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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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Wiggins, III.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Dale Welch	Amy Martin	Starlett Wessels	Charles Looper
Mark Farley	JJ Reels	James Foster	Nathan Walker

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

Invocation: Rev. Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the flag: Vice-Mayor Starlett Wessels

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 5 AND AUGUST 20, 2019 MINUTES: Dale Welch made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to approve the August 5 and August 20, 2019 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #19-835 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTEREY HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY COMMISSION: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass Resolution #19-835. After a roll vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #19-836 – A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to pass Resolution #19-836. After a roll call vote, there were six “yes” votes and two “no” votes. Those voting yes were:

Walker, Foster, Reels, Farley, Looper and Welch. Those voting no were: Wessels and Martin. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #19-837 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND INTERNET USE POLICY FOR THE TOWN:

Ella Dishman addressed the board and explained the information that was in the packet that she had received at a class at the PE Public Entity Symposium. She addressed some of the topics that were discussed in the class. She stated that we really needed to pass a Resolution on social media use. She explained that although each person's social media is for their own personal use, once you make a statement concerning the Town of Monterey, that becomes a public record. Starlett Wessels stated that she was in the same class and they also stated that you cannot delete any comments made from your social media account, concerning Town statements, once it has been made. Ella Dishman stated that also when a statement has been made concerning the Town, if another board member comments, that can be considered a violation of the open meeting law. After some more discussion, JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Amy Martin to table this until the next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Starlett Wessels asked if Nathaniel Green and Duane Jarrett could address the board concerning a water/sewer committee meeting. Nathaniel Green stated that they had received an email from Perdue stating that they would sign an agreement with the Town for a 10 year fixed term agreement effective 01-01-2020; \$50,000 monthly minimum payment; water & sewage rates will remain fixed for 10 years at \$8/50/1,000 gallons; Perdue commits to make a capital investment at Monterey in the amount of \$29 million to install a new production line to enhance competitiveness and reduce potential for increased usage; future rates beyond this 10-year proposal will be mutually developed by Perdue and the Town of Monterey; and Perdue will expect a rate reduction if new industrial user(s) move into the Town of Monterey and utilize the new waste water facility. Nathaniel Green stated that this looks good but he stated that he would need to talk to them about the future rates and the rate reduction if another user moved into Town. He stated that would be up to this board to decide. After further discussion, Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to allow the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Town of Monterey and Perdue after the attorney looks at it. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

James Foster asked about the Christmas tree that needed to be cut down and asked if we could replace it with a new one. He stated that he would buy it. Mayor Wiggins stated that we will replace the tree and for James Foster to pick it out and the city would purchase it.

JJ Reels asked about the rails with trails project. Jerry Warren stated that they have talked with the construction crew and they should be resuming work this week.

JJ Reels asked about the storm water drainage issue. Jerry Warren stated that the permit application has been sent in to the state and we are waiting on TDEC.

JJ Reels asked about the sidewalk grant and Julie Bohannon stated that they are meeting with everyone on September 12 at Burks Middle School and if everything goes okay, they will be having a public meeting in October.

JJ Reels asked about the paving and where we are with that. Mayor Wiggins stated that the engineer looked at these today and will be getting back with us so we can put this out to bid.

Jerry Warren stated that we are looking at a location for a composting toilet at Bee Rock.

Julie Bohannon stated that this board has accomplished so much at Meadowcreek and Bee Rock. She stated that friends of Meadowcreek met at the Depot and had a power point on how to build a trail. They have raised \$29,000 to build a trail and there will be five miles marked by October.

Julie Bohannon stated that the water feature at the park has been measured and they are trying to get everyone lined up for the same time to get the work started.

Charles Looper stated that he was disappointed that the Herald-Citizen didn't have a lot of coverage for the grand opening for the Bank of Putnam county last month.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bill Wiggins, III, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager