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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, JULY 11, 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: Officer Andrew Neff

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Charles Looper

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Amy Martin stated that we had a work session at the black bottom field and discussed renovating this to a multiuse field. She stated that the concession stand will need improvements also. Mayor Walker stated that we have this later on the agenda to discuss more.

Bill Wiggins stated that we had a water/sewer committee meeting where we met with Randy Porter, Mayor of Putnam County, where Randy addressed the committee about getting water to the Calf Killer area. Nathaniel Green stated that he did work out two scenarios with the first going down Highway 70 and going over Phifer Mountain and the cost for this scenario is \$3,085,000. The second scenario is in the roadway off highway 84 and the cost for this is \$4,075,000. This will incorporate at least 18 homes that we know of that has said they would connect to water. Putnam County will be covering the cost to add these additional lines but then it would be Monterey's water lines to upkeep. After some further discussion, this was sent for the water/sewer committee to meet and discuss if this would be feasible for Monterey.

Nathaniel Green stated that UCDD will be closing out all of the other grants that the Town of Monterey has. He stated that we will need to apply for the ARPA money with a plan by November 30.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2, 2022 AND MAY 16, 2022 MINUTES: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT FOR RETAINAGE FEES FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT MONIES: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to open an interest-bearing checking account for retainage fees for the waste water treatment plant monies. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BID FOR FIRETRUCK: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to reject the firetruck bid. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to rebid the firetruck. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS "SAFETY PARTNERS" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass this Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON BIDS FOR THE DEPOT ROOF: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to reject the bids for the depot roof. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to re-open the depot roof bids and for Mark Farley to get the specific specs for this. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING BURKS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT: Rafferty Cleary stated that he was approached by Ms. Goolsby from Burks Elementary school and asked if the Town would be interested in donating for an outdoor classroom project? Rafferty stated that the Putnam County school board is not going to help. They would like to build an outdoor classroom by the wet land area to study the bugs and plants in that area. After further discussion, it was decided to have Ms. Goolsby come to a work session so she could answer more questions from this board before we commit to any money.

DISCUSSION OF HIRING ENGINEER FOR SOCCER FIELD PROJECT: Mayor Walker stated that he has spoken with Jerry Warren and he is interested in this project. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to hire Jerry Warren as the engineer for this project but before he starts, to meet with this board and go over the plans he will have. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Walker stated that himself, Rafferty Cleary and Bill Wiggins and the Putnam County Mayor met with the rail authority and they are not interested in coming eastward at this time. They are going to continue with the westward expansion.

Mayor Walker stated that he has spoken with Putnam County about the splash pad at the park and they were under a no spend plan until the fiscal year ended. He stated that they needed a pressure regulator and that they will be able to get this piece ordered and get the splash pad fixed.

Mayor Walker stated that the 4th of July event was fantastic. He stated that Impact Pyro put on a great fire works show at the Old Grey.

Mayor Walker stated that he would encourage everyone to get out and vote on August 4.

Amy Martin asked if we had an update from the codes officer yet? Mayor Walker stated that we have not had one yet but will have one soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Walker stated that the police chief has asked if the police department could switch their cell phone services to First Net. He stated that the chief said they have talked with First Net and they said that there were not any calls dropped in the areas where we can't get signal with Verizon. He also stated that the chief said that there are a lot of law enforcement agencies switching to First Net. The monthly bill would be \$100 cheaper per month. Mayor Walker stated that there would be an upfront cost of around \$1,100 for the net gear router. He stated that there would be a cost to pay off the contract for some of our lines with Verizon. After more discussion, this was decided to send this to the law committee and have the chief here to explain more and Ella to get the costs to get out of the contracts with the phone lines that would be associated with this.

Nathan Walker asked Rafferty Cleary to address the board about purchasing a projector and screen for the movies in the park. Rafferty stated that right now we have to borrow Putnam County's and that there is not a guarantee that they will have it to loan to us on the days that we need. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to purchase a projector, screen and speakers. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bill Wiggins stated that Ted Stepp and his family will be leaving Monterey and we would like to wish him well as he moves to Kentucky.

Alex Garcia asked if meadow creek would be eligible for grants from the federal government? Mayor Walker stated that yes, we will be able to apply for federal grants now as well as regular grants.

Mayor Walker stated that UCDD does not actively seek grants. They will look at grants that we specifically ask for but that is it. He stated that Jerry Warren has worked with Amanda Maynard, grant writer, and we need to be looking at retaining a grant writer. The grant writer will be paid directly through the grant. If anyone knows of anyone else, please let me know and we can talk to them as well.

Bill Wiggins stated that in regards to tiny houses, that what we have on the books is sufficient and John will make sure that the codes are being met for the tiny houses.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Nathan Walker

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager