**MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7th, 2024

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| Members Present: | Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell |
| Others Present: | Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Austin Schulz, Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Bruce Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Richard Carel, Karen Nellen, Lynda and Dave Schlie, Sheila Willing, Dave Walz, Pam Petersen, John Schlie, Josh Malecha, Jeff Wenker, Billy Seibel, Jake Duncan, Doug Scott, Mike O’Rourke, Lynnette Bohner, Val Kruger, Johnathan Chmelik, Lisa Merritt, Janis Rossow, Tim Flaten, Oscar Gonzalez, Dale Dulas |
| 1. | Call to Order: | A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, October 7th, 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: |  |
|   | Addition | Pay App No. 4 from Holtmeier Construction |
|  | Correction | 7A – High Water Bill – Resident no longer wishes to speak |
|  |  | Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with one addition and one correction. |
| 4. | Citizens Comments: | Pam Peterson is wondering who missed the assessment on 106 Division St. She feels the City of Morristown shouldn’t have to pay for somebody else’s mistake. Lisa Merritt has not heard back from Doug about why Washington St. wasn’t constructed straight. Doug planned to send an email and apologized for not doing so. He said they had to naturally shift the road to stay consistent and straight by the school. Resident also asked if there was intention to pursue any government funding. Mayor Lindahl said not at this time since there aren’t any other projects moving forward. |
| 5. | Consent Agenda: | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. |
| 6. | **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** |  |
|  | Event Set Up | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell, and carried unanimously to change the event set up pay from $100 per event to $25 per hour. |
|  | Hall Rental | City Attorney and the City Administrator will work on drafting an official contract for the City and the Commercial Club to sign that resembles the Great Hall Rental agreement that was presented. |
|  | Salaries | City Attorney to make verbiage changes, proposal will be brought back next month for Council’s review. |
|  | Resolution 2024-41 | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-41 Assessment of Fines.  |
| 7. | **NEW BUSINESS:** |  |
|  | ~~Water Bill~~ | Resident no longer wished to address the Council. |
|  | Commercial Club | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to allow the Commercial Club use of the parking lot for “Trunk or Treat” on Halloween. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski to allow the Commercial Club use of the Hall on December 14th for the “Commercial Club Christmas Drawing”. |
|  | Sumps | Removing $184.65 from resident assessments if they had their sump baskets removed. Not all houses have had their sump baskets removed that would like them removed.  |
|  | Assessments | Jake Duncan questioned the assessment policy and said he feels he’s being charged incorrectly. Discussion for Doug to re-look at the policy and assessments to make sure they are calculated correctly. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski, and carried unanimously to call a Special meeting for October 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for 2024 Street Project Assessment Roll.  |
|  | Pay App | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to pay Payment Application No. 4 to Holtmeier Construction for $344,036.73. |
|  | Water Policy | Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to give 37 Charlotte St. a water credit of $190.38 as long as proof of credit is provided by the Mobile Home Park. |
|  | No Parking | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to have No Parking signs placed on 2nd St. SE, across from the tennis courts, on the east side of the road. |
|  | No Parking | Discussion regarding no parking signs on a portion of 2nd St. SW. Tabled until next month. Deputy Josh Malecha said he will do some research on intersection and get back to the City on options. |
|  | Resolution 2024-40 | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2024-40 recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day. |
|  | Budget | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell, and carried unanimously to schedule Final Budget/Levy Work Session for November 6th at 7:00 pm.  |
|  | Resolution 2024-38 | Judd explained that Rice County required the Resolution to include the full legal description of the property. Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to adopt the revised Resolution 2024-38 Assigning an Address.  |
|  | Plowing | Discussion regarding the city potentially windrowing additional streets to help with snow removal on sidewalks. Sidewalk clearing is homeowner’s responsibility. |
|  | Plowing | Snow Plow Back-up and Haul-Away. Tabled until next month as no quotes were turned in. |
|  | Reviews | Murphy and Golombeski to coordinate November dates with City Clerk for employee reviews. |
|  | Handbook | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski, and carried unanimously to make the five corrections in Employee Handbook, as presented.  |
| 8. | **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** |
|  | Candidate Forum | A Candidate Forum will be held on October 16th at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at 402 Division St S, where the candidates up for election will answer predetermined questions. Please note, the City Council may be present for the event. No city business will be discussed or decided on. Forum Committee asked if they could record the forum for people that aren’t able to be present. They are free to record on their own.  |
| 9. | **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** |
|  | Future Projects | Murphy told residents that there was a meeting regarding potential next street projects. Council decided not to proceed with future projects at this time.  |
|  | Project Funding | Murphy also let a resident know that because there aren’t any upcoming projects, we aren’t eligible for anymore grants.  |
| 10. | **CLOSED MEETING:** | Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor, and was carried unanimously to open the Closed Meeting at 8:10 p.m.Closed meeting to discuss Litigation. Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to close the closed meeting at 8:30.Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to open regular meeting at 8:30. |
| 11. | **ADJOURNMENT:** | Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular Morristown City Council meeting at 8:30 p.m. |
| 12. | **NEXT MEETING:** | Special Meeting: Wednesday October 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.Regular Meeting: Monday November 4, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. |

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