

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. Special Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2017

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Seth Prescher

Member Absent: Scott Allen

Others Present: Attorney Mark Rahrick, Police Officer Chris Langr, Sheriff Troy Dunn, Troy Dahle, Jack Schwichtenberg, Jim Norris, Paige Dahle, Loren Dahle, Leon Gregor, Steve Golombeski, Faye Golombeski, Pam Golombeski, Steph Ryman, Katrina Hiller, Melissa Krenik, Jim Lonergan, Jesse Sanders, Janis Rossow, Deb Moline, Tim Flaten, Charlie Moline, Steve Felix, Julie Felix, Stuart Nordmeier, Nancy Larsen, Rick Karsten, Maxine Nordmeier, Cody Kolstad, Jack Blackmer, Danny Timm, Erin Rossow, Matthew Rossow, Johnathan Chmelik, Justin Duncan, Ginny Dahle, Linda Vollbrecht, Tyler Velzke, Jim Hermel, Marv Velzke, Jake Duncan, Margaret Butler, Tim Minske, Dan Morris, Mike O'Rourke, Adrienne O'Rourke, Mark Morris, Steve Nordmeier, Adam Uittenbogaard, Chris Anderson, Darrel Hopman, Michael Bohner, Randy Meyers, Lynette Bohner, Daryl Bauer and Sheri Gregor

The special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Center at 402 S. Division Street by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:

Lisa Karsten adds to the Agenda H. Waste Water Plant Chemical Feed Pump and I. Community Center Vacuum.

A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with the additions.

A. The City Council held a public town hall meeting to hear residents' concerns and opinions on the future of Morristown's Police Department. Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn was on hand to present information and to answer resident's questions on the option of contracting with the Rice County Sheriff's Department.

A. (cont.) The proposed contract options are a minimum of two and a maximum of five year agreements and based on the designated scheduled hours. Based on options of contracting 40 hours per week, the first year total cost, minus the squad trade-in of \$20,000, is \$79,205.00. Contracting 50 hours per week, the first year total cost, minus the squad trade-in, is \$102,000.00. Contracting 60 hours per week, the first year total cost, minus the squad trade-in, is \$125,054.00. The annual cola raise is would be 3%. The 2017 City's Police Department budget is \$144,400.00 at 72 hours of coverage per week (no holiday pay or health benefits). A decision on the future of the Police Department is hoped to be made at the next City Council meeting on Monday, April 03, 2017.

B. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to approve the donation of \$25,000.00 to the city playground project. The fund this money comes out of will be determined once we receive our audit report.

C. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2017-9: A Resolution to Declare the City of Morristown as Legal Sponsor of the Outdoor Recreation Project. Roll Call: Lisa Karsten – Yes, Kathy Wolf – Yes, Kurt Wolf – Yes, Seth Prescher – Yes, Scott Allen – Absent. Resolution passed.

D. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, carried unanimously to change flushing hydrants to the first Tuesday of every month April through November

E. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the public works job description.

F. The Deputy Clerk recommendation was tabled until after the audit information is received.

G. Seventeen of the 19 acres of land for sale, on the west end of the city limits, is under contract for purchase. Currently this land is zoned agricultural. The potential buyer would like six of those acres rezoned highway commercial, to build storage units. The owner, Randy Meyers, was instructed to submit a formal application for rezoning. This would be the first step needed to be taken before a public hearing can be scheduled, then the owner needs to follow the process required for rezoning.

H. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to allow Tim Minske to purchase a chemical feed pump for the plant, from Bemis Well Drilling for \$2,670.00 and waive the required purchase policy of getting a minimum of two bids.

I. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to purchase a Riccar commercial grade vacuum from Chanhassen Vacuum Sales Center for \$549.00.

Adjournment & Next Meeting:

A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 03, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer