**MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 2nd, 2024

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| Members Present: | Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell |
| Others Present: | Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Austin Schulz, Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Bruce Morris, Josh Malecha, Jack Schwichtenberg, Mike O’Rourke, John Schlie, Dave & Lynda Schlie, Johnathan Chmelik, Steve Nordmeier, Val Kruger, Pam Petersen, Jeff & Shelly Wenker, Jake Duncan, Lisa Merritt, Tim Flaten, Anna Nusbaum, Mike Mallow, Kyle Green, Justin Duncan, John Byers |
| 1. | Call to Order: | A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 2nd, 2024, at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Hall at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Tony Lindahl. |
| 2. | Pledge of Allegiance: | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 3. | Additions/Corrections: |  |
|   | Correction | Combined former items F & M (COLA/Employee Raises) as they were duplicated  |
| 4. | Citizens Comments: | Pam Peterson shared her frustrations on street project and wondered where the oversight was.Lisa Merritt was wondering what the outcome was from the property that SEH missed assessing. Also discussed Resolution 2024-19 and wondered who from the city was involved. Resident also stated she still hasn’t received her itemized bill from SEH and that SEH should be fired. |
| 5. | Consent Agenda: | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. |
|  |  | *Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting at 7:15pm and open the Special Meeting on Truth-in-Taxation.***PUBLIC HEARING 7:15p.m. – TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**Mayor requested from the residents in attendance if anyone had any comments or concerns. No one spoke up. *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to close the Special Meeting at 7:17pm and open Regular Meeting.*  |
| 6. | **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** |  |
|  |  | None |
| 7. | **NEW BUSINESS:** |  |
|  | Sheriff Contract | Mayor Lindahl brought up how ending the contract with Rice County Sheriff could save a lot of money in the budget. Golombeski stated to leave it for the next council to decide. Murphy stated that if she had a say, it would be to cut it since it is 23% of the budget. |
|  | Resolution 2024-44 | Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2024-44 stating a 10% levy increase.  |
|  | Master Fee Schedule | Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to set a Public Hearing for the Master Fee Schedule January 6th, 2025 at 7PM or soon thereafter.  |
|  | Morris Mart | Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to have the City Attorney draft a letter to Morris Mart that the neighboring resident that put up the fence is responsible for the uncovered insurance expenses.  |
|  | Rental Contract | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve Commercial Club Contract with ability to change the amount for the purchases section if needed. Equipment to be inspected to assist with price. |
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 | Annual Pay | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve City Council Pay for $6,500. Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve Zoning Board pay for $750.Fire pay rate was approved on May 6, 2024, Resolution 2024-25 |
|  | Meeting Procedure | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve the Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct for the City of Morristown City Council with deleting section 7, subsection vii (Page 6) as it is duplicative.  |
|  | Resolution 2024-45 | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and approved unanimously approving Resolution 2024-45 that approves $10,000 in donations for the Park Bathroom Updates. |
|  | WEM Superintendent | WEM Superintendent was not in attendance. A concern was brought up that the Rescue truck was at a football game and had a hard time turning around in the school’s parking lot. They were advised to contact the school with their concerns as that is their property. |
|  | Job Postings | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve posting for a Zoning Board Administrator and keep posted until the position is filled. It was determined there isn’t a need for a Weekend Maintenance position. |
|  | Reviews | Murphy shared that all of the full-time employees have had their reviews and all of the reviews went great. There is a solid group of current employees. The part time employee reviews will be done soon. |
|  | COLA/Employee Raises | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve all full time and part time employees their step increase and 3% COLA. |
|  | Back up Snow Plow | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve Timm’s for back up snow plowing. |
|  | Mower Quotes | Murphy discussed getting quotes on the possibility of leasing a piece of equipment for a season prior to buying.  |
| 8. | **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** |
|  |  | Commercial Club has two upcoming events. Christmas Drawing is 12/14/24 @ 2:00 p.m. The Holiday Parade is 12/21/24 @ 7 p.m. |
| 9. | **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** |
|  |  | Caldwell thanked Mayor Lindahl, Murphy, and Golombeski for their dedication and service to the community and they will be missed.Gregor wanted to keep the 106 1st St. SE on the Council’s radar. |
| 10. | **ADJOURNMENT:** | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular Morristown City Council meeting at 8:04 p.m. |
| 11. | **NEXT MEETING:** | Regular Meeting: Monday January 6, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. |

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| Attested: |  |  | Mayor, Tony Lindahl  |
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|  | City Clerk, Cassie Eldeen |  |  |