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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 2, 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
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

There was a public hearing on Resolution #2024-005 – A Resolution calling for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory into the Town of Monterey by owner consent and approving a plan of services. There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Julie Christensen and Melissa Schubert addressed the board concerning MDI stringing lights up on each side of Commercial Avenue. After some discussion, Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Larry Bennett to allow the lights to be strung up and for the Town of Monterey to donate two strands of the lights to be paid out of the Tourism money. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried. Mayor Garcia stated that we need to know who is going to hang these lights, who is going to change the bulbs if and when they go out, who is going to pay for them? Etc.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Larry Bennett stated that he had called a street committee meeting but was rescheduled until after the first of the year.



**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 11, MINUTES:** Kevin Peters made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to pass the minutes from November 11, 2024. All present voted yes. Motion carried

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:** Bill Wiggins 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.

**DISCUSS ADVERTISING TO HIRE A CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER:** Larry Bennett made a motion and was seconded by Jamie Phillips to approve hiring a certified police officer instead of a detective and to start them out at the highest rate of pay for a certified police officer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS NEW WEBSITE AND MEETING SOFTWARE:** Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Kevin Peters to change our website and purchase new meeting software from Civic Plus for \$6,000 and there is a one-time fee of \$1,850. We have saved \$9,880 from Local Government Corporation. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS CATE-GIL BUILDING:** Mayor Garcia stated that we do not have a contract with Monterey Medical LLC and he has been approached by Lisa Bumbalough from the Health Department that they would like to use the office that is being occupied by Monterey Medical LLC. After some discussion, Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Bill Wiggins to have the city attorney send an eviction notice to Johnny Presley, Monterey Medical LLC, and to allow the Putnam County Health Department to occupy this office. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**DECLARE ITEMS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY GARAGE AS SURPLUS (POLICE DEPT. – OLD RADIOS, 2011 CROWN VIC, FACTORY SEATS AND CONSOLES IN DODGE DURANGO’S, DOG BITE SUITE, MIST K-9 TRAINING EQUIPMENT; FIRE DEPT. – 1978 VAN, 1999 EXPLORER AND 1976 FIRE ENGINE #3; STREET DEPT./WATER/SEWER DEPT: 1990 MILITARY TRUCK, 2004 GMC PICKUP TRUCK, OLD TRASH TRUCK BODY, 1984 JET TRUCK, TWO (2) GENERATORS:** Larry Bennett made a motion and was seconded by Spencer Delk to declared these items as surplus and to sell on Gov Deals. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR UPDATES:** Mayor Garcia stated that Jerry Warren has some options for the welcome signs to Monterey. There will be four signs and they will be at Hwy 70 and exit 300, Hwy 70 and exit 301, Hwy 62 and Old Walton Road, and Hwy 84 and Woodcliff Rd. Jerry Warren will get the costs and have them for the meeting in January.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill Wiggins stated that at the Cate-Gil building, there are approximately 12 gym lights that are still hanging and it might be a good ideal to take




them down and to sell them. Mayor Garcia stated that we will add this to next month's agenda.

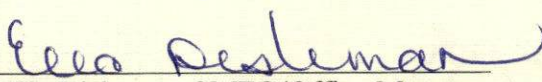
Jamie Phillips stated that the lights out on Commercial, can we have the street supervisor coordinate with Keelan and get those back working?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was none.

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

  
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Mayor Alex Garcia

Attest:

  
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Ella Dishman, CMFO/Office Manager