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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 12, 2021, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor JJ Reels.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin		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 the building and grounds committee met with the Health Care Advisory Board to see if there were any questions about the Cate-Gil building maintenance. She also stated that Dawn Kupferer has found a grant up to \$8,000 that we could use for bike trails at meadow creek park.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 7 AND JUNE 17, 2021 MINUTES: Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the June 7 and June 17, 2021 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER “SAFETY PARTNERS” GRANT RESOLUTION: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass this Resolution. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #21-842 – A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE TO SET THE 2021 PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE: (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.) Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass this Resolution. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NATHANIEL GREEN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING THE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE: Nathaniel Green explained that there are several items that we can either remove or extend the depreciation life. After some discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow Nathaniel, Duane, John Poole and Ella redo the depreciation schedule and bring back to the next board meeting for approval. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green gave an update about the \$2,000,000 additional monies we will be receiving from Rural Development in the form of a grant. After further discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass this Loan Resolution. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at 314 West Stewart Avenue. He stated that they will also be having a BBQ luncheon at 11:30 at the Farmer’s Market.

Nathaniel Green stated that Ironwood Construction has finished paving the shoulder of the road and he will be bringing back the final documents at the next board meeting.

RICHARD BEAM TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Richard Beam was not present.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Reels stated that it was brought up about a new enterprise fund and he has spoken with Warren Nevad and Warren stated that the tax money can not be used for an enterprise fund.

Mayor Reels stated that he has looked at Ordinance #437 and he does not see anything in there about hiring a codes officer. After further discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to create an ordinance for the board to hire a codes officer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that the state has allocated \$46,407 and I am recommending that we use this for the third phase of the water mitigation. We will be spending this on permits and bank stabilizations.

Mayor Reels asked if there has been any further discussion on the pay schedules? Nathan Walker stated that he will have a finance committee meeting to address this.

Mayor Reels stated that we have six vehicles that we need to declare surplus so the police department can dispose of them. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to declare them as surplus. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that we have some old computers and monitors that need to declare as surplus also. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to declare these as surplus. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Amy Martin stated that she is a representative in Ward 1 and she knows that she would not be able to vote on this, but she would like for us to look into seeking the clean water state revolving fund loan to get sewer in her neighborhood, as was promised them years ago. After further discussion, there was no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: Charles Looper stated that on our garbage pickup, he has noticed that we pick up furniture and big items. He stated that we get charged by the tonnage and he would like to see this stopped. He stated that he contacted Algood, Baxter and Cookeville and none of them do this for regular garbage pickup. This was turned over to the sanitation committee to look into.

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

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager