



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 02, 2026 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

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Alderman Jim Wolfgram

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Bohannon addressed the board concerning the civil service board and asked why this board, or a few members of it, want to get rid of the civil service board?

Larry Bates addressed the board concerning the civil service board.

Evonne Hodge addressed the board concerning the civil service board. She asked why anyone would want to get rid of the civil service board?

Darrel Cantrell addressed the board concerning the civil service board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water/Sewer Committee meeting

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 to approve the change orders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes from February 2, 2026

Motion made by Alderman Bennett, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.

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

3. February 25, 2026 Special called meeting minutes

Motion made by Alderman Delk, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

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

4. February 25, 2026 work session minutes

Motion made by Alderwoman Paulson, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

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 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

ORDINANCES

6. 3rd Reading of Ordinance #26-883 - An Ordinance of the Town of Monterey amending the fiscal year 2026 budget

Motion made by Alderman Phillips, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider street light quote

Mayor Garcia stated that this is around \$76,000 and the Town would pay approximately \$20,000 from the DIG (downtown improvement grant). Bill Wiggins stated that we could use the hometown project money that was left over of \$8,448.00. 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

8. Consider no turn on red at Holly and Commercial

Mayor Garcia stated that we need to consider a no turn on red at Holly and Commercial. If you are on Holly, you would not be able to turn right on red from Holly onto Commercial.

Motion made by Alderman Delk, Seconded by Alderman Bennett.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Phillips

9. Consider charter revisions: Remove the ability for Mayor to be City Recorder

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

10. Consider charter revisions: Mayor term from two (2) years to four (4) years

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

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

11. Consider charter revisions: City Administrator

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderman Delk.

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

12. Consider charter revisions: Civil Service Board

Motion made by Alderman Phillips to abolish the civil service board. Motion failed due to no second.

MAYOR UPDATES

Jerry Warren addressed the board and gave updates on the trail. He stated that we have the last easement that we have been waiting for. He stated that we are working on the ARP stormwater project. He stated that we are basically done on the Stamps Hollow Creek. Jamie Phillips asked where we are at on the TAP grant? Jerry Warren stated that the goal is to get it out to bid this spring.

Mayor Garcia stated that O'Reillys opened last week.

Mayor Garcia stated that over at Nathan Walker sports complex, the street department are working on putting up the back stops.

He stated that we should have the lights put up over there in the next two weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Wolfgram, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson.