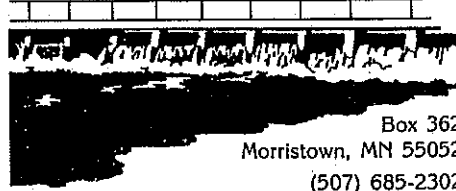


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Monday, April 1, 2019

Council Present: Mayor Tony Lindahl, Tim Flaten, Seth Prescher, Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf

Others Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, City Engineer Rich Revering, Tim Minske, Mark Morris, Mike O'Rourke, Jack Schwichtenberg, Adam Uittenbogaard, Rice County Deputy Sheriff Justin Hunt, Pat Kaderlik, Maurine Caspari, Bev Reysack, Loren Dahle, Nicholis Martin, Steve Nordmeier, Kurt Wolf, Brian and Sherrie Brunner, Rick Vollbrecht, Tyler Velzke, Arlen Krause, City Administrator Brad Potter and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. Mayor Tony Lindahl called the regular meeting of the Morristown City Council to order on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street. S..
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Hearing: Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. The input from the Zoning Board was summarized by Brad Potter. The City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and Zoning Board are revising to amend the Sections 152.295 through 152.335 of the City Code. Motion by Seth Prescher, second by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, at 7:06 p.m..
4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda:
Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as is.
5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:
Rick Vollbrecht commented on the price increase to rent the Community Center great hall. He would like to see the Council give the city tax payers/property owners a reduced rate to rent the hall.
6. Consent Agenda: Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried was unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the Skywarn Report. Tim Flaten reported that the siren is fixed and both sirens are in 100% working order. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve the Skywarn report.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Drainage Issues – The public had questions about the drainage in the neighborhood. City Engineer Rich Revering, with the aid of a hand-out, explained the reasoning behind the neighborhood ditch/culvert and pond systems. Rich Revering continued that area was designed to have ditches that would hold storm water back and that this design should continue to stay. If the roadway was to be altered with curb and gutter with storm catch basins and the ditches were filled in, there would have to be an additional holding pond area at the end of the storm water pipe of adequate size and there is not enough space to accomplish this in the area. Basically, said ditches (Sidney Street W, Thruen Street and 3rd Street S.E.) are public right-of-ways and cannot be altered.
 - B. Zoning Board's Feedback on Zoning Amendments – This was covered during the public hearing.

7. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- C. 2019 Community Appointments – The final appointments were noted. An enabling resolution to amend the current EDA by-laws, to have one city council member seated on the EDA Board, instead of two council members, will be presented at a future public hearing. By Zoning Board recommendation, Mayor Lindahl appoints a new zoning board member with a motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, to appoint Lee Bruns to the Zoning Board. In addition, upon the confirmation of a written end-of-the-year date of resignation by a sitting zoning member, the Council approves the appointment of Tyler Velzke to fill that vacancy, and was carried unanimously.
- D. Street Sweeper – Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a used street sweeper at the cost of up to \$35,000.00. (New street sweepers cost \$230,000.00)

8. New Business:

- A. City Website/Social Media sites – Seth Prescher motions to move forward with Two Lakes Design, at \$1,500 from EDA funds, for a promotional video featuring our City to be posted on the City website and City social media, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously.
 - B. Lisa Karsten stated the 4-H Warsaw Willing Workers will furnish and replant the small planters in Centennial Park and will clean out the big permanent planter on May 5th at 2:30 p.m..
 - C. Seth Prescher motioned, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2019- 7: Accepting the Resignation of Mike Tate.
 - D. Public Works Staffing Levels – Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously that for two weeks post a public works part-time position, at 20/30 hours a week, with the potential to move into a full time hourly position.
 - E. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously at approve Resolution 2019-8: Hire Part-Time Public Works Operator, John Schlie for 10/15 hours a week at \$14.00 an hour, with beginning date of April 2, 2019. Note: This hire does not impact needing a secondary person. The 10/15 hours replaces the temporary winter seasonal hire.
 - F. Mike O'Rourke, on behalf of the Cannon Valley Players, reported the cast donated \$3,700 of their proceeds to local churches, school activities, a Wet/Dry Vac for the Community Center and earmarked \$500.00 toward the Centennial Park restroom.
 - G. Park Improvements – Tim Flaten spoke about the automatic locks (with set hours) to be installed on the restrooms at Babe Nordmeier Field. Before Dam Days, Tim would like to get the trees removed by the volleyball and basketball courts; due to their interference and if they were to just be trimmed up, there wouldn't be much left. Also the volleyball court needs updating and the basketball court oil coated. Tim Flaten will bring costs of these improvements to the next meeting. Additional lighting by the grandstand will also be looked into. It was discussed that Public Works will trim the trees by the volleyball court before we decide to remove them.
 - H. Water Treatment Plant – City Engineer Rich Revering spoke on radium, rust and upcoming projects.
 - I. City Administrator's Report – The deterioration of the streets to be prioritized and addressed; being done in phases, per budget. The condition of water mains below the streets will also be addressed and done as needed. The Council will discuss the streets at their April 15, 2019 Work Session.
- 9. Correspondence and Announcements:**
Bucs Night Out April 5th, Recycle Day April 6th, Spring Open Burning April 15th - May 15th,
Dog Clinic April 27th, Firefighter's Benefit Dance April 27th.

10. Claims and Accounts:

A/B. Current and Late Claims and Accounts – Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve the current claims and accounts totaling \$14,061.80 from the general fund, \$2,201.15 from the fire department fund, \$1,992.43 from the water operations fund, \$6,620.29 from the waste water operations fund and \$291.00 from the refuse fund; the late claims and accounts totaling \$11,917.87 from the general fund, \$692.65 from the water operations fund, \$780.5 from the waste water operations fund and \$35.00 from the refuse fund.

11. Council Discussion and Concerns:

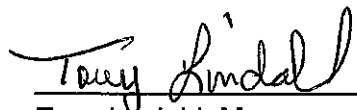
Awaiting word on the Morristown Feed Mill being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

13. Next Work Session: Monday, April 15, 2019 immediately following the regular meeting.

Next Regular Meetings: Monday, April 15, 2019 and Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7p.m.



Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest: 

Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/ Treasurer