

# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

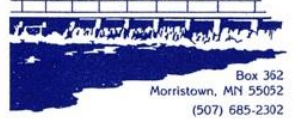
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3rd, 2024

City of Morristown

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## PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. OR SOON THEREAFTER – LOT COMBINATION

## PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. OR SOON THEREAFTER – ASSESSMENT HEARING CONTINUED

Members Present: Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell

Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Austin Schulz (Public Works), Jack Schwichtenberg, Doug Scott (SEH), Mike O'Rourke, Nicholis Martin, Karen Nellen, Lynda Schlie, Charlene Hildebrandt, Johnathon & Stacy Chmelik, Jeff Wenker, Lisa Karsten, Pete Remington, Ramon Medina, Dale Dulas, Oscar Gonzalez, Carolyn & Richard Gauthier, Lynnette Bohner

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 3, 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:
  - 7I Addition Resolution 2024-27 Designating Official Fire Call Rates
  - 6E Addition Park Bathroom Update, Mike O'Rourke to explain
  - 7J Addition Event Coverage, Insurance
  - 7K Addition Hire City Clerk
  - 7L Addition Handicap Spots at the Mill
  - 7G Correction Add 'Construction Services Testing' to Special MeetingMotion by Gregor seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with five additions and one correction.  
Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on Lot Combination.

- 3.5 PUBLIC HEARINGS: **LOT COMBINATION**, Agenda Item 6A  
No discussion.  
Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting.  
Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on Assessment Hearing Continued.
- ASSESSMENT HEARING CONTINUED**, Agenda Item 6B  
The residents said that they never got an updated assessment roll in the mail, so they aren't sure what the proposed assessment will be. Council explained that they didn't send out a new assessment roll because the Council hadn't made any official decisions on the assessment amounts.  
Murphy passed out a tentative assessment roll that showed two columns of proposed changes. One resident asked the council to share their opinion ahead of the vote. Caldwell said he feels that the assessment should be fair towards the 2022 Street Project. Murphy said that with each street project, the council learns something new. She said she'd be in favor of the proposed ten percent reduction and removal of the sidewalks. Golombeski said he's in favor of the original assessment minus the sidewalks. Gregor said he's in favor of the original assessment to treat this project the same as the last project. Lindahl said he's in favor of the original assessment.  
Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting.

4. Citizens Comments: Citizens continued to express their objections and concerns about the street project.

5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A* Lot Combination Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve the request from Brandon Hachfeld to combine parcels 20.22.4.25.001 and 20.22.1.51.004.
- B* Resolution 2024-22 Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski to approve the initial assessment roll for the 2024 Street Project; four in favor, one opposed, motion passes.  
Rahrick asked for the motion to be made again for added clarification.  
Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell to approve Resolution 2024-22 Adopting Assessment, attaching as the adopted assessment roll, the roll presented without reductions for sidewalk or the 10% column; four in favor, one opposed, motion passes.
- C* Kitchen Rental Council discussed clarification to the rental agreement. Hours were changed to 50 hours per month, not to exceed, and the contract shall expire two years from June 3rd, 2024.  
Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the Community Center Kitchen Rental Agreement with Ty Saemrow, with the included changes listed above.
- D* Easement Agreement Rahrick explained the changes from the last agreement, with the original draft having a paragraph regarding drainage that's not in the final draft.  
Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the 403 Sidney St Utility Easement Agreement.
- E* Park Bathroom Bid O'Rourke explained that he is struggling to get multiple quotes back for framing the park bathrooms. He asked for a timeframe to be able to accept the bid he received.  
Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell to give any other bidders one more week to submit a bid, before awarding to the current bidder; four in favor, one abstained, motion passes.

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**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A* Gambling Request Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the gambling application for the Waterville Sportsman Club.
- B* Utility Bill Adjustment Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the water leak credit policy request submitted by Tonjum, with the forgiven amount to be \$388.43.
- C* Zoning Memo Rahrick discussed the differences between the Zoning Board and Zoning Committee in the City Code. He suggested that changes be made to help clarify the language. City Council asked for something to be presented at the next meeting that they can vote on.
- D* Resolution 2024-26 Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to accept Resolution 2024-26 Accepting Donation from Fire Relief.
- E* Crack Filling Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to accept the asphalt crack filling quote from Bargaen with the amount not to exceed \$16,000.
- F* Drop Tree by River Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Strobels for \$4,300 to cut down and haul away the two trees by the river, as well as grinding the stumps.
- G* Special Meeting Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to set a special meeting for June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to price the bond, as well as accepting a bid for construction services testing.
- H* Meter Quotes Judd explained the differences between the quotes and the cellular meter vs the antenna meters.  
Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve purchasing the meters and RPZ's through DSG.  
Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the quotes from Brandenburg Plumbing.

- I Fire Call Rates Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-27 Designating Official Fire Call Rates.
- J Event Coverage Judd explained that any party that rents the Community Center, including the government room, needs to have liability insurance, as well as liquor liability insurance if serving alcohol. Council discussed it and decided that they don't want to allow alcohol with the government room rental. They tabled the discussion for July's meeting.
- K City Clerk Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to hire Cassie Eldeen for City Clerk/Treasurer at full-time at \$23.56 per hour.  
Motion by Gregor, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to hire Lorraine Herrley for City Clerk/Treasurer at full-time at \$23.56 per hour, if Cassie Eldeen declines the position.
- L Handicap Spots Lisa Karsten asked Council for approval to remove two handicap parking stalls at the mill and change them to regular parking.  
Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to approve the removal of two handicap parking stalls at the Mill, with the public works staff to take care of signage and painting.

**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.
- Thank you to City Steve Nordmeier would like to say thank you to the City for the use of the Community Center parking lot for car show.
- Playground Mulch Thank you to the Fire Department Relief for donating the money for the playground mulch, and to all the volunteers who helped.
- Car Show Lindahl said that the Car Show went really well, and he thinks they will decide to have the car show at the Community Center next year as well.

**9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:**

- Street Project Rep Murphy asked Council if they would be interested in having a resident be a part of the 2024 Street Project to make sure everything goes smoothly. Council asked her to reach out to the resident and see if they are interested.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Murphy and carried unanimously to adjourn the Morristown City Council meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**11. NEXT MEETING:**

Special Meeting: Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.