



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

Alderwoman Cecilia Paulson

Alderman Jim Wolfgram

Alderman Jamie Phillips

Alderman Bill Wiggins

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pledge to the Flag – Alderwoman Cecelia Paulsen

1. Pastor Mike Womack
2. Pledge of Allegiance - 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.