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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, DECEMBER 7, 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	Jim Whitaker	Mark Farley
James Foster	Nathan Walker		Starlett Wessels

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

Invocation: Holly Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Jim Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandra Gilmore addressed the board and gave an update on the Senior Citizens Center.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES: Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Amy Martin made a motion and was seconded by Alex Garcia to pay the bills as listed. James Foster questioned the bills from Fry, Fry, Knight & Looper, French's shoes and Hill's termite and pest control. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion concerning Meadow Creek Park – Rafferty Cleary stated that lot #9 at Meadowcreek is back up for sale for \$49,000. Nathan Walker stated that he had spoken with Mr. Harrison and he will sell it to the Town for \$43,500. Amy Martin asked if we could use the remainder of the \$50,000 for another project. Rafferty Cleary stated that we could use it for park entrances. He stated this would make a good purchase

for the Town because it is right beside lot 10 that we purchased a few years ago and if we do purchase this lot, it will keep a lot of people off of private property. He stated that the Healthcare board has talked and has gave them the go ahead to use that money. Steven Maddox spoke to the board and addressed his concerns again. After more discussion, Nathan Walker made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to let the Mayor negotiate with property owners. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried. (Charles Looper enters the meeting during this discussion.)

Discussion concerning Dr. Smith's replacement – Mayor Reels stated that December 26, 2020 will be Dr. Smith's last day. He stated that the health care board is pursuing a Doctor or Physical Assistant. There has been a private investor that would put in \$150,000 to upgrade the facility and pay the first-year salary of the Doctor with the stipulation that we don't charge rent for the first two years and then the third year pay 25%, year four pay 50%, year five pay 75% and then the sixth year pay 100% of the rent. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to let the Health Care board negotiate this and bring back to the board. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion concerning railroad crossings – Mayor Reels gave an update and stated that they are studying going work at Elm & RR Crossing. They will be getting us a cost estimate and we are looking at getting a 90% grant and we would only have to pay 10%.

Discussion concerning part-time employees – Mayor Reels stated that the civil service board will be meeting tomorrow night to hire four part-time employees. After some discussion, Mark Farley made a motion and was seconded by Nathan Walker to hire only two part-time sanitation workers. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion concerning Dept. of Health Grant for Meadow Creek Park – Mayor Reels stated that there is a grant out there that would be 100% grant up to \$46,000 for trails in Meadow Creek Park. He said this is not a commitment. We are just going to apply for it.

Mayor Reels stated that we had a lot of excitement at the Monterey Christmas parade. He wanted to thank Amy Martin for being the chairperson of that committee and Crossville Bikers for bullies, Randall Hopkins for putting the lights up around town for free.

Mayor Reels stated that VP of operations from Perdue was here and presented a letter to the fire department thanking them for how they responded to the fire at Perdue.

Zeda Hillis addressed the board and stated that Nathaniel Green is going to call the bid for the CDBG project.

Zeda Hillis stated that on the ARC project, they have started cutting pavement.

Zeda Hillis stated that the plans have been sent to TDEC for the wastewater treatment plant.

Zeda Hillis stated that the chlorine/dioxide procedures have been approved by TDEC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Amy Martin gave an update on the Building and Grounds committee meeting that was held on November 19.

Amy Martin asked Rafferty Cleary to give an update on the Rural Re-Imagine. Rafferty stated that they received the sketches last week and he is very impressed with how they turned out. He stated that he is hoping to give a package to each board member by March with the color scheme.

Rafferty Cleary stated that they are working to address the problem with the hemlock trees at Meadow Creek Park.

Amy Martin stated that she wants to honor Franny Ray by reading a poem that Franny wrote.

Rafferty Cleary stated that we have the second compost pit for the toilet at Bee Rock and it is at the garage awaiting installation.

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

JJ Reels, Mayor

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager