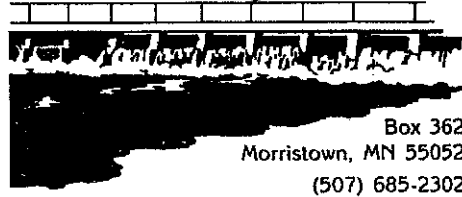


# City of Morristown

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Regular Mid-Month Meeting - Monday, September 16, 2019

Council Present:: Mayor Tony Lindahl, Tim Flaten, Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Jake Golombeski  
Others Present: Chad Wendel, Mike O'Rourke, John Anhorn, Public Works Director Tim Minske, Public Works Operator Adam Schlie, City Administrator Brad Potter and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Tony Lindahl called the regular mid-month meeting of the Morristown City Council to order on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street. S..
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:** Added to the agenda was New Business G. TNT Public Hearing and H. Public Works. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the two additions.
4. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the Commercial Club meeting minutes from August 19, 2019 and the City Council meeting minutes from Monday, September 3, 2019, as printed.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Chad Wendel – 412 Sidney Street W.** Chad Wendel will apply for a variance for his utility shed. According to city code, a conditional use permit application would also need to be gotten to hard surface a second driveway or remove the gravel.
  - B. **2019 Street Project Bids** - Bids were submitted by four contractors. After much discussion, at the council's discretion and with discussion via telephone with the City Attorney, they expressed concerns that gave them pause on going with the lowest bid. The Council decided to accept the bid of Lacanne Paving, which was \$200,480. The Council thought LaCanne had done reputable work before for the City, understood the project scope in the full matter, have completed the other work in a timely manner and have met specifications. There was concern over the workmanship completed by the M&W Blacktopping in the past, and there was an incomplete bid by Crane Creek with no specified cost to adding Class 5. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, to award the 2019 street project bid to LaCanne Paving at \$200,480.00.  
Roll Call Vote: Lisa Karsten – Yes, Kathy Wolf – Yes, Tim Flaten – Yes, Jake Golombeski – Yes. Motion Passed.
  - C. **2020 Street Feasibility Study** – As the study is still in development, Rich Revering, of Bolton & Menk, believes the 2020 street project overall cost looks to be \$1.17 million dollars.
  - D. **Vacant Zoning Board Seat** – The council requests to repost the open seat on the zoning board. This public notice will be posted at City Hall, the Morristown Post Office, on the BevComm cable channel, our morristownmn.org website, Facebook and in the Lake Region Life newspaper. Any interested persons may contact the administration office in City Hall or call 507-685-2302 by October 15, 2019.

**6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)**

- E. Fines for Administrative Violations/Enforcement Responsibility of Zoning Compliance** – Brad Potter spoke on properties that received violation notices. It was decided to table the revision of fines and enforcement matter until the October 7, 2019 Council meeting to include law enforcement’s input and involvement.
- F. Resolution 2019-30: 2020 Proposed Property Tax Levy and Budget** – Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2019-30: A Resolution Adopting the Proposed 2019 Property Tax Levy Collectable in 2020 and the Proposed Budget for 2020. The proposed levy is to increase 3%.

**7. New Business:**

- A. Set Dates for Fall Open Burning** - Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to set the open fall burning for October 15 through November 15, 2019, following the established burn guidelines.
- B. Resolution 2019-31: Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day** – Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2019-31: Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day; asking the Commercial Club to set-up the light display.
- C. Resolution 2019-32: Accepting Tyler Nusbaum as a Seasonal Public Works Employee** – Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2019-32: Accepting Tyler Nusbaum as a Seasonal Public Works Employee, at the starting wage of \$25 an hour beginning November 1, 2019. Tyler will assistance in the snow plowing this winter.
- D. Resolution 2019-34: Prohibiting Commercial Vehicles on Bloomer Street E. and 2ndStreet N.E.** – After consideration, this resolution would affect some industrial businesses and residents from their main or only access. Brad Potter will speak with Rice County, Dennis Luebke, about putting truck route signage to deter excessive heavy commercial traffic on Bloomer Street E.
- E. Review of Feedlot Ordinance** – A public hearing will be held on October 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. to amend conflicting statements in the ordinance.
- F. City Administrator’s Report** – None

**7. New Business: (cont.)**

- G. Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing** – Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to hold the Truth-In-Taxation public hearing Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall, at 402 Division Street S.
- H. Public Works Operations** – Tim Flaten wanted to commend and thank Adam Schlie on his good work dealing with the rising water, in Tim Minske’s absence while attending training.

**8. Correspondence and Announcements: None**

**9. Claims and Accounts:**

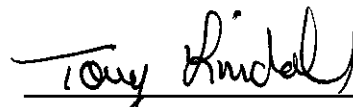
**A. Mid-Month Claims and Accounts** – Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the September 16, 2019 Mid-Month Claims and Accounts totaling \$51,132.24 from the general fund, \$1,304.90 from the fire department fund, \$856.59 from the water operations fund, \$2,194.10 from the wastewater operations fund, and \$4,830.22 from the refuse fund, as presented.

**10. Council Discussion and Concerns:**

Citizens concerns were brought to the council on cats. The ordinance was reviewed and persons to be notified. A City property line is to be established before notification of a property fence violation is addressed. Street pavement on Tower Circle needs repair by contractor who damaged the road during a home construction.

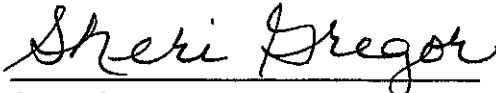
**11. Adjournment:** Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

**12. Next Regular Meetings: Mon., October 7, 2019 and Mon. October 21, 2019 - 7 p.m.**



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Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest:



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Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/ Treasurer