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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, AUGUST 1, 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
James Foster

Alex Garcia

Jim Whitaker

Mark Farley
Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Chief Bill Randolph

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Bill Wiggins

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Calahan addressed the board concerning her re-zoning request from R-1 to C-2 at her property on E. Wilder for a motorcycle shop and store.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Alex Garcia stated that there was a law committee meeting and the chief has requested that we change from Verizon Wireless to First Net for the police department. The monthly bill would increase by around \$100 monthly and they will have features on the phones in instances where they can not talk on the radios. The phones and equipment will be purchased out of the military fund. After further discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to switch the police department, fire department and water treatment plant to First Net phones. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia stated that Rafferty Cleary had met with Sorba to walk the trail at meadow creek and they are going to put a mini x out there to start moving track. Rafferty Cleary stated that he would like the city to purchase four (4) trail cams for the parks to count visitors. These trail cams could also be used to identify vandals. Alex Garcia made a

motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to purchase four trail cams for the parks. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2022 MINUTES: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #22-855 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 0.34 ACRES LOCATED ON E. WILDER AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-2: (Charles Looper enters the meeting at this time 7:25.) Mayor Walker stated that this ordinance came from the planning commission without their recommendation to re-zone. Amy Martin suggested that we have a public hearing on this to see how the neighbors feel about rezoning this to commercial. It was discussion about rezoning all of this property to commercial because of spot zoning laws. Mayor Walker stated the only thing is, if this board rezones (spot zones) if anyone, not just the Wilder Avenue area citizens, but anyone could make a complaint to the state and then the action could be reversed in court. So, if we are going to think about spot zoning, we need to send this back to the planning commission to see if the entire property was rezoned would that change anything. After further discussion, this is going to be sent back to the planning commission to look into.

CONSIDER BID FOR FIRETRUCK: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to accept the one and only bid for \$170,000 contingent on an in-person inspection from the fire chief. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER JERRY WARREN'S CONTRACT FOR SOCCER FIELD: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to enter a contract with Jerry Warren for the multipurpose field at black bottom. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Walker introduced grant write Amanda Maynard to the board. He stated that she is from Livingston and all the engineers he has talked to, highly recommend her. He stated that she would work project by project if we decided to use her.

Zeda Hillis addressed the board and stated Nathaniel Green said that we are having a sewer overflow problem on Speck and Elmore. She stated that we would need to get a surveyor out to shoot grades and then we could come up with a plan of action. The survey would cost around \$8,500. They would like to request a water/sewer committee meeting to discuss this. There would be around 2,000 feet of lines that needs to be

addressed. After some more discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to authorize the survey for \$8,500. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he would like for the board to give permission to close Commercial Avenue to the park for Standing Stone Day, October 8th. He also stated that he would like to ask for the streets to be closed on Saturday, October 29th from Poplar to Chestnut for Halloween. He stated that he would like to set up the projector in town and play Hocus Pocus. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to close these streets down on the days listed. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the MHS quarterback club would like to purchase banners for the light poles for the football seniors and have them flying until the MHS football season ends. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow the MHS quarterback club to purchase the flags and the city boys will put them up. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he had been approached by Vice Ridge Church (old Phillips shoe store) and they would like to make improvements where the benches are located outside. After some more discussion, Mayor Walker stated that this is a great ideal and asked that Rafferty Cleary get their plans and bring back to the board.

Mayor Walker stated that they had a pre-construction meeting at the depot for the outdoor classroom and they discussed different ways to run electricity to the classroom.

Rafferty Cleary stated that we are needing some new fans at the farmer's market. He stated that we could get a 96" fan for \$1,159 each or we could replace with another 52" fan for \$239.99 each. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to purchase three 52" ceiling fans. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the web cam that used to be on Farm Bureau hasn't been working. He stated that Destination Monterey had that put in place and it was getting around 16,000 – 18,000 views per day. He stated that he has checked into get wi-fi service for it and it would be around \$100 per month. He stated that the Depot Society stated that they would be willing to go in half with the town for the first year. After further discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to have this service put back up and for the depot society to pay the Town \$600 and the town would pay the monthly bill. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Amy Martin stated that she has had some citizens talk to her about it being too dark at the library of a night. She also said that the citizens would also like the trail lit up at night too.

Nathan Walker stated that the 2021-2022 revenues were up around \$550,000 in general fund.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Wiggins stated that he had spoken with the railroad about the property behind the depot and they said they can't find any documentation that they own the property. He stated the he had talked with the mayor, and has asked Judy Wakefield to investigate this and see what she can come up with.

Bill Wiggins stated that TDOT has selected Monterey as a possible charging station for electric cars.

Bill Wiggins stated that he has asked the railroad why they are not bringing the train up here anymore for sand, and they told him there is a labor shortage for workers.

Bill Randolph addressed the board and asked if the police department could purchase two used patrol cars out of the military account? Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to purchase two used vehicles for the police department out of the military surplus account. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Randolph introduced the new police officer, Zachary Glover and swore him in.

Bill Wiggins asked James Foster if he could call a street committee meeting sometime this month? He stated that he would call one.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

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

Mayor Nathan Walker

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager