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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, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 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
	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 Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Julie Christenson addressed the board and informed the board the MDI (Monterey Downtown Inc.) has be resurrected with town business people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was none.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 MINUTES: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to pass the minutes from September 9, 2024. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS: Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to pay the bills as listed. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS APPOINTING CECILIA PAULSEN AS THE WINNER FOR WARD 3 FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM: Mayor Alex Garcia stated that he would like to appoint Cecilia Paulsen as the winner of ward 3 since James Foster stated that he did not want to

participate in the run off election. He asked if there were any objections? There being none, he swore in Cecilia Paulsen to serve a four year term.

DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY INTO THE TOWN OF MONTEREY ON CROSSVILLE HIGHWAY (HWY 70): Joe Stephens, owner of this property, addressed the board and then after some discussion, Jim Whitaker made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to send this approval to the planning commission. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

JOHNATHAN PHILLIPS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY GARDEN: Johnathan Phillips stated that a few years ago the board gave permission to use a piece of land behind the nursing home for a community garden. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to open up a bank account for donations and to have a start up donation of no more than \$1,500. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS THE 2025 FIREWORKS CONTRACT WITH PYROTECHNICO – RAFFERTY CLEARY: Rafferty Cleary presented the contract for the 2025 fireworks contract for \$30,000 with the Town of Monterey paying \$15,000 and a local business will be paying the remainder \$15,000. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ELECTRICAL BOX ARE PROJECT (DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION) – RAFFERTY CLEARY: Rafferty Cleary explained the electrical art project for the traffic signal at Stratton & Holly, Commercial & Holly and Commercial and Chestnut at a cost of approximately \$450 per signal. The MHS art students will be in charge of painting or wrapping these. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to approve this with a maximum of \$500 per signal and to use the tourism checking account. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON TOURISM SPENDING PLAN – RAFFERTY CLEARY: Larry Bennett made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to allow Mayor Garcia and Rafferty Cleary to spend up to \$1500 on purchases without board approval for Tourism. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LOADING ZONE PARKING: Mayor Garcia addressed the board concerning Reba's Flower Shop. He stated that she is the only building that does not have a back door and she would like for us to dedicate one parking space for her business during her operating hours. After some discussion, Cecilia Paulsen made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to have Reba pick one spot and the city boys will paint this for her to use as a loading/unloading parking spot. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROJECT GRADUATION: Colt Elrod and Emily Wright addressed the board concerning the 2026 MHS class and asked for a donation for project graduation.

Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Kevin Peters to make a donation of \$500 to the 2026 MHS graduation class. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

KEN HALL TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING RAIL TRAILS: Ken Hall stated that there is an opening on the TN Central Heritage Trail and that Amy New will nominate the person to represent Monterey. He also stated that they have discussed the extension of the Monterey trail eastward.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Garcia stated that each of you have the Depot stats from September.

Mayor Garcia stated that each of you have a letter from the comptroller stating that the 2025 budget has been approved.

Mayor Garcia stated that on September 11, the dam inspectors were here and both of our dams passed inspection.

Mayor Garcia stated that the black bottom concession stand has a new roof and that on October 14th, Parks and Recreation will start on the inside.

Mayor Garcia stated that the transportation grant survey is still up and that on October 22, there will be a public meeting held at MHS from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Garcia stated that at Meadow Creek we are going to be adding a pavilion and that Troyer Post building is going to donate a 30 X 50 building for this.

Mayor Garcia stated that October 15th, the Putnam County health department will have a free flu shot day at city hall.

Mayor Garcia stated that October 26 is the jack-o-lantern jamboree.

Bill Wiggins asked about the RJ Corman negotiations?

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Garcia stated that we have a Fed-Ex lease agreement in front of us. There were some concerns from the board members about the dock use for Mr. Jared, public parking, the railroad right of way, the flea market usage. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to agree to the lease for \$1,000 per month as soon as the new attorney looks at and with these concerns added to the lease. After a roll call vote, there were six “yes” votes and two “no” votes. Those voting yes were: Delk, Whitaker, Bennett, Paulsen, Wolfgram and Wiggins. Those voting no were: Peters and Phillips. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Alex Garcia adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Alex Garcia

Attest:

Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager

