



## **Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 04, 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 Spencer Delk

Alderman Jim Whitaker

Alderman Larry Bennett

Alderman Cecilia Paulson

Alderman Jim Wolfgram

Alderman Jamie Phillips

Alderman Bill Wiggins

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INVOCATION**

1. Pastor Mike Womack
2. Pledge to the Flag - Alderman Bill Wiggins

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3. Street Committee Meeting  
Larry Bennett went over the street committee recommendations and made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram that we have Bobby make a list of the roads that

need to be patched and bring that list back to the board for them to make a priority list out of that and for the city street department to do the patching. After some discussion, Jamie Phillips made an amendment to the motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to only spend \$50,000 and then come back to the board.

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram.

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

4. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Cecilia Paulsen gave an update on the building and grounds committee meeting. Bill Wiggins suggested that prior to the next meeting, David Funk could give some recommendations on what would look good and what would grow in the area and then get with the garden club and see if they would like to help with this project. There was more discussion concerning the trail and the railroad right of way.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. Minutes from July 7, 2025

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

6. Monthly Bills

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

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

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discuss irrigation at The Nate

Mayor Garcia stated that we are getting appropriated funds in the amount of \$200,000 for lighting at the Nate. The lighting is approximately \$140,000 and we are going to have money left over. I have asked Putnam County Parks and Recreation to put together an irrigation plan for that field. They have come up with a price approximately \$16,000 and I have asked Darrel to get me a price for the a meter and a backflow and that was roughly about \$5,000. So we are roughly spending a little over \$20,000 to irrigate the field and the labor will be taken care of by Putnam County.

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to appropriate these funds for this project. Motion carried.

8. Discuss survey on Johnson Avenue

9. Discuss Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Delk to close Commercial Avenue on October 25th for the Jack-O-Lantern jamboree. Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins. Motion carried.

10. Discuss BCBS Grant

Mayor Garcia stated that this is a 100% grant and they would basically build us a playground. I would like to recommend that we apply for the grant and put the playground at Meadow Creek Park.

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. Motion carried.

11. Attorney Evan Wright to address the board concerning the Riverkeepers

12. Consider Bids for Stormwater Drainage project - Jerry Warren

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson to accept the low bid of \$444,450 from Gordon Morrow Construction upon the recommendation from Jerry Warren.

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

13. Consider Hwy 70 force main bids - Nathaniel Green

Motion made by Alderman Delk, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson to accept the corrected low bid of \$672,942 from Isinguard Construction Group upon the recommendation from Nathaniel Green.

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

Nathaniel Green made a recommendation to accept the bid of \$37,775 from Tri-State Roofing contractors to repair the roof at the water treatment plant. Bill Wiggins made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen. After a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION**

There was none.

## **MAYOR UPDATES**

There was none.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bill Wiggins stated that the trail was funded by the Diabetes grant. Is that grant still out there? Mayor Garcia stated that yes and we used that for the community garden.

Jamie Phillips asked about the updates on Live Well sidewalk. Mayor Garcia stated that we only have one bid and it is a little bit high. We are supposed to get another bid by Friday.

Bill Wiggins stated that the restoration of the dining car at the Depot is nearing completion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Alderman Bennett.