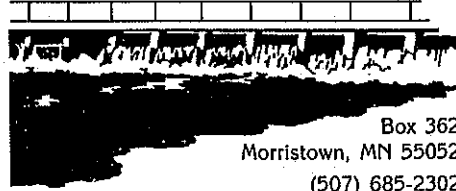


# City of Morristown

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Public Hearings 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

Council Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Kathy Wolf, Tim Flaten and Lisa Karsten

Council Absent: Seth Prescher

Others Present: City Attorney Mark Rahrick, City Engineer Rich Revering, Jade Smuda, Jason Kes, Jack Schwichtenberg, Tony Lindahl, Tim Minske, Troy Dahle, Mark Morris, Dan Morris, Steve Nordmeier, Ms. Smuda, Rice County Sheriff Steve Bauer, City Administrator Brad Potter and City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. Mayor Kurt Wolf called the regular meeting of the Morristown City Council to order on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street. S.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tim Flaten motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously. Brad Potter explained the situation on the assessment of unpaid 2018 City utility services to the property taxes of the owner Larry Tiedemann of 304 Division St. N., payable in 2019. Tim Flaten motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously.

### 3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

Removing 6. New Business F. Resolution 2018-27: Authorizing Assessment of Administrative Fines for Collection in 2019. Move the November 14, 2018 joint city council/zoning board work session and the November 15, 2018 zoning board meeting minutes to the December 17, 2018 agenda. Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to approve the agenda, minus the above mentioned items.

### 4. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

At the request of the city, Jade Smuda and Jason Kes, 26 Chestnut Street E., received a letter requiring them to move their rear yard fence posts a minimum of 1 foot inside their property line. At present, the fence on the rear yard is on city property. Jade Smuda and Jason Kes asked if they could be allowed to wait until the spring thaw to move the fence. The Council felt the property owner was given ample notice and time to relocate the posts and yet went ahead and put up the panels. The decision was made that this matter needs to be corrected by December 12, 2018. The fence posts and panels have to come off city property.

Tim Flaten motioned to open the Truth-in-Taxation hearing, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously. Brad Potter publicized the proposed 2019 budget increase of a 3% levy on city property taxes for 2019. Tim Flaten closed the public hearing, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda (Reports, Minutes and Finances):

Motion by Kathy Wolf, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to accept the consent agenda, minus the November 14, 2018 joint city council/zoning board work session minutes and the November 15, 2018 zoning board meeting minutes.

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2018-26: A Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Commercial Club of \$6,005.21.
- B. A scheduled payment of \$71,137.50 was made on December 1st for the community center bond. If the council approves, the city has the potential, in 40 days, to make a prepay payment of approximately \$279,000.00 that would pay off the debt. This item will be discussed at the December 17th meeting, when a full council is in attendance.
- C. Brad Potter is talking with three firms, in selecting a city criminal attorney-at-law. Brad will bring forth information at the December 17th meeting.
- D. Some interviews were held last week for the full-time Public Works operator position. The choices have been narrowed down, producing a forerunner. The plan is to have a decision by the next meeting. The city has hired Austin Schulz as a temporary back-up snow plow employee to assist public works. The city is looking for talented people willing to work part-time filling in as public works back-ups.
- E. Motion by Tim Flaten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2018- 25: Authorizing Assessment of Delinquent Utilities for Collection in 2019.
- F. Resolution 2018-27 was moved to the next meeting.

7. New Business:

The Macqueen purchased street sweeper doesn't fulfill what the Public Works Department was looking for. An attorney from Mark Rahricks firm, Ben Cass, has looked at the steps taken by the city to get the sweeper returned. The city council agrees with the city staff and took the formal action of Tim Flaten motioning, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to push forward, between Tim and Brad and what was stated here (at the meeting), to get the sweeper gone and back to Macqueen's. The city council, staff and our attorney don't feel a need for the requested meeting with Macqueen's representative. Brad Potter will send a letter to Macqueen to come pick up their sweeper or the city will start charging them to store it. Abstained by Lisa Karsten, as she arrived at 7:55 p.m., and was not in on the conversation.

8. Correspondence and Announcements:

None

9. Claims and Accounts:

Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Kathy Wolf, and was carried unanimously to pay the current claims and accounts totaling \$3,368.86 from the general fund, \$418.08 from the fire department fund, \$2,175.72 from the water operations fund, \$3,358.89 from the wastewater operations fund and \$367.00 from the refuse fund; the late claims and accounts totaling \$76,670.55 from the general fund, \$1,689.97 from the fire department fund, \$470.13 from the water operations fund, \$6,057.49 from the wastewater operations fund and \$46.67 from the refuse fund; and the end-of-the-year claims totaling \$10,060.00 from the general fund and \$3,510.00 from the fire department fund.

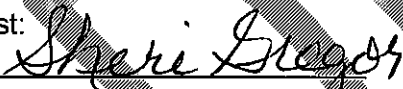
10. Council Discussion and Concerns:

Brad Potter informed the assembly on the status of the September 20th storm brush piles. The city is waiting to see if the cost to chip will be reimbursed and/or covered under Governor Dayton's \$2.8 million dollars in disaster assistance awarded to Rice County.

11. Adjournment: Motion by Lisa Karsten, seconded by Tim Flaten, and was carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m..

12. Next Regular Meetings: Monday, December 17, 2018 & Monday, January 07, 2019

Attest:

  
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Sheri Gregor, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Kurt Wolf, Mayor