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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, NOVEMBER 2, 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			Mark Farley
James Foster	Nathan Walker	Charles Looper	Starlett Wessels

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

Invocation: Pastor Steve Looper

Pledge to the Flag: Vice-Mayor Mark Farley

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2020 MINUTES: Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Reels stated that Warren Nevad from MTAS is here and is going to address the board. Warren Nevad addressed the board and he gave a brief overview of MTAS and stated that there will be on line training on December 1, 3, 8 and 10th starting at 5:00 p.m. He stated that he will send the information to Ella and she will get them to the board.

Alex Garcia entered the meeting at this time.

Mayor Reels stated that Brett Knight, city attorney, is here tonight and would like to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Knight addressed the board and introduce himself and stated that he is here to help with any legal matter brought before the board.

Mayor Reels stated that we only had application for the codes officer position. He stated that we did have one resume but that person did not fill out an application. After some discussion, Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to hire Chad Harris as our code's officer and give him six months to get his qualifications. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that we have a sanitation rider that we need to move to part-time effective immediately. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to move Scott Farley to part-time position. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that we are behind on picking up brush because we have one out with a broke back and one that has been out for five weeks for COVID. He stated that Bobby has asked if we could hire two part-time, temporary employees. After some discussion, Alex Garcia made a motion and was seconded by Mark Farley to hire two part-time, temporary employees for three months and if we need more time to bring back before the board to extend the time. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reels stated that I think you all are aware that Perdue was on fire this past Saturday and the fire chief was a little upset because we didn't have a ladder truck. He stated that he had to wait about two hours for a ladder truck to get to the roof. After some discussion, Mayor Reels stated that he would talk to the Chief to see where we were at on the grant application for a new truck.

Mayor Reels stated that we had a great turn out for Halloween on Commercial Avenue Saturday night. He stated that there were around 3,500 kids.

Mayor Reels stated that we are about 70% completed with the diabetes trail.

Mayor Reels stated that has signed the contracts for the storm water mitigation phase 2 and it will take about six weeks to get the culverts in. At that time, it will take about two weeks to complete the project.

Mayor Reels stated that he has the contracts and will be mailing those out tomorrow for the signal lights at Holly & Commercial and Chestnut and Commercial. Charles Looper asked about the traffic study for Poplar & Commercial. Mayor Reels stated that the state is going to be doing a traffic study. Mark Farley asked if this will cost the city any money? Mayor Reels stated that the state will be paying 100%.

Charles Looper stated that he wasn't going to bring this back up, but Mayor you challenged me at last months meeting and asked for proof where you called us the elite

bunch. Here is your proof. Charles Looper read from a newspaper article in the Herald-Citizen.

CONSIDER BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR WARD 2: Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to nominate Shannon McGhee. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Charles Looper and James Foster to nominate Jim Whittaker. Mayor Reels asked which candidate would you like to hear from first? Jim Whittaker addressed the board and gave a background on himself. Alderwoman Martin asked three questions that she said she is going to ask the other candidate. The first was, what are issues in your ward and how would you solve them? The second question was, what issues do you see or what excites you about Monterey? And the third question she had was what would you be passionate about? After some questions from the board, Shannon McGhee addressed the board. She answered Alderwoman Martin's questions. Mayor Reels passed out paper for a paper ballot for the election. He stated that each of you will write the one you choose on the paper. While the board was doing this, Alderman Looper said that while we are waiting, I would like to talk to you about the Christmas parade. He stated that normally the Civitan Club sponsors the parade but this year with COVID we have decided to cancel this parade unless another group wants to sponsor it. He stated that it is not safe and that Cookeville and Baxter has cancelled their parades. Holly Leonard addressed the board with her concerns before the board voted. After the ballots were taken back up for the vacancy of Alderman ward 2. There were four votes for Jim Whittaker and two votes for Shannon McGhee and one abstained vote. Mayor Reels swore in Jim Whittaker as the replacement alderman for ward 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nathaniel Green gave an update on the ARC project.

Rafferty Cleary stated that he thinks he has someone that can help with the hemlock trees at Meadow Creek Park.

Rafferty Cleary stated that rural reimagine would like to do some wall murals and asked if the board would like for him to continue with this? Nathan Walker stated where are we going to paint the murals? Rafferty stated we are still looking into that.

Rafferty Cleary stated that there will be a ribbon cutting on Thursday at Hello Market Blessing at 10:00 a.m. by K & P pet grooming.

Rafferty Cleary stated that rural re-imagine are working on developing a logo and a color scheme and a hashtag.

Starlett Wessels if we were going to do a Christmas Parade? Mayor Reels stated that he has had several citizens contact him and are willing to help with the parade. He stated we are going to have a meeting on Thursday to talk about the specifics and to appoint a committee. Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Starlett Wessels to give Bill Randolph the authority to close down the streets that will need to be closed.

Amy Martin gave the building and grounds committee report and stated that we will be meeting again for building and grounds on Thursday, November 19th.

ADJOURNMENT: Nathan Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager