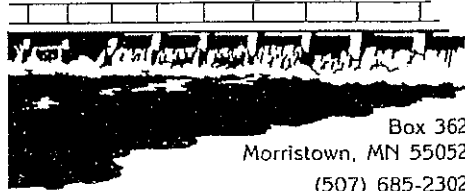


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Monday, April 03, 2017

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council Scott Allen, Kathy Wolf, Seth Prescher

Member Absent: Lisa Karsten

Others Present: Attorney Mark Rahrack, City Engineer Rich Revering, Police Officer Chris Langr, Sheriff Troy Dunn, Troy Dahle, Jack Schwichtenberg, Virginia Schmidtke, Tim Flaten, Margaret Butler, Mark Morris, Tim Minske, Dan Morris, Mike O'Rourke, Loren Dahle, Todd Liverseed, Adam Uittenbogaard, Steve Nordmeier, Chris Anderson, Erin Enstad, Pat Kaderlik, Matt Rossow, Stuart Nordmeier, Tony Lindahl, Ryan Schiell, Faye Golombeski and City Clerk Sheri Gregor

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 03, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at 402 S. Division Street by Mayor Kurt Wolf.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:
Kurt Wolf adds under New Business: G. Lake Region Ducks Unlimited Gambling Permit. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with the addition.
4. Consent Agenda:
Tim Minske asked to pull the Public Works Report. A motion was made by Kathy Wolf, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda minus the Public Works Report. Tim Minske expressed the need to get an isolation valve put in before the meter, at the mobile home community, and fix the steel pipe leak. The Council recommends Tim to get bids and contact the manager of MHC. Tim informed the Council that the sewer plant office roof is leaking. Tim is to get two bids for repairing the roof. Tim will also contact the sign company for prices to get address signage for approx. 24 city limit properties that weren't done when Rice County updated 911 street address signs in the spring of 2012. Once a councilmember is appointed to the streets committee, Tim wants to speak with the member to address the condition of our streets.

4. Consent Agenda: (cont.)

Public Works Report (cont.) Tim Minske explained what happened during the paving process of the Community Center back access road, causing the big rocks to come through. If we seal coat that area next year it will look better.

A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to accept the Public Works Report.

5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

Todd Liverseed expressed his comments on the police department situation.

Mike O'Rourke presented the Council with an updated playground project packet.

The playground grant application has been submitted.

Tim Flaten spoke on the Sky Warn annual training last week with about 100 people in attendance. Sky Warn is working on getting the siren fixed and will see if it's covered by insurance. Sky Warn will have four new members. Scott Allen motioned to accept the Sky Warn report, seconded by Seth Prescher and carried unanimously. On a personal note, Tim Flaten stated the waterway work behind his place is slipping away. He has talked to Troy Dahle and Tim Minske about it.

Stuart Nordmeier started working on the beaver eradication at the dam and neighboring areas.

Dan Morris informed the Council that the Recycle Day was phenomenal. Besides the expected claims, Dan mentioned that an individual delivered/hailed away free all of the appliances (at least 6 trailers and pick-up loads plus a trailer and truck load of grills), which saved us hundreds and hundreds of dollars. The township plans to reimburse Jesse Ahlman for gas. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously, to match the township's gas gift card for Jesse Ahlman's services.

Tim Minske informed the Council the back-up siren hasn't worked for a while. The control panel is burnt out. Also the Community Center generator heater needed replaced and the control head is bad. Both possibly caused by lightning. We've got two insurance claims going.

Ryan Schiell expressed his concern that there isn't a painted road cross walk from the park trail over to the mill and dam. That is the County's road, so that would be at their discretion.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Kurt Wolf stated he has a lot of information to evaluate on the IT systems proposals. Item tabled until the May 1st meeting.

