Adams USA building. He is going to fix a letter of interest and wanted me to mention this to you all. It is not a commitment. The second thing that will require a vote tonight is, there is some ARP money floating around in TDEC and there is a grant out there that could be used for phase III for the storm water drainage project in town. After further discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to apply for this grant. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that there has been a request to use our parking lot, old Adams parking lot, for a four-day carnival for August 31, Sept. 1, 2 and 3rd. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to allow Chris Landers to use the parking lot between the Depot and Old Adams USA building for a four-day carnival in August/September. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

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

Interim Mayor Mark Farley

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager