**MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024

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| Members Present: | Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell |
| Others Present: | Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Jack Schwichtenberg, Doug Scott, Tim Boese, Lisa Merritt, Jake Duncan, Clayton Merritt, Randy Merritt, Steve Nordmeier, Charlene Hildebrandt, Brandon Hachfeld, John Schlie, Kari Roth, Pam Petersen, Lynnette Bohner, Jeff Wenker |
| 1. | Call to Order: | A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday September 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 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: | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to close regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. |
| **3.5** | Public Hearing | Variance Request, 23984 Iona Ave. No comments. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting. |
| 4. | Citizens Comments: | No citizen comments |
| 5. | Consent Agenda: | Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. |
| 6. | **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** | None |
| 7. | **NEW BUSINESS:** |  |
|  A | Variance | Clarifying questions were asked about what buildings will be torn down. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski |
|  B | Road Project | Lisa Merritt addressed the council about catch basin frustrations. Washington St moved to the north by three feet and does not match the rest of the road. Gregor and Doug with SEH clarified. Parking concerns for the school that people will be parking in their yards, Mayor advised to speak to the school about that. Inquired about email sent about potential funding, Caldwell stated he called Jasinski’s office. Inquired about driveway costs…city vs. homeowners. Doug attempted to answer. Driveway exclusion questions. Dominic with SEH was to go to homeowners. When would the correct time be to address the assessment policy? The city is unable to answer anything about assessments because of the pending litigation. |
| *C* | Road Project | Jake Duncan brought some paperwork and gave to council. Paperwork consists of layouts of his property, his neighbors, and assessment roll. His neighbor’s property was missed and he is wondering who is paying for it. It isn’t fair. Mayor Lindahl reminded Duncan that we are unable to discuss any specifics because of the litigation. Doug stated that legally they wouldn’t have been able to go back and add them. Mr. Duncan wondered if he would be getting a break on his water bill for watering the re-seed when it shouldn’t be his responsibility. |
| *D* | Contingency | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski to spend $12,969 for 2nd St. Geotextiles |
| *E* | Pay App | Approve Pay Application #3 from Holtmeier. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously for Pay Application #3 to Holtmeier for $909,516.65. |
| *F* | Park Bathrooms | Approval to move forward with Park Bathrooms. Stipulations that it has to be flood proofed. Discussion on flood plain. City Attorney read policy and stated we are fine to proceed due to mechanicals being in the ceiling. Tabled subject until Mike O’Rourke can be at meeting. |
|  *G* | Resolution 2024-38 | Assigning A New Street Address. Motion by Gregor, seconded Golombeski and carried unanimously |
|  *F* | Resolution 2024-37 | Proposed 2024 Property Tax Levy Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously. |
| *H* | TNT Hearing | Set TNT Hearing Date for December 2nd @ 7:05 Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously. |
| *I* | Event Set-up | Pay Increase for Large Events. Increase to $200 for the backup person to help for larger events held at the Community Center. Table until next month. |
| *J* | Snow Plowing | Post for Seasonal Snowplow Position. Discussion regarding specifics about part time vs. seasonal. Will not post for seasonal snowplow position at this time.  |
| *K* | Fire Contract | 2024 Fire Contracts. Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Linda and carried unanimously to approved Shieldsville contract. |
|  *L* | Hall Rental | Great Hall Rental Agreement and Packet. Tabled until next meeting |
| *M* | Cannabis |  Discussion on how to proceed with regulations. Tabled until more information from Rice County |
|  *N* | Volleyball Court |  Looking for opinions from residents on what they would like done with the volleyball courts. Keep it the same, pickleball court, etc. This is looking ahead for the future.  |
| *O* | Salaries | Council and Mayor Salary. 2018 was the last change. Suggestion to raise a couple hundred dollars. Maybe raise meeting rates from $25 to $50. Mayor suggested the council to do their research and bring back suggestions next month. |
| *P* | Fines | 106 1st St SE To discuss fines. Resident didn’t show up. Yard still has excess vehicles. Fine still in place. |
| *Q* | Review Summary | Summary of the City Administrator’s Review. Only concern was about increasing safety plans/training. Overall favorable review.  |
| 8. | **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** | None |
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| 9. | **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** |  |
|  |  | Trees in ditch. Should they be removed? John Schlie said to call DNR and tell them to remove them or the city will take care of it. Bargan – crack filling. Work isn’t completed and we have received a bill. They are supposed to be coming back. Austin will follow up.Culvert plugged by Sidney St. Who should be responsible for unplugging it so the water can drain?  |
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| 10. | **ADJOURNMENT:** | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and was carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:27 p.m. |
| 11. | **NEXT MEETING:** | Work Session: Wednesday, September 11th – 6:00 p.m.Regular Meeting: Monday October 7, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. |
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| Attested: |  |  | Mayor, Tony Lindahl  |
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