

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDYAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick, 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 Duvick, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall and Clubb
Nays: None

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS The City of Morris would like to recognize the month of November as Native American Heritage month, Three French Hens Winter Market will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023, from 5pm to 9pm, and Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9am until 3pm., at Jennifer's Garden Banquet Center, and American Legion Post #294 will hold a Veteran's Day Parade in observance on Saturday, November 11, 2023, beginning at 10:30am.

MAYOR

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that Council pass Resolution #R-23-10 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth updated the council regarding the land acquisition for the expansion of the crosswind runway and an update on the Self-Service Fueling System and next steps for the Airport.

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the City; Gerald Robinson, dba Adecco USA, Inc., at 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 100 to operate a temporary staffing service business, Roben Woodward, dba Liberty Street Jewelers, at 308 Liberty Street to operate a jewelry store business, Sabrina Bailey, dba Turtle’s Tap, at 1400 N. Division Street, to operate a restaurant, bar and grill business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that Council approve a Class D Liquor License transfer from Kevin Krople, dba Turtle’s Tap II, Inc., to Sabrina Bailey, dba Turtle’s Tap II, Inc., at 1400 N. Division Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille informed the council that GoodWill has had a lot of progress, take a ride by if you have the opportunity.

**STREET & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4595 approving Change Order #1 associated with 2023 MFT Paving Improvements, with a decrease of \$143,898.77 within the City. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4596 approving Change Order #1 associated with 2023 MFT Seal Coating Improvements, with a decrease of \$16,754.06 within the City. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREET & ALLEY
COMMITTEE
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4597 approving Change Order #1 associated with 2023 MFT Striping Improvements, with a decrease of \$3,894.10 within the City. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the low bids received by All Service Contracting for the Water Treatment Plant Softner Media Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council accept a proposal received by Huber Technology, Inc., for bar screen and press repairs at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant and the gearbox and top spacers at the East Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$45,769.74. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZBA

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance approving variance requests from the set back requirements of Section 48-1069(2) of the Morris Municipal Code for the Drake Land Corporation for the property commonly known as 1571 W. Route 6, in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Alderman Houston reported the next ZBA meeting will be November 29, 2023 at 4:30pm, and Planning Commission will meet at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported that the committee is discussing purchasing Wayfind Signs and discussing bumpouts for the Downtown area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Black wished the Morris High School Football Team on Saturday, November 11, 2023 against Joliet Catholic Academy.

Mayor congratulated Alderman Alex Clubb and his family on their new arrival, Kennedy Jade Clubb born on October 30, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth the meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Suzi Werden