

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Carrie Hall
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 Black 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, Black, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of TIF I 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, Black, Duvick, Houston, Clubb, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ACCEPT REPORT OF FINES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, 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 Mettille, Black, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, and Wyeth.  
Nays: None

**ACCEPT MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, 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 Mettille, Black, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**APPOINTMENT OF  
THIRD WARD  
ALDERMAN  
VACANCY**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that council approve Mayor Brown's appointment of Carrie Hall to the Third Ward Alderman to fill the vacancy of Derrick Wren. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Mettille, Black, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, Wyeth, and Mayor Brown  
Nays: None

Alderman Hall addressed the Council before taking her seat, thanking everyone for the opportunity, and what an honor and a privilege it is to serve my community in this capacity.

**APPOINTMENT OF  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
VACANCY**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that council approve Mayor Brown's appointment of Dean Tambling to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of Derrick Wren. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Mettille, Black, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, Wyeth and Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown continued with announcements that included the closing out of the Concert Series on the Courthouse Lawn - The Del Bergeson Orchestra on Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8pm, "Movies in the Park" will continue on Friday, August 25, 2023 beginning at 8pm in Goold Park featuring "The Goonies" and the Morris Retail Association's final Rock the Block event will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 2pm to 5pm.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reported that Hillary Putich, dba The Polka Dot Pub, at 2014 Oak Forest Drive was granted a business license from the City of Morris to operate a dog grooming business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4590** modifying Section 4-74 of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding the Hours for the Service and Sale of Liquor Within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4591** amending Chapter 28, Section 28-222 and Section 28-218 fo the Morris Municipal Code Regarding the Administrative Fee Schedule for the Alternative Compliance Citation Program. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Clubb that Chairman recommendation that council approve the low bid of \$585,000.00 for the Goodwill Park Reconstruction Project received by GLI Services, Inc., dba George's Landscaping, Inc. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Alderman Mettille wanted to thank everyone that attended the public meeting on Oslad Grant for McKinley Park, thanking Stan and Lori for all their work.

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that Chairman recommendation that council approve the low bid for the 2023 MFT Paving Project received by "D" Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$399,595.91. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that Chairman recommendation that council approve the low bid for the 2023 MFT Striping Project received by Varsity Striping & Construction Company in the amount of \$34,553.50. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that Chairman recommendation that council approve the low bid for the 2023 Seal Coat Project received by Steffens 3D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$134,484.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that Chairman recommendation that council authorize the purchase of four solar speed monitoring signs for the Police Department. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled meeting for Business Development will be August 22, 2023.

**AUDIENCE**

Dan Beeler, 1807 Creek Road, addressed the Council to air some disturbances for the Deer Creek Estates property owners. When Walnut Grove approached the city to build 30 Units, 15 Duplex's it would have been allowed to have a Private Drive through this area, however Deer Creek didn't own the units, individuals did, yet the city zoning still allowed for this to be a private drive. It should have never happened, and now we continue to pay the price. Every time we ask for a city services; we are told "we can't it is a private road."

For the last 7 years I have lived there the city has picked up branches, and any excess refuse they would pick up, as of a month ago the city has advised they will no longer do that anymore.

We are the only senior community in Morris, that we took control of and remodeled, updated and you must admit it looks pretty good now compared to what it was but yet we cannot have any of the city services because it is a private road.

Anytime I would to talk to the Council or the past Mayor I was told it was and insurance regulations prohibited. It's a catch all excuse. We all pay taxes just as everyone else does through the city. When it is convenient for other citizens of Morris, or the City of Morris our road isn't so private, but when we want something, it is a private road we can't help you.

We are tired of hearing "we can't" do anything, it's a private road. Don't leave us stranded.

Grandfather us in, don't leave this community on an island.

Ken Dupler 1843 Village Ct, HOA president addressed the council, would like to open the invitation to the group to have meeting to further discuss, please call him 815-210-9091.

The community was first open in 2016, and it has been turned around and improved upon. Thank you to the council for hearing us tonight and if anything can be done or worked out, we are open to it and hope you are too.

Alderman Houston followed it up to the residents; I appreciate and understand what they are saying, we will look at it, I am on the Streets and Alley Committee, I can't promise you anything, but we will look at it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:27pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2023

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK