



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 06, 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

PRESENT

Mayor Alex Garcia

Vice Mayor Kevin Peters

Alderman Jim Whitaker

Alderman Larry Bennett

Alderwoman Cecilia Paulson

Alderman Jim Wolfgram

Alderman Jamie Phillips

Alderman Bill Wiggins

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pledge to the Flag – Alderwoman Cecelia Paulsen

Alderman Larry Bennett gave the invocation.

Alderwoman Cecilia Paulsen led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Williams addressed the board concerning Crain Street. He is opposed to turning Crain Street into a one-way street. He respectfully asks for this to be sent back to the street committee so that all the neighbors can be here to talk.

Leslie Williams addressed the board concerning Crain Street as well.

Rebecca Miller addressed the board concerning Crain Street as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building and Grounds committee meeting
Cecilia Paulsen went over the building and grounds committee minutes.
2. Water/Sewer committee meeting
Bill Wiggins gave an update on the water/sewer committee meeting minutes.
3. Street Committee meeting
Larry Bennett gave an update on the street committee meeting minutes. Jim Wolfgram asked if this was any certain time of day or all the time? Brian Williams stated that this is all the time. After some discussion, Mayor Garcia suggested that we take this back to the street committee and the residents will be at this next one and they will bring their recommendations as well. Bill Wiggins stated that we keep tap dancing around how to do this. I think we need speed bumps and then take them up in a couple of months. Cecilia Paulsen stated that we need to put these strategically as well if we put these down. It was decided to have the street committee meeting on Crain Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Minutes from September 8, 2025
Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins
Motion was made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulsen to pass the Minutes from August 4, 2025.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulsen, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

5. Monthly Bills
Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

ORDINANCES

6. Consider and vote on Ordinance #25-881 - An Ordinance to change the zoning classification for approximately 5.6 acres located on Peter Avenue from I-1 to General Commercial C-2

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

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

7. Attorney Evan Wright to address the board concerning River Keepers pending lawsuit (Executive Session)

Attorney Evan Wright addressed the board concerning the River Keepers pending lawsuit.

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson to pay the River Keepers.

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

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Peters

8. Consider Authorizing Mayor to Send Letter Requesting Continued Rail Funding in State Budget

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

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

9. Consider Authorizing Mayor to Send Letter Requesting Change to Shared Revenue Relationship

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

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

10. Consider June 20 Date for Watermelon Crawl Festival

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

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

11. Consider changing the speed limit down to 20 mph on Callahan Road and Old Walton Road

Old Walton from 62 to Elmore and then all of Callahan Road to 20 MPH.

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

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Phillips

12. Discuss and vote on adding "No unmuffled jake braking inside city limits" signs.

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

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

MAYOR UPDATES

13. Notice of THDA Grant Award

Mayor Garcia stated that we did get the home grant that we applied for. This will rehabilitate some homes here in Monterey. This is not a matching grant.

Larry Bennett asked if we have any updates on a codes officer? What are we waiting for? Jim Whitaker stated that we really need a codes officer. It was discussed to even send someone to school for this.

Bill Wiggins stated that we were going to talk about tuition and costs to allow employees to continue their education. This was recommended to the finance committee.

Bill Wiggins stated that we are going to be presented with a petition for barking dogs. It is getting critical in the 4th ward.

Bill Wiggins stated that you will be hearing from the Methodist Church soon about parking.

Bill Wiggins stated that the church is using the Depot parking and we need to stop that when the Depot is open.

Bill Wiggins stated that he seen a motorcycle on the trail and this needs to be halted.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.