

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 15, 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 Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Absent: Sarah Mettille

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren, 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 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, Wolfe.
Nays: None

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT-MCC Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm to consider the Amendment to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Morris and Morris CC, LLC, dba Morris Country Club. Without any further discussion it was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth to close the public hearing 7:04pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER
RESOLUTION FOR
REHABILITATION
BLOCK GRANT**

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm to consider the Resolution for the Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Block Grant. Mayor Brown called on Connie Buchanan with NCICG to give a narration of the grant program, that is attached to these minutes. There were no further comments from the public. It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick to close the public hearing at 7:17pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe.

Nays: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown introduced Judge Sobol, Judge Belt, and Judge Peterson, to take the podium. The three judges wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Morris BBQ Association for selecting the Grundy County Alternative Treatment Courts as the beneficiary of the money raised to help non-violent qualified offenders to participate in an alternative drug program that will allow them to learn the skills necessary and the mind set to help with their addictions.

Mayor Brown recognized Nicholas Russell, recent graduate of Morris High School. He has been performing on the stage for most of his life. He recently played a leading role in the Illinois High School Theater Festival's 2022 All State production of Cabaret. Nicholas will be attending Pomona College in California to pursue and education in performing arts, we wish him well and best of luck in all his endeavors.

Grundy County Health Department will hold the AnyBody 5k on Saturday, August 20, beginning at 9:00am.

The last concert on the Courthouse Lawn will be Thursday, August 25, with music by the Dueling Tonys.

The Liberty Arts Festival will be held in downtown Morris Saturday, August 27, from 10am to 4pm., including Sip & Shop with the downtown retailer's.

On Sunday, August 28 the Morris Retail Association will hold their third Rock the Block event. There will be food vendors, music by Whiskey Romance and family fun.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4538** approving and authorizing a property transfer (section of PIN#05-09-100-003) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe.

Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4539** amending the City of Morris 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mayor Brown
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that Council pass **Resolution R-22-6** for the Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Block Grant. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Duvick reported on the new business license as follows, Eric Anderson, dba Unlimited Tan at 1511 Creek Drive to operate a tanning salon business, Raeann Lowry, dba Elevated Life Therapy, PLLC, at 105 E. Main Street, Suite 307-308 to operate a counseling/psychotherapy business, Rebecca Casteneda, dba Sunshine & Spark, LLC at 601 N. Division Street, #1006 to operate an online retail business, Samantha Terrell, dba Samantha Terrell, at 1615 Pebble Creek Drive to operate a hair salon, and Tiffany Olson, dba Laki Hawaiian Ice Inc., at 208 Liberty Street to operate Hawaiian ice drinks and treats business.

**PARKS &
ANNEXATIONS
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendaton that Council adopt **Ordinance #4540** authorizing the execution of the amnedment to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Morris and Morris CC, LLC (dba Morris Country Club). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mayor Brown.
Nays: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 2 (a)(11)
PENDING
LITIGATION**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council convene in executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to Section 2 (a) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**RECONVENE IN
REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council re-convene in regualr session at 8:22 pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 8:22pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until September 6, 2022, 7:00pm

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK