

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 05, 2017

Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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

Council Absent: Scott Allen

Other Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrick, City Engineer Rich Revering, Sargent Tom McBroom, Jack Schwichtenberg, Troy Dahle, Chuck Beisner, Mike O'Rourke, Chuck Larsen, Don Olson, Steve Nordmeier, Adam Uittenbogaard, Tony Lindahl, Mark Morris, Cassie and Mark Melchert, Dan Morris, Andy Waugh, Dale Dulas, Loren A. Dahle and Clerk Sheri Gregor

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 05, 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:
Removed item 7. A. New Business – National Weather Service – Storm Ready Certification; to a later date. Add to 7. C. New Business – 2nd St. S.W. Drainage Line Bid and add 7. N. Waive Hall Rental Fee - American Red Cross Blood Drives. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to accept the Agenda, with the changes.
4. Consent Agenda:
Requests were made to pull the Fire Department Report and Community Center Report. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Fire Department and Community Center Reports.
Fire Chief Troy Dahle stated a nine year member of the Waterville Fire Dept., whom lives in Morristown, would like to also join the Morristown FD. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to move forward with the Fire Department hiring one new firefighter. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Report as presented.

4. Consent Agenda: (cont.)

Dan Morris discussed the issue of having a cop on duty at dances, held in the Community Center, as stated in the City Ordinance. Kathy Wolf will get a list of names from the sheriff's department of person's qualified to cover dances. Dan mentioned there may be a case or two where a renter paid for police coverage, but there was none; therefore needs to be reimbursed the fee. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to accept the Community Center Report.

5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

Sgt. Tom McBroom, spoke on behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. Being the first time involved with Dam Days, they will evaluate what went well and what didn't. Traffic was the biggest issue. Tom said they have been asked why so many squads are in town, at one given time. He reiterated that the City is only paying for one of those officers. The others are in town to learn the city. Some citizens present remarked on their experiences so far with the new police force patrolling the town. The officers are working on greeting the residents and businesses of Morristown.

Adam Uittenbogaard announced that the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources informed him the application for the outdoor recreational grant program has been selected for funding. The City will receive a grant of \$67,000.00 toward the City's playground project.

Andy Waugh was directed to speak with Rice County about the removal of a dead tree in his boulevard on Franklin Street.

Steve Nordmeier, Dam Days Chairman, mentioned when the committee has their wrap up meeting, the sheriff will be invited to work on any issues in preparation for next year. Steve stated there were no big problems during Dam Days. Steve praised the work of Tim Minske, the Boy Scouts, the Camp Omega group, and local guys who helped clean up the town.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Kurt Wolf presented three IT Systems proposals to the Council. They will examine the packets and make their decision at the next regular meeting. Without having a budgeted fund for this project, the Council will determine which account(s) the funds will be drawn from.

B. Seth Prescher spoke on the progress of the LCCB ATM that will be placed in the Community Center foyer. The ATM should be in place this month.

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- C. The Council set the date of Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.; to hold a special/work session meeting to finish working on policies.**
- D. The part-time Deputy Clerk position was offered to Kristalyn Morris. She has declined the offer. The job will be reposted with the application deadline to be Monday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to post ads for this position in the Waterville, Faribault and Waseca newspapers, along with on-line posting; spending publishing budget funds.**
- E. Tim Minske will present the bids and cost for the address signs, isolation valve and plant roof once he has the final figures.**
- F. The Council was given a draft of a new ordinance regarding “produce stands”, created by the Zoning Board and Attorney Mark Rahrlick. Mark will revise the ordinance, per Council request, to clarify the difference of a “farmer’s market”.**
- G. The Zoning Board is advised to select an address for the 7.09 acres zoned Hwy Commercial on Morristown Blvd.**
- H. The Encroachment Agreement the City signed, at the special meeting, for the property at 206 1st Street N.E. is invalid. The right-of-way in question is located on the Bloomer Street side; therefore that road is County. The party requesting this agreement has been directed to contact Rice County.**

