

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

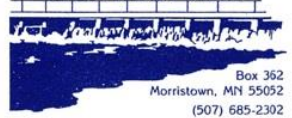
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 1st, 2024

City of Morristown

IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA LAKES REGION

Best Little Town By A "Dam Site"



Members Present: Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell
Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Austin Schulz (Public Works), Jack Schwichtenberg, Bruce Morris, Dave Schlie, Jesse Thomas, Stacy and John Chmelik, Lisa Merritt, Mark Morris, Niki Preuss, Barb Morris, Mike Mellow, Tim Flaten, Rick Vollbrecht, Adrienne O'Rourke, Steve Nordmeier, Jeff Wenker

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 1st, 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:
 - New Business 7L Pay Application No. 1 from Holtmeier Construction
 - New Business 7M Breezy Hill Produce, Food Truck at Car WashMotion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with two additions.
4. Citizens Comments: Tim Flaten wanted to commend everyone helping with the flooding. He stated everyone did a fantastic job.
Lisa Merritt wants an extension granted to file an appeal to the assessment.
Chmelik's were wondering if the cost of their assessment will go up if additional work is completed on the project.
There were also concerns brought up about band practices at the school and the potential safety issues with students walking through a construction zone. Judd will reach out to John at the school.
Questions were asked if Ann St W will be started and if it will be accessible.
Rick Vollbrecht was wondering why no one reached out to him after he had called 911 about his sewer back-up.
5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A Franklin St House Judd explained that a neighbor to 204 Franklin St W had concerns with possible flooding in the house and about the electricity still being on. Judd reached out to the homeowner and he will be getting the electricity turned off. There is currently an Estate Recovery Lien on the house by the State of MN. Rahrick spoke about the possibility of getting the house condemned, but City Council shared concerns with costs potentially incurred by the city and being unable to recover those funds due to a lien. Rahrick will look more into the City's options.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A Reimbursement Motion by Golombeski, second by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve a reimbursement to the Baseball Association for \$2,696.00 for their purchase to SiteOne Landscape Supply.
 - B Dress Blues Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve new dress blues for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,425.70.
 - C Resolution 2024-29 Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-29 Appointing Election Judges for the Primary and General Election in 2024.
 - D City Clerk LCCB Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve adding Cassie Eldeen, City Clerk, to the Lake County Bank Account.

- E* Resolution 20204-31 Motion by Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-31 Establishing Interest Rate for the 2024 Street and Utility Project. Rahrlick would like letters sent informing the residents of the 6% interest rate.
- F* SEH Amendment Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the SEH Amendment to their contract.
- G* Assessments Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve a correction on the adopted assessment roll, correcting the amount owed for parcel 2027101006 from \$16,400.70 down to \$14,947.90.
- H* Public Works Lead Discussion to make Austin Schulz Public Works Lead, will have a future discussion about compensation for the extra duties as Lead. Motion by Golombeski, second by Caldwell and carried unanimously to make Austin the Public Works Lead.
- I* Resolution 2024-32 Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-32 Declaring an Emergency.
- J* Liquor License Council received a proposal from the Commercial Club to buy items from the bar area. After a brief discussion, it was decided to a work session needs to be scheduled. Work session scheduled for July 10th at 7:00 pm.
- K* City Code Enforcement Discussion on two undeveloped lots with grass over a foot tall. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve sending \$100 fine to property owner. Discussion regarding ongoing violation of 4 vehicles exceeded with fines remaining unpaid. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to send a letter to the property owner stating their renter has unpaid fines.
- L* Pay App #1 SEH submitted a payment application for Holtmeier Construction in the amount of \$128,865.22. Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve the pay application as stated.
- M* Sweet Corn Truck Breezy Hill Produce would like to place a sweet corn wagon at the Car Wash. Discussion about if produce trucks need a peddler's license. Rahrlick will investigate further. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to allow Breezy Hill Produce to sell produce as long as all the proper steps are followed.
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8. **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
City Council Election Morristown City Offices that are up for election during the 2024 General Election are Mayor for a two-year term as well as two positions for Council Member at four-year terms. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Filing for candidacy is open from Tuesday, July 30, 2024 through Tuesday, August 13, 2024.
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9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:**
Tony thanked everyone that was involved in helping with the flood.
Linda shared that this is the third time they have had sewer back up in their basement and is wondering if there is anything that can be done to prevent this from continuing to happen.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.
11. **NEXT MEETING:** Work Session: Wednesday, July 10th – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.