

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 2, 2026

Public Hearing – Master Fee Schedule – 7 p.m. or soon thereafter

Members Present: Mayor Tim Flaten, Leon Gregor, Anna Nusbaum, Val Kruger, Joe Caldwell

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Mark Rahrick (City Attorney), Kyle Green, John Chmelik, John Schlie, Steve Nordmeier, Dennis Luebbe, Tony Lindahl, Mike Mellow, Adam Hackney, Tim Boese

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1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Tim Flaten.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Additions/Corrections: None
4. Citizens Comments: None
- PUBLIC HEARING MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**
- Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the Master Fee Schedule at 7:01. No comments were received.
- Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting at 7:02.
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5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Gregor, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to pull the Fire Contracts and approve the rest of the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items and motions:
- Routine* Motion to approve the Police report, Fire Department report, Public Works report, City Council minutes, Zoning Board minutes, financial reports, and the Claims and Accounts, as presented.
- H. Ordinance 2026-3 Amending Section 32.04 Grass Fire Rates of the City Code
Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3 Amending Section 32.04 Grass Fire Rates of the City Code.
- I. Fire Contracts Approve 2026 Fire Contracts
Pulled and added to new business.
- J. Spring Burning Set the Date and Time for Spring Open Burning
Motion to approve spring open burning from April 1st through May 15th, from 6 p.m. to 12 noon, with no permit required.
- K. Resolution 2026-13 Adopt Changes to 2026 Master Fee Schedule
Motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 Master Fee Schedule with Exhibit A, including redline changes.
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6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
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7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Trails Dennis Luebbe discussed some 10-year plans that Morristown is included in for Rice County. He then asked if the City has any preferences that could possibly be included in that plan. They are working on getting some funding for those projects. He then shared a new Rice County Rural Parks & Trails Plan that is currently in the development phase. The project would ideally connect county parks to the communities and state trails.
- B. Garage Sale There will be an Indoor Garage Sale held on March 21st at the Community Center. The organizers are asking for the fee to be waived. Council members are concerned about setting a precedence by waiving the rental fee. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell to deny waiver of rental fee. Motion carried 4-1, with Flaten opposing.

- C. Park Improvements Baseball Field/Park Improvements – Steve Nordmeier spoke on behalf of The Dam Days Committee and Commercial Club would like to put concrete around the baseball field grandstand and place a memorial bench for Jim Hermel. Council gave their support of the project.
- D. Fire Contracts Gregor discussed other potential increases in the future to Township Fire Contracts. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell, and carried unanimously to approve Township Fire Contracts.

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- 8. **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commercial Club is hosting their Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th in the north yard of City Hall/Community Center.
 - 9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** Mayor Flaten shared that the play went great and they had a great turn out.
 - 10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
 - 11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 6, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor, Tim Flaten

Attested:

City Clerk, Cassie Eldeen

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