7. New Business:

- A. The National Weather Service presentation to the City of Morristown, as being Storm Ready Certified, will be held at a future meeting.**
- B. Chuck Beisner, of Sunrise Energy, a solar garden developer, ask the Council to consider amending the City ordinance to allow permitted or conditional use solar gardens on city parcels. Our attorney will update the ordinance, but the Council would like to have the Zoning Board deliberate on which zoned areas to allow solar gardens; hwy, agriculture district and/or industrial district.**
- C. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, to hire Dahle Enterprise at \$930.00, to run a drain line by on Bloomer Street by property 202 W. Bloomer St., and also use funds from streets to repair the asphalt. Lisa Karsten request Tim Minske speak with the property owner alerting them they will need to hook up to the drainage line.**

7. New Business: (cont.)

- C. Another drainage line is needed by 2nd St S.W., but this water issue is on private properties, involving three parcels. After a discussion, Seth Prescher will approach these owners and present a repair proposal from the City and Dahle Enterprises.**
- D. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the annual street maintenance services provided by Dahle Enterprises and Timm's Trucking & Excavating quotes, as presented.**
- E. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the League of Minnesota Cities Liability Coverage Waiver Form, to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, per Faribo Insurance.**
- F. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to name Faribo Insurance, Brent Peroutka and Jacob Cook, as Agent of Record.**
- G. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the 2017 Liquor, Games and Cigarette Licenses, as printed.**
- H. The Council has asked that the Zoning Board review and update the City of Morristown zoning map. We have five districts – Agricultural, Residential, Highway Commercial, Central Business and Industrial.**
- I. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board (regarding American Legion Post 149) because of the fact that if anybody else did it we would have to fine them as well; and we come up with a special situation to make this appropriate. Mayor Kurt Wolf notes that he doesn't like charging them a fee because they actually do stuff for us too, but this is probably good all around.**
- J. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to authorize the publication of a public hearing notice, subject to confirming a conditional use permit is needed, for Archie's Bar.**
- K. A special closed meeting will be held Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. for the City Council to give Randy Krueger, Public Works Operator, his one year Performance Review.**

7. New Business: (cont.)

L. The Council will discuss an animal control procedure, at the next meeting.

M. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve hiring Alexa McDowell, an Architectural Historian, from AKAY Consulting, out of Minneapolis; using grant money, up to \$5,000.00, to further research the mill property and complete the 50+ page application to put it on the national register.

N. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to waive the Community Center Hall rental fee for two American Red Cross Blood Drives, to be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 and Friday, December 29, 2017.

8. Correspondences and Announcements:

***NRG (Dodge Solar Farm), one of the energy companies the City of Morristown signed a 25 year agreement with, is going live June 2017.**

***The Gordon Smith family, who rented the pavilion at the city park on Memorial Day, sent a letter thanking the Public Works Dept. for the cleanest and best kept park they have seen.**

*** The Morristown Police Dept. non-emergency phone number will still be in effect. If you dial that number, your call will be forwarded to Rice County Dispatch.**

9. Claims and Accounts:

A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to pay the May 15, 2017 Mid-Month Claims and Accounts totaling \$37,433.14 from the General Fund, \$1,380.50 from the Fire Department Fund, \$34.00 from the Water Operations Fund, \$36.58 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, and \$34.00 from the Refuse Fund; the June 05, 2017 Current Claims and Accounts totaling \$9,861.53 from the General Fund, \$6,015.94 from the Fire Department Fund, \$2,803.05 from the Water Operations Fund, \$3,279.99 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, and \$34.00 from the Refuse Fund; and the June 05, 2017 Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$1,981.40 from the General Fund, \$953.88 from the Fire Department Fund, \$301.60 from the Water Operations Fund, \$1,165.62 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, and \$5,091.72 from the Refuse Fund, per check numbers printed on sheet, as presented.

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10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

None

11. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

12. A special closed meeting/open work session meeting will be held Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

/s/: Kurt Wolf

Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sheri Gregor

Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer