

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The special meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Jake 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 21, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS NOVEMBER 4, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston, Tambling and Clubb  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY NOVEMBER 4, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black, 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Morris Cruise Night's November Cruise will be Friday, November 8, 2024, from 5-7pm., Three French Hens Market will hold their Holiday Market on Friday, November 8, 2024, from 5-9pm, and Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 9am-3pm at Jennifer's Garden, and the City Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of Veterans Day.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy, Village of Channahon, Village of Diamond, City of Morris, Village of Shorewood, Village of Minooka related to the creation of a Regional Collaboration Plan for the Northeast Grundy County and Surrounding Area. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4648** authorizing the dedication of Joe Schmitz Drive within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve the Illinois Municipal League RMA (Risk Management Association) insurance renewal. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the City of Morris as follows; Sadie Najdanovich-O'Neal, dba Sadie Shine Esthetics at 100 W. Commercial Street, Unit 11 to operate an esthetician business, Firuz Amonov, dba Pro Fix Center, Inc., at 1305 Spruce Street to operate a basic truck and trailer repair business, and Mitchell Swanson, dba Real Fast Company, LLC, at 901 Wall Street to operate a motorcycle repair business.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that board recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4649** approving the variance request by Andrew Narvick and NM&E Properties for a Zoning Variance to Section 48-1962(1) for the required exterior façade materials to build a commercial building at 1577 W. U.S. Route 6, Morris, IL. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

There will not be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on November 20, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4650** approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Clarius Park Morris East--- GBOGH Subdivision with the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that commission recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4651** approving the Final Subdivision Plat for Clarius Park Morris East--- GBOGH Subdivision within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on November 20, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

There will not be a Business Development Committee meeting in November.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Brown recognized and honored Joe Schmitz for his many years of dedicated service to the Morris Community and officially renamed Locust Road South of US RT 6 to Joe Schmitz Drive. Joe Schmitz officially operated Operation St. Nick since 1981, over 42 years raising over \$2.6MM to help families in need. The mayor read a letter from Guy Christensen who could not be in attendance for the dedication; there isn't a single person more deserving in Morris than Joe Schmitz. Joe expressed his deepest appreciation for the honor and hopes that someday 10-15 years from now, when kids and grandkids are on their way to the YMCA or the elementary school or the park to play ball, they see the sign and say, "who the hell is Joe Schmitz and I hope you say, a kind man who loved to help people."

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK