



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 03, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Monterey Municipal Building – 302 E. Commercial Avenue Monterey, TN 38574

Police Department: (931) 839-2323 | City Hall: (931) 839-3770 | Fax: (931) 839-3933

Meeting called by: Mayor Alex Garcia

Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly

Aldermen: Kevin Peters, Spencer Delk, Jim Whitaker, Larry Bennett, Cecelia Paulson, Jim Wolfgram, Jamie Phillips, Bill Wiggins

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ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Invocation to be led by Pastor Steve Looper of Hope in Christ Church.

Pledge to the Flag – Alderman Bill Wiggins

Invocation was led by Pastor Steve Looper from Hope in Christ.

Alderman Bill Wiggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

KEY TO THE CITY PRESENTATION

Mayor Garcia presented a key to the city to Keelan Milligan for all of his hard work and dedication to Monterey.

CHIEF OF POLICE SWEARING IN

Mayor Garcia swore in John Mackie as Chief of Police.

NEW POLICE OFFICER SWEARING IN

Chief John Mackie swore in Andrew North as a police officer for the Town of Monterey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joshua Gallagher addressed the board concerning canopies over the dugout, repainting the building and other items. He stated that this will be volunteers and donations doing the work.

Motion made by Alderwoman Paulson, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Monterey Sports and Events Committee

Alderwoman Paulson stated that Ben Novak created a rental agreement for the board to review and approve. The city attorney will look this over and we will have this for the April meeting.

2. Finance committee meeting

Alderman Phillips went over the finance committee meeting that was held in February. The finance committee is going to recommend to vote down Ordinance #25-871.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Minutes from February 03, 2025

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Vice Mayor Peters.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

4. Monthly Bills

ORDINANCES

5. 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-871 - An Ordinance to amend title 18, section 18-102 for water and sewer rates

To delete this ordinance

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

6. 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-872 - An Ordinance to adopt/amend the personnel rules and regulations for city employees.

#25-872 - Alderman Wiggins wants to offer an amendment on page 19, concerning transfers. Alderman Wiggins stated that he would like to see Mayor and Board of Aldermen added and strike designee. On page 53, on investigative leave, he would like to strike designee. Alderman Phillips stated that we need to rewrite this and bring it back before the board. Kevin Peters made a motion to table this.

Motion made by Alderman Wolfram, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

7. 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-873 - An Ordinance to amend the Monterey zoning code pertaining to sign fees
Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider submitting and application for the 2025 Project Diabetes Grant
Application for Project Diabetes grant - Rafferty Cleary stated that this is a grant for \$15,000 for the community garden. This is a pay to get grant. Mayor Garcia stated that this is a two year grant and you get \$15,000 each year.
Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Wiggins.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins
9. Consider submitting application for 2025 Traffic Signal Modernization Program Grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation.
Grant for submitting an application for the modernization for traffic signal grant from TDOT - Rafferty Cleary stated this is a fully funded grant and will be for the traffic signal at Stratton and Holly.
Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins
10. Mayor Alex Garcia to discuss opportunity for installing new city cameras
New city cameras - Mayor Garcia stated that we have cameras on four different systems. In front of you is a proposal that would put all cameras on one system and all the officers would have the ability to monitor all the cameras. The approximate cost is \$6,230 and to be paid for out of the police department budget.
Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Wiggins.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins
11. Discuss taking bids for roof repairs at the water treatment plant
Take bids for roof repairs at the water treatment plant - Mayor Garcia stated that this will be approximately \$30,000 - \$35,000.
Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Vice Mayor Peters.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins
12. Consider Submitting Application for 2025 Healthy Built Environment Grant

Consider submitting an application for a Healthy built environment grant - This is an \$80,000 no match grant to extend playground equipment and add adult exercise equipment at Whitaker Park.

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

MAYOR UPDATES

13. Update on repairs to generator

Generator Repair - Mayor Garcia stated that we have a generator from LEESO and it does not start. The repairs for this will be around \$7,000. He stated that he has already approved this to be fixed and we should have this back by the end of the month.

14. Meeting with Crossville Mayor RJ Crawford

Meeting with Catoosa Mayor. They are not going to be needing any water from us.

15. Commercial Avenue Streetscape Lighting

Streetscape lighting - Mayor Garcia stated that we have the string lights up and there will be a \$14.98 charge monthly for this.

16. Black Bottom Soccer Field

Black Bottom soccer field - Mayor Garcia stated the MHS played their first game last week. He stated that the parking lot has been striped. He stated that he had an ideal to rename the field to Mayor Walker Memorial Field. Bill Wiggins stated he would like it to be Nathan Walker Sports Complex - Black Bottom Field. Chief Mackie stated that at the nights we play at home, we could have a reserve set there with a patrol car.

17. Electronic Updates for City Hall Meeting Room

Electronic updates for city hall meeting room - Mayor Garcia stated that in your packet is a cost of what it would cost to purchase tv's and we would have a shared tablet for two aldermen (total of 4 tablets). This would be less than \$2,500. Cecilia Paulson made a motion to table.

18. Address Water/Sewer Billing Error

Sewer billing error - Mayor Garcia stated that Jamie Phillips found the error from the software company. We have the error corrected. If you don't use more than 2,000 gallons, this will not affect the customer at all.

OTHER BUSINESS

19. Discuss Parks Rules and Regulations Ordinance

Parks Rules and Regulations - Mayor Garcia stated that himself and Rafferty have been looking at these and we will have this for you in April.

Jerry Warren addressed the board concerning a TAP grant. This project has been in the works for around five or six years. There will be a few easements that we will need for this project.

Jerry Warren stated that the ARP grant is for the stormwater and is a 100% grant. He stated that we will need to get around five or six easements for this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.