

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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| Alderman Herb Wyeth    | Alderman Derrick Wren   |
| Alderman Jake Duvick   | Alderman Alex Clubb     |
| Alderman Duane Wolfe   | Alderman Sarah Mettille |
| Alderman Dean Tambling |                         |

Absent: Alderman Julian Houston

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE BILLS**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING  
FUNK**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick, that committee recommendation that Council open a Public Hearing to consider an Annexation Agreement between the City of Morris and Funk Management Limited Partnership for approximately 38.02+/- acres located at 802 E RT 6 in Aux Sable Township, into the City of Morris, in Grundy County. This motion carried by the following vote:

**CONTINUE PUBLIC  
HEARING FUNK**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick, that committee recommendation that Council continue the Public Hearing until February 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING  
NARVICK/FUNK**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, that committee recommendation that Council open a Public Hearing to consider an Annexation Agreement between the City of Morris and Barry Narvick and Brian Funk for approximately 7.29 +/- acres located at 785 E. RT 6 in Aux Sable Township, into the City of Morris, in Grundy County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**CONTINUE PUBLIC  
HEARING  
NARVICK/FUNK**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, that committee recommendation that Council continue the Public Hearing until February 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**MAYOR  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

On behalf of the City of Morris, Mayor Brown congratulated Julie Applegate on her retirement from MDDP; and to say thank you for fourteen years of dedication, commitment, and service to the City of Morris.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Duvick reported the following business licenses granted by the City as follows; Edward Ellingham, dba Cloud Nine Web Design LLC, 1682 Schubert Drive to operate a web design, hosting and maintenance business, David Grabowski, dba Silverback Electronics at 428 West Avenue to operate a mobile car accessory and electronics installation business, Joy Feldman, dba Sip N' Dry, LLC at 102 E Washington Street to operate a blow dry bar/salon business.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approve Ordinance #4497 amending Ordinance #4467,4430,4352, and 4373 extending the outdoor dining on City sidewalks, limited on street parking stalls and alleys in the City of Morris. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Committee Chair Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council Table the Ordinance amending Ordinance #3915 pertaining to an increase to License Fees for Video Gaming Terminals. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4498 amending Section 10.14.010 of the Morris Municipal Code establishing stop intersections within the City of Morris. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4499 approving change order #1 associated with the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Project for a decrease in cost of \$3,055.84. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve Ordinance #4500 approving change order #1 associated with the Hatcher Woods Lift Station Replacement Project for an increase of \$3,115.60. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approved Ordinance #4501 approving change order #8 associated with the CWWTP Replacement Pump Project for an increase in cost of \$45,328.20. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that Council approve the purchase of the pipe for the proposed Brisbin Road Extension at a cost of \$857,895.00. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4502 amending Chapter 17.68.080 (A) of the Morris Municipal Code Granting Zoning Text Amendment Regarding the Site Plan Review. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

**MAYOR  
APPOINTMNET**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee accept Mayor Browns appointment of Bob Tezdell to the Development Review Committee. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettille.

Nays: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Brown addressed the audience thanking the Public Works Department for all their efforts last week during the snowstorm. Since 2000, we have had only 4 snowfalls that have exceeded the amount of snow we received on Tuesday and Wednesday. Public Works staff in our City are dedicated, hardworking men and women that want to do the best job possible. They have worked tirelessly to do all they can with the resources they have at their disposal. We have begun to identify areas for improvement and the resources we will need to make those changes a reality. Our discussions include having the correct type of salt, proper snow removal equipment, maintenance for our vehicles, possibly more vehicles in our fleet, and engaging the help of others and contracting for services when the need arises.

Mayor wanted the residents of Morris to know that the City Leaders are reviewing our snow removal methods and necessary changes are on the way.

Alec Matteson, employee of Public Works at the City who resides at 816 ½ Douglas Street addressed the Council inquiring if the City of Morris had an Ordinance addressing snow removal for Privately Contracted Companies, outlining proper removal of snow as to avoid obstruction of hydrants, roadways or curbs- and if not, maybe the City would be willing to review and put something in place? Mayor Brown reported that this is something that could be looked into since the current Ordinance that address snow plowing has not been updated in over 40 years.

Alderman Clubb thanked Public Works, and everyone wants to complain but people need to be grateful, people were able to get to work.

Alderman Wyeth thanked Public Works as well for a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 pm. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK