

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 1, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. OR SOON THEREAFTER – ANN ST VACATION

Members Present: Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Joe Caldwell
 Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Jerry West (Public Works), Bruce Morris (Fire Chief), Jack Schwichtenberg, Doug Scott, Troy Dahle, Steve Nordmeier, Mike O'Rourke, Sharon Krenik, Elden Eklund, John Schlie, Jeff Wenker, Johnathon and Stacy Chmelik, Dave and Lynda Schlie, Josh Malecha, Toni Ahlman, Andy Valentyn, Doug Scott (SEH), Seth Prescher, Ramon Medina, Tim Flaten, Emily Kasperek, Nate Sailor, Rosie Anderson, Connie Medeiros, Kyle Green, Kurt Wolf, Tyler Saemrow, Lisa Karl, Kelley Watts

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Tony Lindahl.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Additions/Corrections: There were no additions to the agenda. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda.
4. Citizens Comments: Citizen had concerns on the cost of assessments and wanting to know ahead of time what the costs will be.
 Citizen concern of vacating Ann Street.
 Citizen asked if City is responsible for portions of project. SEH explained the City is responsible for a portion of the project as well.
5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A Interim City Clerk Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of the City Administrator as Interim City Clerk/Treasurer.
 - B Street Vacation Contract Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve Contract for Future Purchase & Payment Agreement with School.
 - C Street Vacation Motion by Golembeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-18 Vacating Ann Street in Nathan's Addition.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A Northland Securities Tammy Omdahl presented the financial plan for the city relating to the bonds. No action was taken by council. Information on Bond Sale Price will be available May 9th at Special Meeting.
 - B Municipal Advisor Quotes were presented for municipal advisor companies for the upcoming bond sale. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve Blue Rose Capital Advisors.
 - C Resolution 2024-17 Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-17 Receiving Bids.
 - D Resolution 2024-19 Motion by Golembeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously for Resolution 2024-19 Declaring Cost, Ordering Prep, & Calling for Hearing on Assessment.
 - E 201 Bloomer St W Andy Valentyn presented his plan to potentially change 201 Bloomer St W from Industrial to Residential. City Council took no action. Next step is for Valentyn is to apply to re-zone and hold a Public Hearing.
 - F CC Kitchen Use Ty Saemrow asked to rent the Community Center commercial kitchen for processing and packaging of ginseng. Next step for Saemrow is to get approval from Commercial Club and bring back to next meeting. No action taken by council.
 - G Fence Posts Kelley Watts from Community Coop was present to ask Council how to move forward with fixing the wires that were damaged by their neighbor's fence post. Attorney to send letter to get cooperation for April 22nd removal date.

<i>H</i>	Zoning Board Concerns	Jake Golombeski discussed the possibility of appointing council members to the Zoning Board to ensure a quorum. Motion by Golembeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to appoint Tony Lindahl as an interim member of the Zoning Board.
<i>I</i>	Splitting Lots	Zoning board approved the lot split that was presented by Bethlehem Lutheran Church and recommended that City Council set the Public Hearing. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve Public Hearing date of lot split for Bethlehem Lutheran Church for May 6 th .
<i>J</i>	Pay Rate Review	Pay Rate Review for Austin Schulz. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve new pay rate of \$25.00 and back paid to start date.
<i>K</i>	Public Works Part-time	Hire a Public Works Part-time Employee. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to offer Richard Gauthier the first part-time position at \$21.73/hr. Motion by Golembeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to offer John Schlie the second part-time position at \$20/hr.
<i>L</i>	Ordinance 2024-2	Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2024-2 Overpayment of Charges.
<i>M</i>	Lawn Service Quotes	Three vendors were asked for quotes. City will get new quotes from same vendors using square footage to get a more comparable price between the vendors. These quotes will be readdressed at the next meeting.
<i>N</i>	Portable Restrooms	Motion by Joe, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to approve 2 handicap and 1 standard portable restroom from Rent-N-Save.
<i>O</i>	Call Out for Fires	Motion by Murphy, seconded by Jake and carried unanimously to allow City employees that are on the fire department, to respond to calls during work hours. Any calls that are one hour or less, they do not have to clock out for. Any calls that last longer than that, they need to report on their timecard. Employee will be allowed to make up the hours during the week.
<i>P</i>	Gas Repairs	Judd made Council aware that CenterPoint Energy will be replacing gas mains along the parade route in May before Dam Days. The boulevards will be restored to the best of their ability to allow for seating.
<i>Q</i>	Remove Clerk from Accounts	Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to remove City Clerk from all designated city accounts.
<i>R</i>	Post for City Clerk	Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to post for full-time City Clerk position.
<i>S</i>	The Portage Plat	Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously to set a Public Hearing for Preliminary Plat, The Portage Plat on May 6 th .
<i>T</i>	Easement Agreement	403 Sidney St W is looking for an Easement Agreement from City. Motion by Golembeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the Easement Agreement as presented.
<i>U</i>	Delinquency Procedure	Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golembeski and carried unanimously that the delinquency procedure for water shutoff and payment is during normal business hours by 3:30. If paid after 3:30, the overtime wages shall be paid by the homeowner to cover city employee's overtime wages.
<i>V</i>	Dam Days Help	City workers to help with parade set-up for Dam Days. Decision made not to hire additional help.

8. CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fireman's Dance will be Saturday, April 6th.

9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to adjourn the April Morristown City Council meeting at 8:49 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.