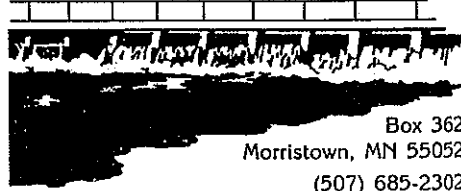


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 06, 2018

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Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Members-Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Seth Prescher, Tim Flaten

Others Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrack, City Engineer Rich Revering, Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn, Assistant Fire Chief Adam Uittenbogaard, Zoning Board Member Mike O'Rourke, Fire Relief Assn. President Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 6, 2018 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:
None
4. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:
None
5. Consent Agenda (Reports, Minutes and Finances):
Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the June 30th Interim Report.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to approve the Sun-Up Construction quote of \$7,940.00 replacement, pending clarification from the contractor that it does include removing the existing fence; funds to be taken out of Parks 530 Baseball Field. Mike O'Rourke reported the work on the playground project, at the Babe Nordmeier Field, is to begin by the end of this month (August).
 - B. Tim Flaten suggested going with Lockerby's bid to repair the Community Center thresholds, focusing only on the great hall's two doors and the overhead door. The Council directs Brad Potter to get an organized proposal/pricing on exactly what is to be repaired, and then brought back to the Council, at the next meeting, for approval.
 - C. The City Administrator submitted a written report to the Council.
 - D. The City Administrator also submitted a written report updating the Council on the progress regarding the 2019 Proposed Budget preparation.
7. New Business:
 - A. Leon Gregor submitted the Firefighter's Relief Association Annual Audit Report. Summarization of the report: Beginning 2018, assets were \$977,000.00, liabilities were \$803,536.00 in the special (retirement) fund.

7. New Business:

- A. (cont.) 2017 year end surplus was \$174,000.00. 2017 saw a gain of \$199,279.000, bringing the total balance to \$ 1,176,279.00. Monies are received through the City contribution (\$5,000.00), State Aid (2017 - \$22,000.00) and Appreciation of Investments (2017 - \$170,000.00). As of now assets are at approximately \$1,175,000.00, \$849,032.00 in accrued liabilities, with a surplus of \$326,000.00.

The Fire Relief Board of Directors was in agreement to raise the retirement benefit. Leon gave examples of the amounts, per each \$100 increment, would equal with benefit increases. The Fire Department will vote at their next meeting if they are in favor of the increase. The State maximum allowable benefit level is \$3,100 per year of service. A \$400 benefit increase, from \$2,200 to 2,600, would still leave a \$160,000.00 surplus. With today's investment appreciation of \$59,422.00, with or without any gains or losses, the 2018 year-end projection reflects the surplus amount will be approx. \$252,000.00. Leon will attend the September 17, 2018 meeting to seek Council approval for whatever increase the firefighter's want.

Motion by Seth Prescher, second by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to give the City Clerk, Sheri Gregor, permission to sign the paperwork forms, to then be submitted to the State, completing the audit, in order for the Relief Association to receive State Aid.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Wolf opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input on deleting the Morristown City Code Business Regulations, Chapter 113: Amusements. This regulation, adopted in 1982, applied a per gaming fee onto businesses that housed electronic gaming and/or machines; as in pool tables, dart machines, pin ball, juke box and the likes. Due to the city not spending any time or resources administering these games, the Council has decided to eliminate the fees. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m..

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- E. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2018-6: Eliminating Section 113 of the Morristown City Code.
- F. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to reimburse the establishments that paid the amusement licensing fees in 2018, as they are listed on the claims.

7. New Business: (cont.)

- B. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Southern Lakes Angling & Spearing application exempt permit, as in the past.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

Commercial Club – Drive-In Movie Night is Friday, August 10th, featuring "Cars 3", at the Community Center Parking Lot.

National Night Out (Night to Unite) will be held Tuesday, August 7th in Centennial Park. Filling for candidacy for mayor and two council seats is open until August 14th.

9. Claims and Accounts:

A/B. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously approving to pay the August 6, 2018 Current Claims and Accounts, as presented, totaling \$291,401.33 from the General Fund, \$4,522.24 from the Fire Department Fund, \$3,966.71 from the Water Operations Fund, \$3,811.53 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$349.00 from the Refuse Fund; and the August 6, 2018 Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$2,557.76 from the General Fund, \$4,304.95 from the Fire Department Fund, \$174.74 from the Water Operations Fund, \$3,124.32 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, and \$5,243.78 from the Refuse Fund.

10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

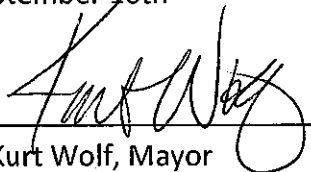
Lisa Karsten wants in the minutes and to notify the public that a complaint was filed with the Minnesota Duty Officer claiming the Morristown Wastewater Facility is discharging into Cannon River. Lisa Karsten wants to go on record saying that the Morristown Wastewater Facility has never, doesn't currently and will never intentionally and/or illegally discharge into the Cannon River. An inspector is coming from Minnesota Rural Water to view the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Wednesday.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..

12. Work Sessions: August 13th 7pm, August 20th 6pm, August 27th 7pm

13. Next Regular Meetings: Monday, August 20th & Monday, September 10th


Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer