



Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 04, 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

CALL TO ORDER

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Bro. Jeff Leonard

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Alderman Bill Wiggins

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee Meeting - April 14, 2026

Jamie Phillips stated that the finance committee has met twice this month to discuss the budget. We have the general fund in good order but we are having a problem with making the water/sewer budget ends meet.

2. Finance Committee Meeting - April 28, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Minutes from April 26, 2026

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

4. May Monthly Bills

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

ORDINANCES

5. 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #26-884 - An Ordinance to change the water/sewer rates

Alderman Jamie Phillips made a motion to table this for more observation and send this to the water/sewer committee and finance committee. This motion was seconded by Larry Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

6. 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #26-885 - An Ordinance of the Town of Monterey, Tennessee, adopting a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 Jamie Phillips stated that we need to table this until we get a better ideal of the budget and the water/sewer rates.

7. 1st & 2nd Reading of Ordinance #26-886 - An Ordinance of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Monterey, Tennessee, to provide a tax levy for the Town of Monterey

No motion was made.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

8. Brad Beaty to address the board concerning water service at the south east end of our water line

Brad Beaty addressed the board concerning water on Board Valley Road. He was asking for permission to hook up to the Monterey water line. He stated that there would be around seven homes that would hook up. Mayor Garcia stated that this needs to go before the water/sewer committee and have this looked at by our engineer.

9. Water Leak Relief presentation

Ashley Wells with water leak relief addressed the board and went over the proposal for water leak relief insurance. She stated that this would be approximately \$3.00 yearly for customers and the board would choose the coverage limit. The Town of Monterey would have a one- year contract with the water leak relief. Mayor Garcia stated that we will put this on the agenda for the water/sewer committee agenda.

10. Consider date for the banana pudding festival for 2027

Rafferty Cleary stated that they are asking for April 3, 2027 for the banana pudding festival. He gave an update and numbers of visitors this last festival brought in.

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

11. Discuss health insurance for 2026-2027

The board asked FMIG to come back with an FSA presentation.

MAYOR UPDATES

Chief Mackie gave a report about blue line coming up and doing a study for us on cars coming through our school zone.

Jerry Warren gave an update on the TAP grant (trail work). He also gave an update on ARP (storm water drainage project) that has been completed at Whitaker Park. He stated that he would like to thank Ella for getting the paperwork turned in, for Rafferty and Johnathan for helping and also Bobby and Darrel for helping as well. He stated that there is some additional funds left, approximately \$340,000, and they have talked about Walnut to Holly going down Railroad to help alleviate the blockage on Holly. He stated that there is a pipe that is flat which means that it is backing water up. This would be a five percent match which would be approximately \$62,000 for the Town.

Motion made by Alderman Wiggins, Seconded by Alderwoman Paulson to accept Jerry Warren's proposal.

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

Mayor Garcia stated that he wanted to give an update on the Nathan Walker complex. The irrigation system is working and the lights are 95% working.

Mayor Garcia stated that he asked for \$500,000 from the speaker of the house for meadow creek. He stated that at the next meeting he will bring some proposals of what he would like to use that money for.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Wiggins asked what we make of the quote from One Bank on the health insurance for the employees?

Jamie Phillips stated that we have talked about the TAP grant and wants to get the boards opinion. The Town's portion would be around \$220,000. If we do this grant, we will probably need to have a tax increase because we do not have the monies for the match.

Bill Wiggins asked if we have had any department heads budgets cut? Jamie Phillips stated that we have not looked at any of the department's budgets, because we do not have the monies in our budget for anything extra.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Phillips.