

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Sarah Mettille	

Absent: Alderman Duane Wolfe

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the previous meetings, June 6 and 7 be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE BILLS It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, and Mettille.
Nays: None

ACCEPT REPORT OF FINES It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Wren, the report of fines for the month of May be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ACCEPT MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of May be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS The State of City Address will be June 23 from 5-7pm at the Morris Country Club.

June 23 will be Morris Community Night at the Joliet Slammers Game.

Sunday, June 26 head downtown and check out Morris Retail Association's Rock the Block event. There will be a bags tournament, food vendors and music by Cadillac Groove.

The next concert on the Courthouse Lawn will be Thursday, June 30, with music by the Stingrays.

The Liberty 5K will be held July 3, 2022

Come out to the Grundy County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 3 for the annual Fireworks Extravaganza hosted by the City of Morris and Grundy Bank. Fireworks will begin at dusk.

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4529 Amending Chapter 5.08.070 of the Morris Municipal Code to increase the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council deny the business license request by Jonathan Maye, dba Priority Wrecking Services, Inc. Prior to taking the roll call vote, Mayor Brown provided those that wanted to speak on behalf of the Priority Wrecking Service. Zachary Wilson, attorney representing the Priority Wrecking requested that the council give Priority Wrecking a chance, give them the opportunity to earn the trust of the city. He also stated that the company has been doing business in Morris for 6 years, licensed through the State of Illinois. Mr. Wilson also stated that he believes that Priority Wrecking was given bad publicity through the WGN story that aired, along with bad social media postings. Bryan Papesh, landlord of the property Priority Wrecking is currently running their business through, wanted the council to know that he has had no problems with this business, and they are good tenants. The owner of Priority Wrecking, Jonathan Maye took the podium to inform the council that he has conducted business for local entities in Morris, including Morris Ambulance, and A&R Transport. Mr. Maye also spoke to the matter of the 391 pages of documentation which included a 125 reports from Batavia that Alderman Wyeth mentioned which was the result of the council taking action to deny the business license. Mr. Maye explained that the 125 reports were not towing related complaints but for their repair service business. These types of complaints are generated by semi-truck drivers requiring services for repair from break downs and expectations being too high for turn around time. Alderman Houston further interjected that this business has been operating the last six years without a Morris Business License, which is a requirement. Mr. Wilson in closing remarks made a request before the vote be taken that council consider either to give Mr. Maye a provisional business license, or table the motion tonight and allow Mr. Wilson to go through each of the complaints on file to further clarify any issues. After no further discussion the motion was carried to deny the business license by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Mettille, and Mayor Brown.

Nays: None.

**STREET & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wren made recommendation, Alderman Houston seconded that Council pass Resolution R-22-4 establishing a Class II Truck Route on a portion of Airport Road at the far west point of P&G parking lot. This does not include all of Airport Road.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Bill Martin announced the next planning commission meeting will be July 27.

**AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION**

Don Matteson addressed the council inquiring why Magic Hands were hired to trim the trees downtown instead of Doug Pfaff. Mayor informed Mr. Matteson that they are professionals and if we required our public works to manage this project it would have taken longer, and Alderman Houston stated that this needed to be done right now to get the it completed.

Mayor Brown introduced CC Bold, Mayor of Shorewood and his Administrator Aaron Klima. They wanted to take time to introduce themselves, put a name with a face and to observe how other municipalities conduct their meetings, to learn for each other.

Alderman Houston addressed the council and wanted everyone to know what a great incentive to see how deep the committee reviewed the business license denial, and doing the right thing, without questioning it.

Mayor gave a thank you again to the Police and Public Works for all their hard work this last month, preparing for the special events now taking place in Goold Park and working together.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 pm. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK