

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Jake Duvick
Alderman Jim Black	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Julian Houston
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Carrie Hall

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of October 2, 2023, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023 It was moved by Alderman Black 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, Tambling, Black, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS OCTOBER 16, 2023 TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the 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, Duvick, Black, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

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

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

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

Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown made the following announcements: Thanked Mike Middleton, the site Vice President, and Megan Borchers from Lyondell Basell for a generous grant of \$20,000.00 that will be used to place water bottle filling stations throughout our City of Morris parks. Mike took to the podium and thanked the City of Morris for being good neighbors and allowing them to partner with us in our community; City of Morris will be holding a blood drive Friday, October 20, 2023, from 10am until 3pm; Morris Retail Association will be hosting "Witches Night Out" on Friday, October 20, 2023, from 4pm until 9pm followed by "Boo Fest" on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10am until 4pm.; Trick or Treat with downtown merchants will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 5-7pm; and Trick or Treat for the City of Morris will be from 5-7pm on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Contract with Narvick Brothers for general contractor and construction manager on the new Public Works Facility. Mayor Brown added that this building is long overdue. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve the building selection for the new Public Works Facility. Mayor Brown added that this would be sized at 30,000 SF, cinder block building with an estimated cost at \$175/SF. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the general concept/layout for the new Public Works Facility. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass Ordinance #4594 approving and authorizing the Acceptance of the Donation of Real Estate between the City of Morris and Robert Dullard for the property concerning PIN 02-32-326-007, located between the Original Deer Ridge & Deer Ridge 2 Subdivision. This will connect the two subdivisions and allow for the Water Department to loop the line and allow for better water flow for the residents. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZBA

Alderman Houston reported the next Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting will be held October 25, 2023, at 4:30pm

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting in October.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be October 24, 2023, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

Everyone in attendance sang Happy Birthday to Alderman Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:14pm. This motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until November 6, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST: *Koru Werden*
CITY CLERK