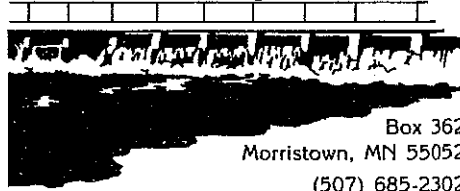


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **Regular Meeting Monday, November 06, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council - Lisa Karsten, Kathy Wolf, Seth Prescher and Tim Flaten
Others Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrick, Sargent Tom McBroom, City Engineer Rich Revering, Jack Schwichtenberg, Margaret Butler, Troy Dahle, Tim Minske, Mike O'Rourke, Dan Morris, Adam Uittenbogaard, Don Olson, Lynn Olson, Chuck Beisner, Mary Denzer, Dayna Norvold, Steve Felix, Stephanie Ryman, Cindy Stopski, Jim Lonergan, John Byers and City Clerk Sheri Gregor

1. The regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, November 06, 2017 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:
Additions to the Agenda are under 7. New Business, H. Resolution 2017-26: Resolution Accepting Donation and G. Resolution 2017-27: Resolution Accepting Donation. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda, with the two additions.
4. Consent Agenda:
Items A. Police Report, C. Public Works Report and E. October 16, 2017 Council Minutes were pulled. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the three pulled reports.
Sargent Tom McBroom spoke about the month of October on the law enforcement activity. Tom also explained the phone number, 334-4391, will be posted at the Morristown Police Dept. to reach dispatch; for citizens that want to speak with an officer in Morristown. Deputy Sheriff Dan Berndtson will be our main police officer January 1 through April 30, 2018. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report. Public Works Director, Tim Minske, submitted a bid from LaCanne Electric to update the lighting in the Shop. The Council asked Tim Minske to get a second bid.

4. Consent Agenda: (cont.)

A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to allow Tim Minske to have the snowplow repaired by Crysteel Truck Equipment at the bid of approx. \$2,600.00 plus labor. Tim Minske has a bid for new snowplow tires from Wholesale Tire and will also get a second bid. The funds will come from the heavy equipment, snow/ice removal account. Tim Minske mentioned mud being on the roads, due to farm equipment exiting the field. The harvester has agreed to clean off the road. Tim Minske reported that some residents are dumping leaves/sticks at the VM Engineering property and others are making unkind hand gestures to the VM employees. Tim Minske asked about the revised clothing allowance policy, in which now the Public Works employees are still each allotted the annual \$500.00, but must first make their purchase, then turn in receipts, to be reimbursed. Lisa Karsten added that she has given Tim Minske orders to change four resident's water meters, due to having no usage readings. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to accept the Public Works Report. Lisa Karsten pulled the City Council October 16, 2017 meeting minutes, to explain that she intended to abstain from the vote that rewarded the city employees a 1% cost of living, due to her husband being one of the four employees. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to approve the change in the Council's Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2017.

5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

None

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. Mike O'Rourke represented a report of the playground and parks' donations, expenses and equipment/man hours invested in the project. Mike O'Rourke stated the benches and bean bag toss game should be arriving soon. Dahle Sod Farm will hydro seed the playground park area by the end of this week. LaCanne Electric will be installing lighting. The WEM Moving Forward Foundation would like to be part of the project donators, and will be included in the second phase of the playground project; which will be installed at the Babe Nordmeier Baseball Field. Tim Flaten discuss that a permanent plaque should be placed in Centennial Park commemorating the playground's donators and volunteers.
- B. Per the request of the Mobile Home Community management, a second company has been contacted of receive a bid for the sewer plant shut off; awaiting bid. Tim Minske is to contact another company also. The cost of estimating dewatering is an issue.

6. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

- C. No citizens have volunteered to serve on the City's Complaint/Concerns/Comments Committee. The Council is extending the offer for applicants.
- D. Seth Prescher spoke with downtown businesses about the trees planted along the boulevard. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, second by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to remove the existing trees from the Blvd. from Nordmeier Bros., Old Town Tavern and the Post Office.
- E. The Council decided to revise and repost the open deputy clerk position.
- F. A letter was sent to the MPCA regarding the burning violation after a demolition at 9870 Morristown Blvd. This item is tabled to the next regular meeting; awaiting response from the MPCA.

At 7:30 p.m., the regular meeting was closed to open the Public Hearing receiving public input, regarding amending our ordinance to allow solar energy gardens/farms within the city limits. Chuck Beisner, Project Development Manager of Sunrise Energy Ventures, provided information and answers to questions that arose. Mark Rahrick, City Attorney, was asked by the Council to draft an amendment of the ordinance, for review, that would pertain to allowing solar energy development, within the city limits, which district(s), and conditional use, etc.; if the Council chooses to allow this, in the near future. The regular meeting was reopened at 8:12 p.m....

- G. The City received four sealed bids for the 1996 Chevy K3500 Truck. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to accept the highest bid of \$5,780.00 from Bruce Morris.

7. New Business:

- A. Dayna Norvold, of Rice County Habitat for Humanity, gave a very informative presentation on the 2018 preliminary plans and timeline on the construction of five homes to be located on W. Sidney and Thruen Streets.
- B. Information will be gotten from the MN Dept. of Health's guidelines for what the Community Center may allow regarding homemade or catered food.
- C. A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board, to hold a public hearing based on the rezoning application from Joe and Rachelle Caldwell; to rezone their newly acquired commercial district property to residential district.
- D. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Tim Flaten, and carried unanimously to hold a public hearing to rezone parcel 20.23.3.51.071, on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m....

7. New Business: (cont.)

- E. The February 2018 mid-month regular City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., due to President's Day being Monday, February 19, 2018.
- F. A motion was made by Seth Prescher, seconded by Lisa Karsten, and carried unanimously to accept Resolution 2017-25: Designating Polling Places for the 2018 Primary and General Elections.
- G. Tim Flaten would like to see another sign posted at the compost site simply stating "City of Morristown Residents Only – Violators will be Prosecuted."
- H. Tim Flaten explained the options to try to control the geese by the dam on Holland Avenue. Basically you just have to be patient/honk your horn to hurry them along.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

Going forward, if a school district special election needs to be held, it will be held at the Community Center.

The City has been reimbursed by our insurance company, minus deductibles, from lightning damages to the back-up siren and community center generator.

The City received a partial payment of the \$67,000.00 DNR grant, towards the playground project of \$56,625.00.

The LED lighting project has been completed at the Community Center. An expected Excel rebate check of \$5,584.94 and the Minnesota Chamber grant money of \$2,346.00 will offset the City's cost of \$30,937.44.

9. Claims and Accounts:

A motion was made by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and carried unanimously to approve to pay the November 06, 2017 Current Claims and Accounts totaling \$68,682.34 from the General Fund, \$1,682.41 from the Fire Department Fund, \$4,364.72 from the Water Operations Fund, \$738.27 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$4,228.55 from the Refuse Fund; the November 06, 2017 Late Claims and Accounts totaling \$9,131.01 from the General Fund, \$434.49 from the Fire Department Fund and \$686.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund, as printed. Lisa Karsten states to add to the December 4th claims, City Officials annual pay-outs.

10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

None

- 11. The meeting was closed to hold the City Clerk/Treasurer's evaluation. The meeting was reopened. At this time, the Council will not increase the wages of the City Clerk/Treasurer; based on the results of the evaluation. The Council will re-evaluate in 90 days.

12. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tim Flaten, seconded by Seth Prescher, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

12. Next Meetings:

The next work session is Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular mid-month meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Kurt Wolf

Kurt Wolf, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sheri Gregor

Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer