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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, AUGUST 7, 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	Charles Looper	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Chief Bill Randolph

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman James Wolfgram

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Smith addressed the board concerning water meters on Shady Lane and Wolf Pond Rd. He asked if the board would consider moving the water meters closer to their homes?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Bill Wiggins stated that the finance committee met and we are going to have all the department heads to get with the employees and look at each of their job descriptions and get a more accurate description of each job. Also, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to approve the face recognition time clocks for \$5,495.00? After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken and there were three "yes" votes and three "no" votes. Mayor Farley voted "yes" to break the tie. Those voting yes were: Jim Whitaker, Charles Looper and Bill Wiggins. Those voting no were: Garcia, Foster and Wolfgram. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that we had a law committee meeting also and we talked about the police dept. building and the new police/park officer. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to bid out the project for the police department building. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that we also need to advertise for the new police/park officer and for the cultural administrator assistant position.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2023 MINUTES: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 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.

3RD 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: (There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular scheduled meeting.) (Amy Martin entered the meeting at this time.) Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #23-859 to approve the rezoning to C-2. After a roll call vote, there were five “yes” votes and two “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Garcia, Whitaker, Foster, Wolfgram and Looper. Those voting no were: Wiggins and Martin. Alderman Wiggins stated that he voted no because he did not want to set a precedent. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #23-860 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, SECTION 2-104 OF THE MONTEREY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE PRICES TO BE CHARGED FOR LOTS IN THE WELCH MEMORIAL CEMETERY: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #23-860. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #23-861 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES LOCATED ON OLD WALTON RD FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO RESIDENTIAL R-2: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #23-861. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER UTILITY CYBER SECURITY POLICY: Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to pass this policy. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SEVEN MEMBERS FOR THE ATHLETIC AND EVENTS COMMITTEE: After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a recommendation that Bill Wiggins contact the seven people and ask them if they would be willing to serve on this committee.

CONSIDER ADDING MLK DAY AND JUNETEENTH DAY TO THE EMPLOYEE'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Bill Wiggins made a motion to add these days to the employee's holiday schedule. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins withdrew his motion until next month when Ella can bring back the dollar amount that would be for these two days.

DISCUSS OPENING A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR TOURISM: After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to open this Tourism account. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Mark Farley stated that the lawn mower has quit working for the sewer dept and Tim Hedgecough has brought in some quotes for some mowers. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to purchase the Exmark mower for \$8,159.00. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Farley stated that we have a recommendation from our insurance, Public Entity Partners, for all supervisors to attend a "Supervisor Training Series: Managing Risk Through Effective Supervision" class offered in Cookeville on November 8, 2023 at the new Cookeville City Police Department. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to make this mandatory for all supervisors to attend. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

James Foster stated that he has had several people ask him if there was anything the city could do to clean up the old Uffleman school. Mayor Farley stated that we will call the city attorney to see what legal steps we can take to get this cleaned up.

Bill Wiggins stated that Norman Copeland has a corner lot for sale for \$20,000 by the city garage if we think we could use that.

Bill Wiggins stated that he will have a dollar breakdown for Standing Stone Day at the September meeting. He also stated that he has spoken with Siota and Siota is working on billboard signage for advertising for Standing Stone Day.

Alex Garcia asked if Ms. Barbara Templeton's issue has been resolved? Mayor Farley stated that the Chief has taken care of that.

Alex Garcia asked if anyone had contacted Connie Bishop to see if she still wanted to serve as the board's person on the civil service board? Mayor Farley stated that he would call her tomorrow to see if she did. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to re-appoint Connie Bishop as the board of Mayor and Aldermen's representative to the Civil Service Board, pending her acceptance. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alex Garcia stated that himself and Rafferty Cleary have spoken with Spectrum and VEC about what the cost would be to get electric and internet at Bee Rock. As soon as we get these amounts, I will bring those back to the board.

Rafferty Cleary passed out a Resolution to apply for a tourism enhancement grant to be used for a kayak launching dock at Meadow creek. This is a \$100,000 grant with a 30% match from the Town. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass this Resolution. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he has a letter for the mayor to sign concerning phase three on the stormwater from Jerry Warren.

Rafferty Cleary said he knows this is late notice, but he has been asked to close Commercial Avenue between Holly and Chestnut, Saturday, August 12, for a bike show. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to close the street for this bike show. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that Nicolas Buckner is trying to earn a badge for Eagle Scout and is interested in painting the inside of the amphitheater in Whitaker Park if the city would purchase the paint.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he went to an economic summit at Tennessee Tech last week and that he will be going to the Governor's tourism conference in September.

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