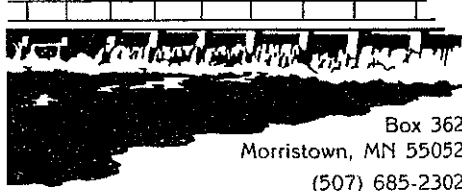


# City of Morristown

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2017

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

Others Present: Attorney Mark Rahrick, City Engineer Rich Revering, Sheriff Troy Dunn, Troy Dahle, Jack Schwichtenberg, Virginia Schmidtke, Tim Flaten, Margaret Butler, Ginny Dahle, Dale Dulas, Mark Morris, Tim Minske, Dan Morris, Mike O'Rourke, Loren Dahle, Adam Uittenbogaard, Steve Nordmeier, Chris Anderson, Pat Kaderlik, Erin Rossow, Matt Rossow, Stuart Nordmeier, Tony Lindahl, Ryan Schiell, Faye Golombeski, Loren Christianson, Stan Merritt, Gladys Merritt, Lynda Schlie, Dave Schlie, Chris Melchert, Pam Golombeski, Rick Imberg, John Schlie, Jesse Sanders, Bruce Morris, Rachel Morris, Jim Lonergan, Rick Karsten, Pete Remington, Pat Melchert, Ron Melchert, Al Reinke, Justin Duncan, Jake Duncan, Tom Gruidl, Mary Meyers, Darrel Hopman, Carmen Burgess, Troy Burgess, Sharon Schumann, Jake Englert, Steph Ryman, Jamie Walburn, Gary Walburn, Stacy Chmelik, Jonathan Chmelik, Kyle Morris, Paige Dahle, Leah Harp, Jamie Keating, Renae Krause, Ronna Love, Crystal Schruer, Jake Golombeski, Matt Boese, Nicholas Boese, Adrienne O'Rourke, Leon Gregor, Toni Ahlman, Chuck Larsen, Police Officer Christopher Langr, Randy Meyers, Sue Meyers, Joe Kidder, Arlen Krause, Kelly Wenker, Melissa Claude, Anna Schwichtenberg, Jackie Saemrow, Melanie Hopman, Jack Blackmer, Mike Ahlman, Ton McShane, Scott Condon, Becky Oorlog, Colin Oorlog, Jeff Wenker, Harold Kuball, Harriet Kuball, Steve Felix, Julie Felix, Lori Still, Brad Still, Linda Dahle, City Clerk Sheri Gregor and others

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 03, 2017 at 7:12 p.m., in the Community Center at 404 S. Division Street by Mayor Kurt Wolf.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Corrections to the Agenda:  
No corrections were made to the meeting Agenda.

4. Consent Agenda:

Mark Morris asked to pull the Zoning Board Report. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda minus the Zoning Board Report.

Mark Morris recommended the Council take action on a violation of Ordinance §152.206: Travel Trailers, Recreation or Camping Vehicles, and Cabins at 302 1st Street N.E. The ordinance has time restraints, so Mark Morris request this notice be delivered so the property owner is aware of the city code. The Council calls on the Clerk to send a certified letter or have it delivered by the Rice County Sheriff's Dept. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board Report.

5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

Attorney Mark Rahrlick led the discussion with acknowledging the petition was received by Mayor Kurt Wolf, wishing to maintain and keep our local Police Department. Mark Rahrlick informed the crowd of over 100 citizens, that the petition has no legal binding effect of reversing the previous City Council's decision to contract the Rice County Sheriff's Office. Dale Dulas spoke on behalf of the citizens' present requesting they be given the opportunity to be heard, to comment on repealing the 3-2 decision to contract with Rice County. Justin Duncan and Bruce Morris spoke on behalf of the petition opposing the Rice County Sheriff's Department Contract. Mike O'Rourke and Jeff Wenker commented in favor of signing the contract agreement with Rice County Sheriff's Department.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Mayor Kurt Wolf asked the Council to speak in review of the Rice County Sheriff's Department contract. Scott Allen expressed he is in favor of keeping the Morristown Police Department. Scott added that the County would do an excellent job, but said "I'm with you" (the citizens). Kurt Wolf asked for Scott's comments related to the language of the contract. Scott has no problem with the contract. Seth Prescher has no problem with the contract the way it's worded. Seth thinks based on the contract, our kids and community will receive the safety, support, and professionalism we expect out of a police force. Seth will respect the decision made at the last meeting, to go forward with this contract. Kurt Wolf stated the contract version, used for the petition, isn't the same contract being reviewed tonight.

