



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 07, 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

Alderwoman Cecilia Paulson

Alderman Jim Wolfgram

Alderman Jamie Phillips

Alderman Bill Wiggins

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

1. Pastor Richard Harris
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Alderman Jamie Phillips

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ella Dishman addressed the board concerning the boards choice of civil service representative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. Street Committee meeting June 24, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Minutes from June 2, 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

5. Monthly Bills

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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

ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Jerry Warren To Address Board About ARP Stormwater Project

Jerry Warren addressed the board concerning the storm water project for the town. This project is funded by ARC from the State of Tennessee. Industrial Street to Whitaker Park is the area we are looking at now. The plans have been submitted to TDEC and have been approved. The application for the permit has been submitted and we are awaiting that. There is a section along E Railroad that is eroding very badly. After further discussion, he asked the board for help with some of the property owners to maybe talk with them and explain to them what the Town wants to do.

7. Jerry Warren To Address Board About TDOT TAP Grant Project

Jerry Warren addressed the board concerning the trail project. This would start at Oak Street and run west beside the railroad tracks, then it would curve around and come back up around Woodcliff and tie back into West Commercial. The existing trail is eight feet wide. Trailhead number two is running along E Commercial and adjacent to Whitaker Park. Trailhead number three is by Burks on Crossville Street.

8. Discuss rail trail maintenance

Jim Wolfgram addressed the board concerning the rail trail. He asked if we could get a consensus and have a building and grounds committee meeting and have the railroad representatives here and discuss how we should maintain the trail. Maybe we can come up with some kind of plan. Alderman Wiggins asked if we removed the trail and Mayor Garcia stated that we did.

DISCUSSION

There was none.

MAYOR UPDATES

There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discuss civil service board representative

Jamie Phillips made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to open the floor for nominees. After some discussion from the board members, Larry Bennett stated that he has nominated Jeff Leonard. Voting Yea: Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

Voting Abstaining: Vice Mayor Peters. Motion carried.

Mayor Alex Garcia stated that in front of you is the report of debt obligation from the comptrollers.

We need to surplus the 72 truck and the 96 ford ambulance. Kevin Peters made a motion and was seconded by Cecilia Paulsen to declare this surplus. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill Wiggins stated that Frances Eldridge is a member of the local library and there are some things that are happening at our local library. She stated that some of the things that this library does is, summer reading programs, book clubs, classes based on the need of the community, homeschool support, cooking class for children, etc.

Bill Wiggins asked about the insurance bill and stated that it was \$1,100 more than what we paid last month.

Larry Bennett asked if we were any closer to getting a codes officer? Mayor Garcia stated that we are not. Larry Bennett stated that the Uffelman elementary school is terrible looking. Can the chief of police not get in touch with the owner? Larry Bennett asked about the old laundry mat over by Taco Bell, can we not send them a letter to them.

Mayor Garcia stated that himself and Rafferty Cleary is working on a vacant property list.

Bill Wiggins asked when we raised the credit card limit does the board see those bills? Ella stated that no, but she will start making copies of those bills.

Chief John Mackie swore in officer Corey Pryor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderwoman Paulson, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram.