



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 02, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

Police Department: (931) 839-2323 | City Hall: (931) 839-3770 | Fax: (931) 839-3933

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

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Brother Jeff Leonard led the invocation.

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Alderwoman Cecilia Paulsen

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance committee report

Jamie Phillips went over the finance committee meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes from January 5, 2026

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram.

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

3. Monthly Bills

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

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

ORDINANCES

4. Consider and vote on Ordinance #26-883 - An Ordinance of the Town of Monterey, Tennessee, amending the 2026 fiscal year budget
Motion made by Alderman Delk, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the 1st and 2nd reading of Ordinance #26-883.

RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider and vote on the proposal for new street lights for the DIG grant
Mayor Garcia went over the new street lights (32) and each light would have a hanging basket on it and have an electrical outlet. This will be a 75/25 match, so approximately \$20,000 for the city share. The lights would replace the old lights down-town. Mayor Garcia stated that we will have to bid this out. We have been approved for the grant of \$240,000.
6. Consider and vote on the new Live-Well Medical Lease
Mayor Garcia stated that this is an assignee of lease. Master's clinic is signing over to Live-Well.
Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass this lease. Motion carried.
7. Consider and surplus used binders (assorted sizes)
Mayor Garcia stated that we have around 100 binders that we don't use.
Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to declare these as surplus.
8. Consider and vote on adopting the permit fee for building permits
Mayor Garcia stated that we have hired a codes officer, Randy Randolph, and has been working two days a week, Monday and Wednesday.
Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the permit fee for building permits.

Mayor Garcia stated that we will have a calculator on our website so that we can calculate the permit fees.

9. Consider and vote on adopting the 2024 International Code Council (ICC) square foot construction costs for building permits

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to adopt the 2024 ICC for square foot construction costs for building permits.

MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Garcia gave a community garden update.

Mayor Garcia stated that O'Reilly's will probably be opening their doors on February 24.

Mayor Garcia gave an update on the Nate field.

Mayor Garcia thanked the city street department on how they cleared the roads from the ice storm.

Chief John Mackie stated that the PD has published a police book on the past year.

Alderman Jamie Phillips stated that he would like to thank the emergency personnel for their work during the ice storm/snow storm.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Consider agreement for transfer of rail car to Town of Monterey

Mayor Garcia stated that this agreement has been given to the Depot Society and they have approved this agreement.

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to accept the agreement with the Depot Society.

ADJOURNMENT