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- B. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to award Voegele Builders, LLC the bid to fence in the generator at \$2,389.14.
- C. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to purchase the 2017 Ram Truck, Model 5500, from Harry Brown's for \$46,298.15. The Council asks Tim Minske, besides Crysteel, to get a 2nd bid for dump body.
- D. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce approved the grant application of \$2,194.57 for the LED lighting project. The end grant amount will depend on the final estimated energy savings for the completed project. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to hire Lacanne Electric to upgrade the Community Center/ City Hall, indoors and outdoors, with LED lighting. LaCanne Electric's bid of \$29,937.44 includes materials, installation and labor. After the Xcel Energy Utility Rebate of \$5,261.73, the final LaCanne Electric bid cost is \$24,675.71.
- E. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Scott Allen, carried unanimously to begin the monthly administrative fine(s) to 307 S. Division St., for failure to respond to the notice of violation letters, of City Code Ordinance 92.21, and take action to resolve the issue.
- F. Seth Prescher tabled the LCCB ATM item. Seth is waiting on information from LCCB.
- G. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to take action not vacate the alley. The "alley" refers to the public alley lying between the Northerly prolongation of the East line of Lot 4 and the Northerly prolongation of the East line of Lot 1, all in Block 29; and between the Northerly prolongation of the West line of Lot 8 and the Northerly prolongation of the East line of Lot 1, all in Block 30, all of Adams and Allens Addition in which a public hearing was held March 6, 2017.
- H. Seth asked the Council to review the social media policy template and possibly adopt it at the next meeting.
- I. Kurt Wolf wants to speak with Scott Allen and Kathy Wolf before he completes the city committee appointments. This item is tabled until the May 1st meeting. Kurt Wolf pointed out the Economic Development Authority committee's new appointees were approved at the last Council meeting and the EDA is holding meetings.

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- J. During the interim of permanent police coverage, Officer Chris Langr has scheduled coverage for Dam Days and wedding dances. Attorney Mark Rahrlick advised to not hold a referendum sighting designated issues; that an advisory informal survey could be one way to go, but ultimately it's the City Council's decision. Mark Rahrlick and Engineer Rich Revering spoke on aspects of informal surveys and this idea was ruled out.
- K. Mayor Kurt Wolf tabled the Council's police force vote, to retain the Morristown Police Dept. or contract with the Rice County Sheriff's Dept., until Monday, April 10th at 7 p.m., during a special meeting, when all five Council members are present. Some discussion was entertained on the options and budget.

7. New Business:

- A. Erin Enstad of Abdo, Eick & Meyer, manager in charge of the Morristown City audit this year, presented the Council with the 2016 results.
- B. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to allow spring open burning, by permit, in the City limits, April 4th through May 15, 2017.
- C. Mark Rahrlick will amend Ordinance 110.12 Alcoholic Beverages – Hours and Days of Sales to be adopted at our May 1st meeting. The Minnesota state Sunday off-sale liquor law goes into effect July 01, 2017.
- D. The new law will not affect our City Code of Alcoholic Beverages – Ordinance 110.13 Fees.
- E. The Community Center's old vacuums were given away for repair and then will be donated.
- F. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to waive the Community Center hall fee for the American Red Cross Blood Drive, to be held May 08, 2017.
- G. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to sign the gambling permit application for Lake Region Ducks Unlimited. Their banquet will be held in our facility on October 07, 2017.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

- Zoning Board – Rezoning Public Hearing – Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 7:30 pm
- Dog/Cats Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic, Saturday, April 08, 2017 1pm - 3pm

9. Claims and Accounts:

A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to pay the March 20, 2017 Mid-Month Claims totaling \$34,042.22 from the General Fund, \$5,706.48 from the Fire Department Fund, \$524.00 from the Water Operations Fund, \$1,186.34 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, the April 03, 2017 Current Claims totaling \$9,470.96 from the General Fund, \$10,134.10 from the Fire Department Fund, \$227.10 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, and the April 03, 2017 Late Claims totaling \$3,595.99 from the General Fund, \$326.41 from the Fire Department Fund, \$484.44 from the Community Center Debt Fund, \$439.69 from the Water Operations Fund, \$4,724.39 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$8,608.55 from the Refuse Fund as presented.

10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

Kurt Wolf informed us that Morristown was presented a Wastewater Award at this year's Wastewater Conference.

A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously for Tim Minske to price out the cost only of replacing the broken springs on the plow truck, to meet DOT specs.

11. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

12. The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 01, 2017 at 7 p.m.



Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer