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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, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, AT 7:00 PM.

The beer board committee met prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Kevin Peters to approve a beer permit for Walkers Supply at 201 N Chestnut Street. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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 Jamie Phillips

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheila Floyd addressed the board concerning rezoning her property at 734 S. Poplar. Mayor Garcia explained to her that this would have to go in front of the planning commission first.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Cecilia Paulsen gave a report on the sports and events committee meetings that has been held. She stated that they are getting forms together so they can be placed online.

Jamie Phillips gave a report on the finance committee meeting that was held.

Bill Wiggins called on Nathaniel Green to give a report on the water/sewer committee meeting. Nathaniel Green explained that with the closure of Perdue in March, the water and sewer fund will be losing approximately \$1,000,000 per year. He stated different

ways to reduce expenditures and different routes to increase revenue. He stated that he would recommend having another rate study performed by Jackson Thornton, to suspend all sewer capital outlay projects, look for additional water customers and to authorize the mayor to meet with Catoosa and look at their contract. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to accept the recommendations of the water and sewer committee. Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett for an amendment to the motion to remove the rate study. After a roll call vote on the amendment, there were six "yes" votes and two "no" votes. Those voting yes were: Peters, Delk, Bennett, Paulsen, Wolfgram and Phillips. Those voting no were: Whitaker and Wiggins. Motion passed. After a roll call vote on the original motion, there were five yes votes and three no votes. Those voting yes were: Delk, Bennett, Paulsen, Phillips and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Peters, Whitaker and Wolfgram. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Kevin Peters to recommend Southeaster Tank, Inc. for \$3,360 for all three water tank repairs. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 6, 2025, MINUTES: Larry Bennett made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to pass the minutes from January 6, 2025. All present voted yes. Motion carried

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

PROCLAMATION FOR UNDEFEATED SEASON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM – JOEY HOOVER: The board recognized the middle school basketball team for their undefeated season.

DISCUSS COMMERCIAL AVENUE STREET PLAN: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to accept the spirit of the plan. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #25-869 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MONTEREY ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES: (There was a public hearing held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.) Kevin Peters made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to pass the 3rd reading of Ordinance #25-869. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #25-870 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MONTEREY ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO SIGN FEES: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #25-870. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #25-871 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18, SECTION 18-102 FOR WATER/SEWER RATES: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #25-871. After a roll call vote, there were six “yes” votes and two “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Peters, Delk, Whitaker, Bennett, Phillips and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Paulsen and Wolfgram. Motion carried.

1ST AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 25-872 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT/AMEND THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES: Kevin Peters made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to pass the 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #25-872. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HRP GRANT (HEALTH RESILIENCE PROGRAM): Mayor Garcia stated that this is a 100% grant and there would be no cost to the Town. Bill Wiggins asked who would be accountable for money expenditures and revenue? Mayor Garcia stated that the Town would be. He stated that the city would not be putting in a dime. After further discussion, Jim Whitaker made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to apply for this grant. After a roll call vote, there were seven “yes” votes and one “abstain” vote. Those voting yes were: Peters, Delk, Whitaker, Bennett, Paulsen, Wolfgram and Phillips. Those voting abstain were: Wiggins. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PURCHASING EVERGREENS FOR THE CITY GARAGE: Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to table this for now. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

BRAD BEATY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING WATER ON BOARD VALLEY ROAD: Brad Beaty addressed the board and asked what they would need to do to get water to their homes? They live 9/10 of a mile from where the water stops. After further discussion, Mayor Garcia sent this to the water/sewer committee to look into.

DISCUSS TAKING BIDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF/WALL: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to take bids for the repair/replacement of the roof/wall at the police department. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER QUOTES FOR THE STRIPING OF BLACK BOTTOM, WOODCLIFF ROAD AND 400 W CRAWFORD: Larry Bennett made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to accept the bid from Todd Rose in the amount of \$6,540 and to pay for the W. Crawford portion out of the community gardens fund. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Garcia stated Dominoes has pushed back their opening for another couple of weeks.

Mayor Garcia stated that the concessions at black bottom is coming out nice. They should be completed by the end of February or the first of March.

Mayor Garcia stated that Perdue is having the TN Dept of Labor and Workforce to come up on the 12th and 13th for a job fair for their employees.

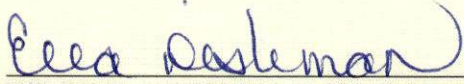
NEW BUSINESS: Rebecca Walker stated that she will be hiring a few new employees for her business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Kevin Peters made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Alex Garcia

Attest:



Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager