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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, JANUARY 6, 2025, AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alex Garcia

Upon roll call the following aldermen were present:

Kevin Peters	Spencer Delk	Jim Whitaker	Larry Bennett
Cecilia Paulsen	Jim Wolfgram	Jamie Phillips	Bill Wiggins

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

Invocation: Pastor Jeff Leonard

Pledge to the Flag: Alderman Jim Wolfgram

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024, MINUTES:** Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the minutes from December 2, 2024. All present voted yes. Motion carried

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Spencer Delk made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**SARAH BEATY FROM MONTEREY MEDICAL CLINIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Johnny Presley addressed the board concerning the lease for the Monterey Medical Clinic. He stated that he would like the lease to be a five-year lease instead of one year. All the board members agreed to change that to a five-year lease. Johnny Presley stated that he has put in for a grant between \$150,000 - \$200,000 and he would

like to look into getting some specialists to come to the clinic maybe on a weekly basis. He asked if the board could submit a letter of support for this grant. After further discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to submit a letter of support for the grant. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER THE LEASE FOR THE MONTEREY MEDICAL CLINIC:** This item was addressed in the previous agenda item.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #25-869 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MONTEREY ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES:** Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #25-869. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS HIRING A POLICE CHIEF:** Spencer Delk made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to advertise until January 31, 2025 to hire a police chief. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS DEAD END ON POPLAR:** Mayor Garcia stated that he has spoken with Bobby Farley and this is where we dump brush at. Bobby is going to put something there to keep anyone from going off the cliff.

**DISCUSS REZONING ORDINANCE FOR JOE STEPHENS - #25-870 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON MONTEREY HWY FROM R-1 AND UNZONED TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT:** Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Whitaker to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #25-870. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS SPORTS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Mayor Garcia stated that he would like to get this committee up and running. He has three recommendations for the board. Ben Novak, Bridgette Delk and one member from this board. Cecilia Paulsen volunteered to be the board member. Mayor Garcia asked Bill Wiggins if he could speak with Rebecca Walker to see if she still wanted to be on there. We will need one more to make a committee of five. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to accept these four and to look into one more. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS PURCHASING EVERGREENS FOR THE CITY GARAGE:** After some discussion, Cecilia made a motion to table this until next month and have Bobby Farley get some more estimates and bring them before the board.

**REUEST STREET CLOSURE FOR BANANA PUDDING FESTIVAL:** Rafferty Cleary asked if we could close the streets again on April 5<sup>th</sup> for this festival. Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to close the streets. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Garcia stated that the new website is looking good.

Mayor Garcia stated that we received a letter from a citizen praising Sgt. Neff.

Bill Wiggins stated that in 2015 the board passed a policy to charge the owners of the billboards here in town per square foot. Mayor Garcia stated the planning commission is working on this.

Larry Bennett asked if we are doing anything about getting a codes officer? Mayor Garcia stated that he has a meeting Wednesday, with UCDD, about this. After some more discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to advertise for a codes officer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that the rail bike project is a no go because of safety concerns.

Bill Wiggins stated that the railroad has the potential for another customer on the mountain and that would be Cumberland Container.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Garcia stated that we will have a work session on Monday, January 13, 2025 to discuss the recommendation from Public Entity Partners concerning the personnel rules and regulations. He stated to please be prepared.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Cecilia Paulsen made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the drug free work place Resolution that Public Entity Partners recommended. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Garcia stated that the street lights on Commercial are operational at this time.

Mayor Garcia stated we have four locations that have been approved by TDOT for our city limit signs.

Rafferty Cleary stated that the SRQ's for the stormwater grant that was approved back in the fall, has to be re-approved. Spencer Delk made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to accept the SOQ from Warren and Tuggle to be the engineer for this project. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Cecilia Paulsen made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor Alex Garcia

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager