

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Work Session, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Members Present: Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Joe Caldwell, Leon Gregor
 Others Present: Doug Scott (SEH), Brent Kavitz (SEH), Mark Rahrick (Attorney), Ellen Judd (City Administrator), John Regan (WEM Superintendent)
 Brian Brunner, Randy & Lisa Merritt, Lynnette Bohner, Dave Schlie, Lisa Karsten, Tim Flaten, Jake Duncan, Chuck Larsen, Nate Sailor, Emily Kasperek, Mike Schumacher, Steve Nordmeier, Carolyn & Richard Gauthier, Marvin Velzke, Toni Ahlman, Johnathon Chmelik, Diane Pitan, Stacy Chmelik, Lynda Schlie, Vivian & Dale Dulas, Jeff W, Oscar Gonzalez

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A Assessment Policy/ 2024 Street Project Brent Kavitz from SEH stated that SEH sent Holtmeier a request for them to hold their bid for an additional 180 days, which would extend the contract to September 26th. SEH received a letter at 6:20 PM that day stating that they are not able to hold the bid that long. They are willing to extend the award out to June 26th with some exceptions if the contract is awarded between May 26th and June 26th. This includes revisions in the schedule and other stipulations. Nothing changes if the bid is awarded prior to May 26th.
 Rahrick described the differences between the assessment policies that he found and detailed the different options that Council could choose. He stated that Council can amend the assessment roll down if they so choose, using various techniques.
 Kavitz explained that a cap can be placed on assessments. He detailed the different ways of doing this and the benefits and drawbacks of each.
 Council discussed the bond payment and how the assessments would affect the levy. Rahrick stated that Council could change the assessment roll by rewriting the assessment policy or they could change it using a cap, percentage, or by decreasing or removing parts of the assessment.
 SEH discussed the different scenarios that council proposed. They discussed what a cap would do for the City portion and the levy.
 Murphy discussed corner lots and asked about different options to try to lower their assessment.
 Questions were asked about how removing assessment amounts affects our bond payment.
 After much discussion, Council tentatively agreed to look at a scenario where the City pays for the sidewalks, and assessments are reduced by 10%.
 A special meeting was called for May 21st at 7:00 pm to award the bid, and approve the construction agreement with SEH.

11. NEXT MEETING:

Monday, June 3rd, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.