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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, OCTOBER 19, 2020, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor JJ Reels.

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Amy Martin	Alex Garcia	Mark Farley
James Foster	Nathan Walker	Charles Looper
		Starlett Wessels

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

Invocation: Rev. Adam Risher

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MINUTES: Alex Garcia and was seconded by Nathan Walker to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Nathan Walker 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 #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 3rd Reading of Ordinance #20-842. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

3RD 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: Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #20-843. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Reels stated that we are going to open nominations up for the vacant Aldermen seat and this will be voted on at the November meeting. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to nominate Jim Whittaker. Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to nominate Shannon McGee.

Mayor Reels stated that Live Well Medical Clinic is having some electrical issues. If you turn one light on, another one will go out. The electrical wiring is very old and needs to be replaced and upgraded. Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to bid the replacement of the electrical wiring at Live Well. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the shingles are coming off the Depot. He stated that Turner Roofing out of Crossville are the ones that put them on when we built the Depot. He stated that he would call Turner Roofing and see if they had a warranty. Mark Farley stated that this needs to be turned in to our insurance.

Mayor Reels stated that there is an alley between W. Railroad and Stewart Avenue that is not being used and that it is causing flooding issues. He stated that he had spoken with Bobby and Bobby said that if we close it, we could run a ditch through the alley and that would alleviate the flooding. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to close this alley. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that Mountain Volunteer Fire Department called and they asked if we had any that we would be willing to donate. The police department was gifted an ambulance and we didn't need that so it was traded for a black dodge truck. We no longer need this vehicle, and I talked to the Chief of Police and he said we could donate it to Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to declare this vehicle as surplus. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that the Bee Rock summary judgement has been settled and as long as they do not appeal, they can have the money back that was in the escrow account.

Mayor Reels stated that he was going to introduce Brett Knight to everyone, but he could not attend tonight.

Mayor Reels stated that he has contacted the State about the traffic light at Stratton & Holly that was damaged in an accident. Everyone has been saying that the three-way stop is working great, so I am going to talk to them to see if we can leave it as a three way stop. Also, the red light at Commercial and Poplar, I am going to talk to the state to

see if we can take that light down and put stop signs up on Poplar. Charles Looper stated that we have already talked to the state about that and they said that we couldn't.

Mayor Reels stated on Halloween we are going to shut down Commercial from Holly to City Hall for trunk or treat. We will also shut down Crawford from Poplar to Elm for the churches that want to still have it at their church.

Mayor Reels stated that we have received \$43,000 for public health. We are going to purchase touchless sinks and toilets for our bathrooms. We are going to purchase an audio/visual system for city hall. Amy Martin asked if this included the bathrooms at the park? Mayor Reels stated no.

Mayor Reels stated that he has been asked by a Supervisor if he could move Steve to the street department and hire a part-time sanitation worker at \$12.00 an hour and to make both of the sanitation riders as part-time. In doing this, we will be saving \$17,000. Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to move Steve Phillips to the Street Department and to hire a part time sanitation rider and make both sanitation riders part time. All present voted yes. Motion carried. This will take effect on December 1, 2020.

Mayor Reels stated that we have advertised for janitorial services and we have four bids. I have put in the two lowest bids for you to look at. Mark Farley asked if these two were bonded? Mayor Reels stated he didn't know we had to do that. This was tabled until next month.

Mayor Reels stated that we have resubmitted ads to a broader audience to a code's enforcement officer.

Mayor Reels stated that we did have a beer board meeting and we set down with the attorney and we are going to have to re-write the whole ordinance. He is working on that now.

Nathaniel Green stated that on the ARC project, Ironwood Construction will be able to move forward after we have another preconstruction conference to go over all the changes that have been made. After more discussion, Starlett Wessels made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to approve the change order. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Duane Jarrett stated that the Turbine project has been completed. He said that he opened bids Friday for the Chlorine Dioxide equipment. He stated that lowest bid is from Dycho for \$53,670.00. This is a lease to purchase bid. We would pay \$1880.00 per month for 24 months and if we decide to keep it, then it would cost \$8,550.00 to purchase. Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to accept the low bid from Dycho for \$53,670.00. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Green said that he is just waiting on the documentation to be signed by the city attorney.

Rafferty Cleary stated that when he was hired, he went into the bathrooms at the farmer's market and found a space heater that had been left on all winter. This heater still did not keep everything from freezing and having to be replaced. He stated that he has found a ceiling mounted heater for around \$130.00 for each restroom and then the electrician for around \$300. Alex Garcia stated that we needed to send this to the building and grounds committee to discuss further.

Rafferty Cleary asked when we should turn the water feature off at the park? Mark Farley and Alex Garcia stated to turn them off after Standing Stone Day.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Depot Historical Society met last week and they have two invoices for the interstate attraction signs. They were asking if the City could pay for one of those? After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to pay one of the invoices for \$266.64. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the Taco Bell General Manager contacted him and asked if they could help with a day of clean up at Bee Rock and Rafferty stated that there were around 10-15 kids, that work at Taco Bell, show up Friday, October 16th and we picked up several huge bags of garbage at Bee Rock. I would like to ask everyone to please take better care of this and throw your garbage away in the trash can. Amy Martin stated that she is interested in cleaning up our Town and thinks that all the board members should be involved too.

Rafferty Cleary stated that on the Hemlock trees at Meadowcreek he will be meeting with some people that can provide assistance at low to no cost to help with this.

Mark Farley asked why do we need to wait until November to fill the vacant alderman seat? Why can't we do it this meeting? Mayor Reels stated because we have been doing it wrong all this time. We should nominate and then try to talk to them before we vote on them. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper to go ahead and fill the position tonight. After a roll call vote there were three "no" votes and four "yes" votes. Those voting no were: Martin, Garcia and Wessels. Those voting yes were: Looper, Farley, Foster and Walker. Mayor Reels voted no making a tie vote. Motion failed. Charles Looper and Mark Farley questioned Mayor Reels ability to be able to vote.

Charles Looper asked who the elite were on the board? Mayor Reels stated that he didn't know what he was talking about.

Charles Looper stated that he is glad to be off the planning commission but what his complaint was, Mayor Reels saying he did it for younger minds. Mayor Reels stated that he had apologized for that because that was not what he was meaning.

ADJOURNMENT: Alex Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager