



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 08, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

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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

Pledge to the Flag – Alderwoman Cecelia Paulsen

Brother Jeff Leonard

Vice-Mayor Kevin Peters led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes from August 4, 2025
This item was skipped in error.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

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

3. Monthly Bills

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman

Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

4. Resolution #2025-003 to appoint JECDB as Coordinating Committee for growth plan amendments

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Delk to pass this Resolution.

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider Pyrotecnico Contract for 2026 Fireworks Show

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

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

6. Brian Williams to address the board

Jamie Phillips addressed the board because Brian was not able to be here. The street committee had met previously and was wondering if there was any updates on the speed bumps? Mayor Garcia stated that there are other measures that we can try before we put up speed bumps. Larry Bennett will call another street committee meeting to address this.

7. Review bids for the clinic ramp

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram to resurface the clinic ramp.

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

8. Discussion on dog park

Jerry Warren drew up a sketch for Whitaker Park dog park. There will be some funds left over from the Nathan Walker sports plex and we can use these funds for that. It would cost under \$20,000. There was no vote taken.

9. Discuss downtown improvement grant

This is the same grant that Crossville used and got all of their street lights. 50% of this grant has to be facade improvement. This is a 25% match and the businesses owners

would pay for this. The city would be responsible for paying the match for the street lights and this would be approximately \$150,000. The city would be responsible for paying 25% of the street lights. Does the city want to apply for this grant? The grant is due this Friday and we would know something in December. The city would have three years to complete this project and to have it split between these budget years. Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Whitaker to apply for this grant.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Phillips

10. Discuss city land sale

A citizen is wanting to purchase roughly 10 acres from the Town. Mayor Garcia is wanting to surplus this property tonight. This is property that we have not used and we will be keeping approximately 30 acres. Bill Wiggins asked if this could be researched further because he thinks this was donated to the Town of Monterey for industrial use only.

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett to surplus this property and bid this out.

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

MAYOR UPDATES

Lighting for the Nate should start in November.

Bobby and his crew has put in a meter for the irrigation system.

Scare poles should go up for next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief John Mackie addressed the board and gave a progress report on the police department. They are going to open up the application process for non certified officer and get them in the training class in March. There would be no cost to the Town for sending them to school to be certified.

Sgt. Bates addressed the board concerning the police department. He stated that he is responsible for the training program and he is very passionate about training. He stated that the sewer plant is vacant on Woodcliff Road. He would like to utilize this for the range for the police department. He would like to get the electric turned back on down there and water and sewer but there is no sewer down there any longer. We would have to dig and put in a septic tank and this would cost approximately \$800 delivered set up. He would like to get either an awning or

carport as well. We can use the monies that we get from the gun classes to purchase these items.

Bill Wiggins stated that he was riding his bicycle on the trail and he was met with a side by side on the trail.

Bill Wiggins stated that we have another problem with barking dogs keeping people awake at night.

Jim Whitaker stated that we need to put some lights up at the Depot.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Bennett.