

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

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

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

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 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, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, Duvick and Mettille.
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT
BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor swore in the newest Police Officer Anthony Montiel, then continued with general announcements as follows; Election Day is tomorrow, from 6AM to 7PM, don't forget to vote. The City of Morris will be hosting the Nuclear Host Community Economic Resiliency Conference on November 16 and 17, which coincides with the \$600,000 grant awarded to GEDC. The annual meeting of the Joint Review Board Morris Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts I & II will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 10:00am at City Hall. There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00pm regarding the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) This is required by the IEPA, annually. The telephone system for the City of Morris Public Works Department will be undergoing a system upgrade on November 14 and 15, there should be no interruptions in service. Friday, November 11 we will be closed for Observation of Veterans Day. Morris Highschool Football team will advance to the third round of playoffs, The Warriors had 2 class runner up wins in the lightweight and varsity and the Chiefs received a runner up in the lightweight, congratulations.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommend that council adopt **Ordinance #4547** approving and authorizing the Execution of a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Morris and TRA Heap Holdings, LLC. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council accept the proposal from Eaton for replacement batteries (40) for the UPS system in the amount \$20,223.46 that includes a 3-year corrective labor coverage. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council accept the proposal from Eaton for UPS battery maintenance for one year 12-5-2022 thru 12-4-2023 in the amount of \$6,747.52. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Duvick reported the following business licenses granted by the City; Brian Bishop, dba Carlson Gracie located at 1715 Division Street, Unit A to operate a physical fitness/self-defense business, Love's Travel Stop & Country Stores, Inc., located at 8909 N. Brisbin Road to operate a convenience store with fuel, fast food, tire sales and repairs, garage services and roadside assistance.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D liquor license application by Karla Escalante-Ferreyra, dba The Country Farmhouse Café, 425 E. Route 6, Unit C & D. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy and the City of Morris to provide Animal Control Services at a cost of \$1,566.33 per month. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderwoman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **RES #R-22-13** approving the City of Morris 2022 Parks Master Plan. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderwoman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal by Tria Architecture for the Parks Master Plan for Chapin, McKinley, and Goodwill Parks for a total of \$28,500.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderwomen Mettille and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the purchase of an outdoor, mobile movie theater. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4548** granting the Conditional Permitted Use request of New Community Christian Church and FBS Investments, LLC to operate a church in the B-3 Zoning District located at 1380 Heritage Drive. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported the a few City staff members toured the P&G Building and if you get the chance it is quite the operation. Currently 1/3 of the building is being utilized. Alderman Wolfe announced that the next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 10am for the Business Development Committee.

**AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION**

Alderman Wyeth updated the council on the downtown sound system and will be working with a company out of Atlanta and Ayers, to get the issue resolved. It has been a long battle, but hopefully it will be completed soon.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST: *Aoni Werden*

CITY CLERK