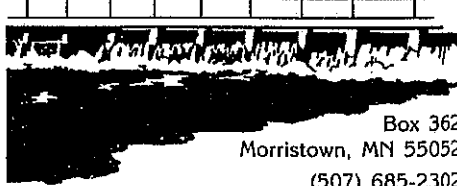


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 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 Rahrck, Rice County Deputy Sheriff Trevor Peterson, Mark Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Fire Relief Assn. President Leon Gregor, Tony Lindahl, Jake Karsten, Ramon Medina, City Administrator Brad Potter and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, September 10, 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. Lisa Karsten rescinds her resignation as assistant mayor, removing 7. New Business D. and E. from the Agenda. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with the two corrections.
4. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:
None
5. Consent Agenda:
Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the Fire Department Report and the Zoning Meeting Minutes (to be available at Monday's September 17th meeting) and pulling the Council Minutes from August 20, 2018. Council Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2018 – Lisa Karsten questioned why item 5. Alley crack filing, as stated in the minutes, was not on the Agenda. Brad Potter explained that he and Tim Minske went around the city and felt it wasn't really warranted this year. Lisa Karsten pointed out a type-o and asked for clarification on what the city was doing with selling the old street sweeper, "cutting the working motor out and scrap out the rest". Lisa Karsten said it wasn't clear the way it was written. Lisa Karsten also pointed out, in another sentence, that the verbage isn't quite right; to remove the word "to", in the item about the copier rental. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the August 20th minutes with the corrections.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Mark Morris updated the Council on the baseball field playground. The sod has been cut out for the exact space needed and sand was added. The sign removed and black dirt put down in that spot (new Nordmeier Field signage will be installed).

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- A. (cont.) This week a pattern will be made where all the holes will go. On Friday, the plan is to get volunteers together to drill the holes and install all of the playground equipment (a concrete slab has to be poured before the merry-go-round can be added). Tim Minske will coordinate putting down the tough timbers around the exterior. The Centennial Park remaining pieces may also be mounted by or on Friday.
- B. Safety measures were previously discussed on 2nd Street S.W. road traffic and speed; especially with the new playground going in at the Babe Nordmeier Field. Brad Potter reported on our City Engineer's, Rich Revering, recommendation to take no action at this time, other than possibly painting a crosswalk. Law enforcement monitored the area and found no speeding violators.
- The Hwy 60, passing on the right, matter was discussed. Kurt Wolf and Brad Potter met with Brian Daniels, Representative for MN District 24B, about some things in the community, with one being the Hwy 60 problem. Mr. Daniels has asked for engineering designs for a designated left turn and a sub-grade trail. Deputy Trevor Peterson reported that Sheriff Troy Dunn is working with the Hwy. State Dept. to possibly have some turns arrows painted on the road by the intersection of Hwy 60/Holland Avenue.

Public Hearing: At 7:30 pm., Seth Prescher motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously. Brad Potter explained the specifics for the hearing and request. The public hearing was open for public input on a variance request on the East front yard setbacks at 105 2nd Street S.E.. No citizens had any comments. Lisa Karsten motioned to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously.

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to approve the variance, for the improvement as presented, at 105 2nd Street S.E.. Mark Morris and Mark Rahrick stated the variance is to allow within a certain distance of the right-of-way, as set forth in the owner's drawing; subject to if the owner were to vary from the drawing, the owner would need to modify the drawing plans.

- C. Brad Potter presented a report from Tom Olinger, Abdo, Eick & Meyers, on the Fire Relief Association retirement benefits. Leon Gregor also spoke on behalf of the association and firefighters requests. Tom Olinger and Leon Gregor will attend a future meeting to assist with the Council's decision on the increase amount.
- D. Brad Potter shared with the Council his 2019 Proposed Budget and Preliminary Property Tax Levy. Brad Potter suggests a 2.5% levy increase. Reviewal of the final preliminary property tax levy is to be at the September 17, 2018 Council meeting.

7. New Business:

- A. A potential solar farm is being planned to be located in Morristown Township, at 9713 255th Street, owned by Mark and Barb Morris. This area is situated in an Urban Reserve District, due to the proximity to the City of Morristown. Therefore Brad Potter replied to the Rice County Zoning Administrator stating the City has other growth corridors that will be developed before that property. Brad asked the Council for their input. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously that the City Council has no objection to the plan as presented. Seth Prescher made the point that he and the Council previously objected to the development of solar farms to be located within the city limits. This proposed area lies outside city limits.
- B. A licensed, insured, and bonded fireworks operator wanted to notify the City Council that he will be putting on a five minute fireworks display at 9 p.m. Saturday, September 15th. This is for a private event at the Community Center where he will set up on private property southeast of the Community Center. The consensus of the Council was there is no formal objection. The operator is strongly encouraged to reach out to local law enforcement about this activity and have the Fire Department on stand-by.
- C. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2018-15: Resolution Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, as in our packet. The Council would like Mike O'Rourke and Mark Morris to light the front of the Community Center with pink and blue lights on the eve of October 15, 2018, like last year.
- D. As stated above - Resolution 2018- 16: A Resolution Accepting Assistant Mayor Resignation was rescinded by Lisa Karsten.
- E. As stated above - Lisa Karsten asked to remove appointing a new assistant mayor and adding the appointee to the Lake Country Community Bank accounts.
- F. Brad Potter would like to continue on the public hearing, at a future meeting. To discuss adopting an ordinance and creating standards in Morristown City Code Chapter 93 for Public Right-of-Ways as to what you can do and not do, such as excavating, grading, drainage, fiber optics, etc.. A draft ordinance will be presented to the Council at the October 1, 2018 meeting to review and approve and then a public hearing will follow at a later date.
- G. Jake Karsten, of WEM Boy Scouts Troop 231, ask the Council for their approval to replace the existing school house museum ramp, this fall, with a composite wood ramp. Jake has gotten two bids for materials ranging from \$1,700.00 - \$2,000.00. Funding will be from the historical society (whom approve of his project) and city funds allocated to the historical account. Jake will also pursue other donations and the labor will be done by volunteers.

7. New Business: (cont.)

G. (cont.) Motion by Seth Prescher, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried to approve Jake Karsten's Eagle Scout project as described; with the funding coming from available funds minus any donations Jake receives from the public. Lisa Karsten abstained from voting.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

There was a discussion about the duplication of plants for Jack Blackmer's funeral; Lisa Karsten suggests the Council pay Brad Potter. The plant from the City of Morristown was not paid for with City funds.

9. Claims and Accounts:

A/B. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously approving to pay the September 10, 2018 Current Claims and Accounts totaling \$58,102.15 from the General Fund, \$10,378.37 from the Fire Department Fund, \$3,108.31 from the Water Operations Fund, \$12,802.63 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$4,502.22 from the Refuse Fund; and the September 10, 2018 Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$2,087.77 from the General Fund.

10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

As part time City Administrator, Brad Potter, stated his plan to shift his hours to be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m...

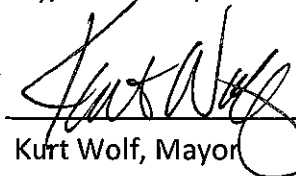
11. Adjournment:

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m..

12. Closed Review:

It was decided to open the City Clerk/Treasurer performance evaluation. The clerk was concerned that her 90 day revisit set from the previous review didn't happen. After some discussion, it was decided, with the next annual review due in just a couple weeks, the Council will do a new evaluation for that anniversary date. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to adjourn, at 9:10 p.m..

13. Next Regular Meetings: Monday, September 17th and Monday, October 1, 2018


Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer