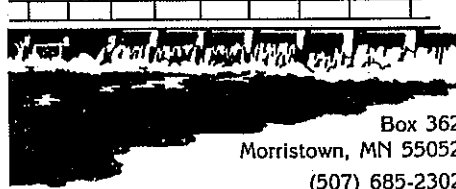


# City of Morristown

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## **MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** **Regular Meeting Monday, January 7, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Council Present: Mayor Tony Lindahl, Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Seth Prescher, Tim Flaten  
Others Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrack, City Engineer Rich Revering, Marvin Velzke, Jack Schwichtenberg, Mary Lou Davidson, Tim Minske, Troy Dahle, Mike O'Rourke, Dan Morris, Adam Uittenbogaard, Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn, Deputy Sheriff Trevor Peterson, Deputy Sheriff Justin Hunt, City Administrator Brad Potter and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. Council Member Lisa Karsten called the regular meeting of the Morristown City Council to order on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street. S..
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. City Clerk Sheri Gregor administered the "Oath of Office" to newly elected Mayor Tony Lindahl and Council Members Seth Prescher and Tim Flaten.  
Mayor Tony Lindahl expressed a "Thank You" to Kurt Wolf for his service as the City of Morristown's mayor for the previous two years.
4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda:  
Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and was carried unanimously to approve the agenda, and pulling Sky Warn from the Consent Agenda.
5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:  
Fire Chief Troy Dahle announced the Annual Fire Department Meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2019; social hour 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.; inviting the mayor, council and city administrative staff. Troy Dahle thanked the council, clerk and everyone for their support of the fire department, as he will be stepping down as fire chief but will remain in the department. With the selection of officers, at the January 14th meeting, Troy will possibly also serve as the assistant to the new fire chief.  
Rice County Sheriff Tony Dunn introduced Sargent Justin Hunt who will replace Deputy Sheriff Trevor Peterson as Morristown's law enforcement supervisor. Trevor Peterson will be heading the Rice County deputy field training and K-9 program
6. Consent Agenda (Reports, Minutes and Finances):  
Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the Sky Warn report. Tim Flaten conversed that the Morristown Sky Warn is looking into purchasing a new weather station. Another thought is putting two video cameras on the tower having first hand live feed/ bird's eye view. This would be a direct feed to the Sky Warn room and Fire Department. This would serve the civil defense people in the blind of the inclement weather activity.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Brad Potter and Mark Rahrnick spoke on the EDA grant and low interest rate loan programs. Brad Potter will draft a policy for the next council meeting, including but not limited to, defining an established business district, what is eligible and qualifies for a grant and/or loan and with terms of operating requirements. A public hearing will be set, for businesses and the public's input, in the near future.
- B. A work session to discuss/finalize the personnel policy is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Brad Potter proposes for 2019 to pay the Public Works employees their clothing allowance, increased to \$750.00, paid out in half year increments (January 1st and July 1st). The Public Works Director's, Tim Minske, emergency overtime pay, from 2017 through 2018, will be added to the next agenda; to be paid per approval.
- C. Brad Potter will contact Mike Tate who has been offered the full-time Public Works Operator position for a decision.
- D. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to permit the Morristown Dam Days Committee and the Miss Morristown Pageant use of the Community Center/City Hall as needed for their meetings and events.
- E. The Council requests Brad Potter get estimate quotes for the stripping/waxing maintenance of the Community Center great hall floor.
- F. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve Eckberg Lammers Resolution 2019-1: Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Morristown on Behalf of its City Attorney. Seth Prescher amends his motion, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to include the additional attachments as described by Sheri Gregor. The CJDN Subscriber Agreement and Joint Powers Agreement were signed by Tony Lindahl and Brad Potter with the Councils approval. Also required by Eckberg Lammers, Tony Lindahl and Brad Potter signed the Agreement for Criminal Prosecution and Tony Lindahl signed the Master Subscriber Agreement.

8. New Business:

- A. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the 2019 City Committee Appointments of Official Depositor Lake Country Community Bank, Public Health Rice County Environmental Services and Official Newspaper Lake Region Life, Waterville.
- B. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to remove Mayor Kurt Wolf and replace with Mayor Tony A. Lindahl, as an authorized signer, on the City of Morristown's Lake Country Community Bank's checking and money market accounts, with Brad Potter and Sheri Gregor remaining on all accounts.

8. New Business: (cont.)

- C. At the January 23rd meeting, Brad Potter will have the cost of door hangers, conveying the message to all city limits residents awareness of the continuing problem at our wastewater regarding FOG (fat, oil, grease).
- D. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and was carried unanimously to approve the 2018 wages of the Morristown Volunteer Firefighters.
- E. The city administrator's report was in the council's agenda packet. Brad Potter explained why the master fee schedule will be brought to the next meeting. Rich Revering is preparing a proposal for updating the wastewater plant and water memo summarizing the uranium issue.

9. Correspondence and Announcements:

A public hearing will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. during the Zoning Board meeting on solar panel systems.

10. Claims and Accounts:

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and was carried unanimously to approve the revised Current Claims and Accounts totaling \$48,621.05 from the General Fund, \$1,364.94 from the Fire Department Fund, \$2,374.81 from the Water Operations Fund, \$5,937.24 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$566.66 from the Refuse Fund. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve the Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$88.80 from the General Fund, \$127.00 from the Fire Department Fund and \$4,357.22 from the Refuse Fund.

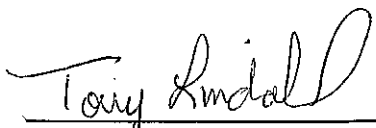
11. Council Discussion and Concerns:

None


12. Adjournment: Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m..

13. Next Regular Meetings: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 & Monday, February 4, 2019

14. Next Work Session: - Tuesday, January 29, 2019

  
Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer