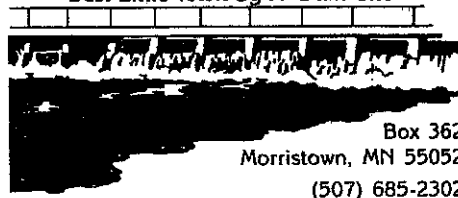


# City of Morristown

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## **MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Regular Mid-Month Meeting - Monday, October 21, 2019**

Council Present:: Mayor Tony Lindahl, Tim Flaten, Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Jake Golombeski  
Others Present: Clay Rhetmeyer, Steve Nordmeier, Kelsey Sanborn, Hailee Honken, Katie Sanborn, Anna Nielsen, Ellen Nielsen, 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, October 21, 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:** - Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- 4. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:**

Clay Rhetmeyer, of 204 Sidney Street E., submitted photos of the rainwater which pools at his residence. The runoff comes down from Tower Circle and 3rd Street S.E. then curves onto Sidney Street E.. The catch basins and culverts aren't large enough to keep up with the overwhelming flow, causing flooding. Clay also has a 2" deep x 22' wide X1' long section of asphalt needing

to be filled in. The Council requests the Public Works Department to video and possibly clean out the couple clogged culverts on Sidney and to patch the approach with recycled asphalt. A solution which will be looked at will be adding another catch basin/manhole or larger culverts near 3rd Street S.E./Sidney Street E..

Steve Nordmeier alerted the council of a bog at Schmidtke's Dam. Tony Lindahl reported the DNR is to come either Tuesday or Wednesday to assess the situation. Steve also questioned the council on their decision to go with a \$30,000 higher bid for the 2019 street project. The council responded that LaCanne's have previously done quality work and is in good standing with the City. LaCanne's took measurements for full project accuracy. There was concern over the workmanship completed by another bidder in the past and the questionable submitted lower bid amount with more material than the previous bid.

### **5. Consent Agenda:**

#### **A. EDA Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2019**

#### **B. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2019**

Lisa Karsten pulled the EDA Minutes. Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to accept the Council Minutes with one spelling correction (change rebate to debate). Tim Flaten reported that the website video is coming along. Video of fall colors is being added, a 3-5-minute script produced. A mockup will be presented to the EDA, at a special meeting, before bringing it to the

council.

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**5. Consent Agenda: (cont.)**

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Jake Golombeski, and was carried unanimously to approve the EDA report.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Payloader Contract or Rental** – After weighing the city's cost and manpower involved, the Council decided the best option is to continue current practices. The City will not contract or rent a payloader.
- B. Resolution 2019-34: Adoption of the Rice County All-Hazard Mitigation** – Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2019-34: The City of Morristown Adoption of the Rice County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C. Zoning Board Vacancy** – The Council has heard of interested parties, therefore the vacancy will be reposted until November 19, 2019.

**7. New Business:**

- A. Southeast Service Coop – Health Insurance Increase** – Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to renew and approve the 6.5% increase for full-time employee's health insurance, with Adam Schlie's, in lieu of health coverage, wage increase of \$0.27 per hour, per Brad Potter's memo.
- B. EDA Recommendation – WAC and SAC 25% reduction in hookup fees** – To entice the sale of lots in Morristown, Lisa Karsten motioned to reduce the water access charge and the sewer access charge and hookup fees by 25%, effective now through 2020, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously.
- C. Backup Snow Removal Bids for the winter of 2019-2020** – Two bids were submitted for the city backup snowplowing. Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to select Dahle Enterprises, for backup snow removal.
- D. City Administrator's Report** – Small City Development Program Update – The Council approves Brad Potter to pursue the application for the single-family housing rehabilitation grants. This will require additional stipend hours on behalf of the city administrator.

Inflow and Infiltration Program – Brad Potter suggests the possibility of increasing the monthly wastewater rates by \$20 to \$25 in 2021, if the problem isn't corrected.

**8. Correspondence and Announcements: None**

**9. Claims and Accounts:**

- A. Mid-Month Claims and Accounts** – Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the October 21, 2019 mid-month claims and accounts totaling \$6,801.72 from the general fund, \$7,013.31 from the fire department fund, \$2,824.50 from the water operations fund, \$357.09 from the wastewater operations fund and \$466.00 from the refuse fund.

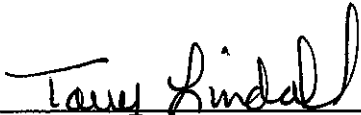
10. **Council Discussion and Concerns:**

**Sheri Gregor – Open Annual Performance Review** – The Council held an open performance review on the city clerk/treasurer position held by Sheri Gregor. A motion was made by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to grant a 3% increase of \$0.58 per hour; retroactive to October 5, 2019.

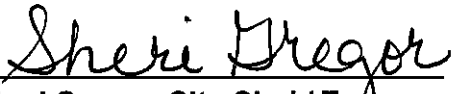
11. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and was carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:35 p.m..

12. **Next Regular Meetings:** Mon., November 4, 2019 and Mon., November 18, 2019 - 7 pm

  
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Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/ Treasurer