



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 01, 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

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Alderman Jim Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water and Sewer committee minutes

Larry Bennett read the minutes from the water/sewer committee.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Wolfgram.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the recommendations from the water/sewer committee. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes from November 3, 2025

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the minutes as written. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

3. Monthly Bills

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the bills as listed. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

4. Table 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-881, rezoning Hope in Christ property, until January for the public hearing

This was tabled until next month.

5. 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-882 - An Ordinance changing the ticket fees for the Town of Monterey

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #25-882. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Consider Resolution #25-005 Requesting that the Town of Monterey representatives to the Tennessee General Assembly sponsor, support and ensure the restoration of the historic revenue sharing relationship between the State of Tennessee and its local governments and to return the local share of the single article cap sales tax to local governments.

Mayor Garcia stated that we have already passed this in letter form and now we are just putting this in the form of a Resolution.

Motion made by Alderman Delk, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman

Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins

7. Consider Resolution #25-006 Requesting that the City of Cookeville representatives to the Tennessee General Assembly sponsor, support and ensure the enactment of an amendment to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-51-104 to allow annexation by majority property owner consent

Mayor Garcia stated that the City of Cookeville has already passed this and they have asked us to pass this. Cecilia Paulson asked what the disadvantage was to pass this now? Bill Wiggins asked isn't that the law now? Kevin Peters stated that right now there is a time frame and this would shorten the time. Mayor Garcia stated that this would make it where we wouldn't have to wait until election time to have annexation. After further discussion, Jamie Phillips made a motion to table and was seconded by Spencer Delk to table. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Project graduation representatives to address the board about road closure for road race in April

Hudson Craigo addressed the board concerning project graduation. They asked for a \$1,000 donation and to also close the roads in April for a 5k race for project graduation.

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Bennett to donate \$1,000.

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

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson to close the streets for a 5k race in April.

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

9. Discuss and vote for codes officer and rate of pay

To pay \$15,000 a year and 50% of the permit fees. Bill Wiggins asked is this the building permits and plan fees? Mayor Garcia stated yes. To approve the position. We are not hiring this person just approving the position. Jamie Phillips asked if there was a certain number of hours per week? Mayor Garcia stated yes, whatever the board wishes.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Peters, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to pass this position and the terms for the pay. Motion carried.

10. Discuss and vote to add a new rate to our current insurance plan

Jamie Phillips stated that this got put on there because there was a discrepancy between the employee and children. Change the rate to 11% for employee/children insurance.

11. Discuss and vote on ownership and insurance on the caboose and train car at the Depot

Mayor Garcia stated that this is for the dining car only at this time. Mayor Garcia stated that if the Town of Monterey acquires the dining car, it would be an extension of the museum and cost less than \$800 a year in insurance. We would take ownership of the dining car and the Depot Society would keep the fees from the rentals and they would also pay the \$800 insurance cost yearly. The Town of Monterey would enter into a contract with the Depot society to take ownership of the dining car and the Depot society would pay any/all upkeeps of the dining car.

Motion made by Alderwoman Paulson, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

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

12. Discuss and vote for new software at the police department

Mayor Garcia stated that part number one, the police department has \$299,000 unpaid tickets going back 15 years. We are going to go into contract with a debt collector at no cost to the Town.

Mayor Garcia stated the part number two, we are going to get a software that will do everything we need to do. The software will be paid by the new ticket prices. This software will be integrated with the state.

13. Discuss and vote on city garage equipment

Mayor Garcia stated that we have two pieces equipment that are down. One is the boom lift and it needs eight new batteries. A new boom lift is about \$100,000. The batteries would cost around \$2,000 for all eight batteries.

The other piece of equipment is our backup backhoe. It needs repairs and is worth about \$3,000.

Mayor Garcia stated that he thinks we need to fix the boom lift and the we should buy what is needed to fix the lift. He stated that he doesn't think we should spend \$3,000 to fix the backhoe and its not worth that.

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Peters, Alderman Delk, Alderman Whitaker, Alderman Bennett, Alderwoman Paulson, Alderman Wolfgram, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Wiggins to buy the batteries to fix the lift. Motion carried.

Cecilia made a motion and was seconded by Jim Wolfgram to surplus and sell the back up backhoe. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR UPDATES

Miracle on Monterey Mountain is this weekend. The tree lighting is at 5:00 p.m. at the park. The play at the park of Jesus birth will run every 20 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jamie Phillips asked about the water run off? Does this entail about the water between the dairy queen and Todds.

Bill Wiggins asked if Christmas Day was on a Thursday, would they be closed on Friday as well? Mayor Garcia stated that no, he didn't think they should be off. Unless they wanted to trade Christmas Eve for Friday.

14. Discuss dog park

Mayor Garcia stated that he has a lot of people talking about it. We do have the funds available to do this from the state. Jamie Phillips asked what we could use the funds for if we don't do the dog park? Mayor Garcia stated anything for the citizens. Bill Wiggins stated that he has lived a long time and he would like to know what a dog park is? Mayor Garcia explained that it was a park for people to bring their dogs to play. Bill Wiggins asked what if there are altercations between the dogs? Jim Whitaker asked where the park is going to be? Mayor Garcia stated that it would be an extension of Whitaker Park. Jamie Phillips asked if we could use this for equipment at the park? Mayor Garcia stated yes. There was no vote taken on this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderwoman Paulson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Peters.