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. (cont.) Kathy Wolf stated she is all for getting Rice County because they are already trained and if you get new officers (for a Mstn police dept.) you aren't going to know them anyway so what's the difference if we go with Rice County? The Mayor asked if Kathy had anything to say about the contract, she said not at this time. Lisa Karsten took a short survey by way of a show of hands, asking the citizens if public safety is your top priority, who's more qualified to hire police officer's, no problem with the language of the contract as presented. Scott Allen motioned to table this and relook at this whole thing. Not hearing a second, Kurt Wolf entertained a motion to approve the contract with Rice County. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten to approve the contract with Rice County. Also in favor of the contract, Kurt Wolf and Kathy Wolf, Scott Allen opposed. The motion was carried 4-1.
- B. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to deem the Morristown Police Department inactive.
- C. Kurt Wolf tabled the IT systems proposals one more month.
- D. Seth Prescher steps away from being the Council member in charge of dealing with options of choosing an ATM vendor to install an ATM in the Community Center, due to a conflict of interest through his work. Besides Lake Country Community Bank, a secondary option would be a city owned ATM through Cardtronics. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, to give permission to Lake Country Community Bank to put in their ATM. In favor were Kurt Wolf and Scott Allen. Seth Prescher abstained. Motion carried.
- E. Lisa Karsten asks to table the social media policy and schedule a work session to graft the social media policy, personnel policy and purchasing policy.
- F. Seth Prescher tables the official City of Morristown Social Media presence.
- G. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to recommend offering Kristalyn Morris the deputy clerk position for 30 hours a month at \$14.00 an hour. The deputy clerk duties will be to learn all expected to know all portions of the clerk's job, to fill in upon the clerk's absence, and do what we need in the office.
- H. Kurt Wolf read the revised city committee appointments. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the amended appointments for 2017 with the one correction.
- I. Tim Minske spoke about the PTO discrepancy with the new truck. A motion was made by Scott Allen, and seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to purchase the Crysteel truck box.

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- J. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Scott Allen, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2017-2: An Ordinance Amending Section §110.12 of the Morristown City Code, Sunday Off-Sale Liquor. Roll Call: Lisa Karsten – Yes, Kathy Wolf – Yes, Kurt Wolf – Yes, Scott Allen – Yes, Seth Prescher – Yes.
- K. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2017-3: An Ordinance Amending Section §152.121 of the Morristown City Code, inserting Mini-Storage Facilities; allowed in the Highway Commercial District. Roll Call: Lisa Karsten – Yes, Kathy Wolf – Yes, Kurt Wolf – Yes, Scott Allen – Yes, Seth Prescher – Yes.
- L. The Zoning Board recommends the City Council rezone 7.09 acres of Randy Meyers agricultural property to highway commercial. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to rezone the 7.09 acres from ag to highway commercial, under the condition an administrative survey is recorded.
- M. Randy Meyers and Joe Kidder were present to observe the Council's approval of the Zoning Board's recommendations of the land development endeavor.

7. New Business:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously for the clerk to purchase \$300.00 worth of Dam Days and July 4<sup>th</sup> parade candy.
- B. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve to pay Lisa Karsten's 2017 MN Mayor's Association Annual Conference fees, room and mileage.
- C. An ordinance is being created by the Zoning Board in regards to produce stands. This will be recommended to the Council at a future meeting.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

None

9. Claims and Accounts:

A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to pay the April 14, 2017 Mid-Month Claims and Accounts totaling \$9,125.75 from the General Fund, \$671.23 from the Fire Department Fund, \$2,109.99 from the Water Operations Fund, \$2,839.39 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, \$1,762.28 from the Refuse Fund; the May 01, 2017 Current Claims and Accounts totaling \$66,755.37 from the General Fund, \$7,037.50 from

9. Claims and Accounts: (cont.)

the Community Center Debt Fund, \$724.29 from the Fire Department Fund, \$1,991.63 from the Water Operations Fund, \$3,972.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund; and the May 01, 2017 Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$1,729.89 from the General Fund, \$289.45 from the Water Operations Fund, \$1,787.50 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$4183.22 from the Refuse Fund as printed.

10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

Lisa Karsten announced on Sunday afternoon the Warsaw Willing 4H Club will be at the park cleaning out and replanting the flower pots. It's a community project at no cost to the City.

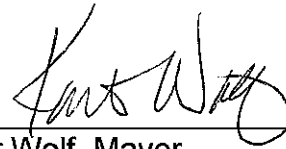
Lisa also mentioned there is a Blood Drive Monday, May 08, 2017 at the Community Center.

The Council's work session will be held Thursday, May 25th at 6 p.m.

The Fire Department is part of the City and can use the City copier.

11. A motion was made by Scott Allen, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

12. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 05, 2017 at 7 p.m.



Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer