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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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, AT 7:00 PM.

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

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Julie Bohannon	Alex Garcia		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

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2020 MINUTES:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the August 3, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by JJ Reels to pay the bills as listed. Nathan Walker asked about the Tennessee Towing bill. The Chief explained that it was to haul a big piece of machinery from Kentucky. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #20-842 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 70,000 SQUARE FEET LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST NEW AVENUE AND SOUTH HOLLY STREET INTERSECTION FROM C-1 TO R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:** Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #20-842. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #20-843 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-**

**2021 BUDGET, PASSED BY ORDINANCE #20-841:** Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #20-843. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wiggins yielded the floor to Nathaniel Green and Duane Jarrett. Nathaniel Green stated that the contractors that has the CDBG funds project, has filed bankruptcy for restructuring. With that being said, we have two choices. We can either use the funds left over and finish the add alternate that you voted on or we can give that money back and cover all the areas back up and sow grass and be done. After further discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to move forward and give Mayor elect Reels the authority to talk with the attorney about calling the bond and completing the work. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green stated that ARC waterline is moving forward and we have the contracts now and he is going to get with Mayor Elect Reels and set a date for preliminary meetings.

Nathaniel Green stated that we have received the report back from Geotech on the Meadowcreek dam and they are saying that we have a slow seepage and that there would be no need for us to do anything at this time.

Duane Jarrett stated that we have had to send letters out twice over our THM's and we are going to have to do it again. He stated that he has been researching a chlorine dioxide generator and he feels that this will cut our THM's down by 50%. After further discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Julie Bohannon to bid out for a one-year lease and if it does what it is supposed to, then purchase it after the yearly lease. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Warren addressed the board and stated that he has the bids for replacing two (2) box culverts, one on E. Railroad and the other under the driveway by the Jones'. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Julie Bohannon to proceed and to accept the low bid from Stubbs Construction for \$89,020. This will be paid for by the governor's money from the State. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Warren stated that Stubbs Construction are working on the Diabetes Trail and it is progressing well.

Jerry Warren stated that the street paving work is in progress. They have a few little things to do but we kept a retainage for that.

Jerry Warren stated the on the Bee Rock project we have ran into some legal issues with this.

Jerry Warren stated that the downtown drainage work has been completed and they have studies showing it is doing what it is supposed to do.

Dawn Kupferer with Kwill Consultants talked about the TN Cares money and that we have between \$43,000 and \$45,000 to spend on COVID related items.

Dawn Kupferer stated that she would like to meet with Mayor Elect Reels to discuss funding for a FEMA mitigation grant up to \$600,000 with a 12 ½ % up to a 25% match.

Mayor Wiggins stated that John Zackary has turned in his resignation for codes enforcement officer. He stated that he would encourage the new board, to address this right away.

Mayor Wiggins stated that Dale Welch has resigned his position from NERA. After some discussion, JJ Reels made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to table this until the next meeting. After a show of hands, there were two “yes” votes and five “no” votes to table. Those voting yes were: Garcia and Reels. Those voting no were: Bohannon, Looper, Farley, Foster and Walker. Motion failed.

Charles Looper made a motion and was seconded by Julie Bohannon to nominate Bill Wiggins as the replacement for Dale Welch on the NERA. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to close nominations. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Julie Bohannon stated that the posts have been installed for the historical markers. She stated that the only thing left from the Hometown Project monies and it is being worked on is the five entrance signs at the city limits on HWY 84, HWY 62, HWY 164 and at both exits.

Mayor Wiggins stated that he has been named in two lawsuits. One for Bee Rock and the other pertaining to flooding. We do have a federal lawsuit hanging over our heads that we have not been served papers on. He stated that Danny Rader, our attorney, stated to call him after the September 17<sup>th</sup> if we have or if we have not been served.

Nathan Walker stated that we had a preliminary meeting putting this committee back together. He stated that they need to get together and lay out the vision and plans for this group. Dawn Kupferer stated that we have been a member of the Downtown program since 2012.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Rural Reimagining Initiative is working on a brand for Monterey. The paperwork has gone out on this and this will be five-month long project.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he had someone contact him about bringing a brew pub here to Monterey but there is nothing in the books either for or against. He stated that he would like for the board to consider this and to come up with some plans for this.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the round building is deteriorating and that Larry Vaden has offered to resurface that with his own funding.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the movie in the park Saturday night was a success. They had between 120-150 people.

Rafferty Cleary stated that a children's book author and illustrator will be visiting the Depot this month.

Mayor Wiggins recessed the meeting for the swearing in of the newly elected Mayor.

Randy Porter swore in JJ Reels as the newly elected Mayor.

Mayor Reels swore in Mark Farley (Vice-Mayor), Amy Martin (Alderwoman), Charles Looper (Alderman) and James Foster (Alderman).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Reels adjourned the meeting.

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JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager