



Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

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Meeting called by:

Type of Meeting:

Members:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Also in attendance: Zeda Hillis with Hailey and Associates, Duane Jarrett,

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss water and sewer rates

Duane recommends raising rate (water sewer combined) \$3.75 per thousand (across the board) to generate \$630,000. Additionally, he recommends cutting depreciation by \$200,000.

Kevin Peters recommends 1,000 gallons minimum. \$.94 per thousand on water/\$1.03 (sewer), and \$2.00 outside city.

Representatives from East Fork entered the discussion. Said they are willing to work with the town as long as it was fair.

Alex recommends doing away with 2,000 minimum on commercial and raising rate \$3.75 (across the board).

recommendation from Kevin Peters to drop commercial minimum to zero and setting rate at \$7.79 (\$3.75 increase) per thousand (this includes East Fork).

Additionally, citizens inside city would pay increase of .94 per thousand on water and 1.03 on sewer with minimum dropped to 1,000. 3.75 increase outside city and dropping minimum to 1,000 (that includes Phifer Mountain). Motion was made by Kevin Peters and was seconded by Spencer Delk. Motion was approved by the committee with three yes votes.

Kevin Peters made a motion to purchase new high service turbine motor for the water plant at a cost of \$10,382.88. Second was made by Larry Bennett. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Discuss internal leak program

Duane noted that other utilities offer the same service in-house. He referenced McMinnville as an example, which has adopted a leak relief policy. Recommended tacking on additional charge to bills to cover an in-house program.

ADJOURNMENT