

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None

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

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING- PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24 ORDINANCE** Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm for the proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick at 7:03 pm that the public hearing for the proposed annual budget be closed. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown congratulated the Saratoga Hawks 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball team on their second place state finish. A proclamation commemorating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the I & M Canal and declaring April 2023 to April 2024 as the Year of the I & M Canal, there to accept the proclamation was Anna Koval. District 54 will hold their State of the District address on Saturday, April 22, 2023, beginning at 10am. Mayor Brown concluded with the Joliet Junior College will hold their State of the College address on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 3pm-5pm at the main campus.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4571** to approve and adopt the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the low bid for the Long Term Control Plan Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3-B and the Alternate Watermain Extension by D-Construction for a combined amount of **\$6,695,680**. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4572** to approve the Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision (Brandon Road Properties, LLC). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4573** to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for Grand Oaks Unit 1 (Brandon Raod Properties, LLC and YMCA). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4574** granting a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1 to R-3 for parcel number #05-05-100-023 (Brandon Road Properties). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4575** granting the Conditional Permitted Use request of the Greater Joliet Area Y.M.C.A. to operate Athletic Fields, a Community and Recreation Center and a Hospital in a R-3 Zoning District. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

The next scheduled meeting for ZBA will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 4:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled meeting for Business Development will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10am, and Alderman Herb Wyeth will be replacing Alderman Duane Wolfe on the committee effective May 1.

**AUDIENCE**

Mayor Brown addressed the council that this is the anticipation everyone has been waiting for to see the Y.M.C.A. at a point where they are ready to start digging and building the new facility. In addition to this facility will be 10 duplexes built on the outside of the road leading to the new Y.M.C.A.

Guy Christensen of 1080 Gladys Avenue addressed the Council thanking all of them for everything along the way and he also stated that this was a long time coming.

Tracey Baker of 2035 Gully Road, Morris informed the council that she had applied for a special event food vendor permit on 3/13/2023 and was denied the permit on 3/14/2023, but without any written denial and wanted to know why she hasn't received anything because it has been over 30 days. She went on to mention that another vendor was able to do the exact same thing she was applying to do, without any problems and inquired why do we have ordinances if

there is no accountability. Mayor Brown replied to Ms. Baker that she would be mailed a denial letter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 7:15pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until May 1, 2023, 10:00 am.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK