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**THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CANCELLED.**

**THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**



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## **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

**THE JANUARY 22, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CANCELLED.**

**THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 5, 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 Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 2, 2024** 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 Duvick, Mettille, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY JAN. 2, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 22, 2024** 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 Duvick, Mettille, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 22, 2024 TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: Alderman Tambling**

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FEBRUARY 5,  
2024**

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

**Nays: None**

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FEBRUARY 5,  
2024 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb**

**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 December be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nays: None**

**ACCEPT MONTHLY  
TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

**It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of December be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nays: None.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Brown recognized the Home for the Holiday House Walk and the funds that were raised with over 450 participants that purchased tickets for a view of 4 homes that were showcased. Recognition tonight included Tim and Tracy Anderson's home located at 129 E. Chapin Street. Mayor Brown swore in two new police officers, James Bell, and Tyler Bordner, Chief Alicia Steffes announced the 2023 Officer of the year award to Sarah Markusic.**

**The City of Morris has been awarded a \$50,000.00 Illinois EPA Grant to fund the creation of a completed lead service line inventory. Reminder that the City of Morris offices will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024, in recognition of President's Day.**

**MAYOR  
APPOINTMENT**

**It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth to accept Mayor Brown's recommendation to Council to appoint Dalton Gordon as the Superintendent of the Water Department effective February 20, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Al Siron. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

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

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the Airport Insurance through Northern Insurance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the rental contract for the courtesy car at the Airport with D'Arcy Chevrolet. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4606** authorizing and providing for execution of a Promissory Note in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for the purpose of implementing its Long-Term Control Plan Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3B for the Financing of the Long-Term Control Plan Phase 3B. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **RES #R-23-13** authorizing Administrative Authority for the Community Block Grant Program with NCICG. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**HEALTH &  
SANITATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for Four Quarters of Groundwater and Leachate Sampling at the Morris Community Landfill and IEPA Correspondence Concerning the Morris Community Landfill. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**HEALTH &  
SANITATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for 2024 Monthly/Quarterly Landfill Gas Monitoring and Annual Reporting, Green House Gas Reporting for the Morris Community Landfill, Annual Landfill Cover and SWPPP Inspections and Project Management Activities. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **ORD #4607** Approving and Establishing a Policy for the Discharging of Passengers of Unscheduled Buses Within the City of Morris, Grundy County. It was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the city; Jimmy Poole, DBA Jimmy D's Towing and Recovery, located at 1400 Park Boulevard to operate a towing service business, Julio Cornejo, DBA GTO Barber Studio, located at 1540 Creek Drive to operate a barber shop business, and Larry Cappos, DBA Vinyl Revival, located at 113 W. Washington Street to operate a vinyl records and music business.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Board Chairman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling that council adopt **Ord #4608** approving a Variance Request by Aby Groups, Inc., and Net 3 (Morris II) LLC from the Lot Width Requirements of Section 48-1066 of the Morris Municipal Code for the Property Commonly known as 1837 N. Division Street in the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Board Chairman Houston informed the council that there would not be Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting February 28, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4609** approving a Conditional Permitted Use per the Requirements of Section 48-1248(2) to Allow Green Card Veterans of McHenry /Redemption Botanicals Group, LLC to operate and Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower at the property commonly known as 3707 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONT'D**

**It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt Ord #4610 granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of Aby Groups, Inc., and Net 3 (Morris II) LLC to operate a Drive -Through at 1837 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

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

**It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that commission recommendation that council adopt Ord #4611 approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Chapter Section 42-22(a) and (b) of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Cell Towers. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

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

**It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt Ord #4612 approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 48-1064(2) of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Cannabis Dispensaries. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

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

**It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that commission recommendation that council adopt Ord #4613 approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 5, Chapter 6 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding Body Art and Microblading. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

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

**Commission Chairman Tambling reported the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.**

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Retired Pastor Rick Barnhardt residing at 725 E. Illinois Ave., voiced his concerns with respect to the Cannabis Grower and Dispensary. He opposes both the Growing and selling of cannabis, he feels that it is addictive, and not good for our youth.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 20, 2024, 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of February 5, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2024** 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, Tambling, Black, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FEBRUARY 20, 2024 TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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 Wyeth, the report of fines for the month of January 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 Houston, and seconded by Alderman Tambling, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of January be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown recognized the retirement of Al Siron after 39+ years of hard work and dedication to the City of Morris. Al addressed the council and praised his water department crew and assured us that he was leaving the City in good hands.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4614** abating the tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on the General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Refunding Bonds. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**HEALTH &  
SANITATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve the appointment of a Certified Operator for the Morris Community Landfill. 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 Clubb and seconded by Alderman that committee recommendation that council approve authorization for Mayor Brown to execute the final permit for the Morris Community Landfill. 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 Clubb and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council *table* the discussion and approval of understanding of financial assurance requirements and the impact thereof regarding post-closure of Morris Community Landfill, until further information has been obtained. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council accept the low bids received for the West Side Park Rehabilitation Project. 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 that there will NO Zoning Board of Appeals meeting February 28, 2024.

PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Alderman Tambling reported the next Planning Commission Meeting will be February 28, 2024, at 5:30pm.

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be February 27, 2024.

AUDIENCE

Alderman Black and Alderman Houston thanked Al Siron for his many years of dedication to the City of Morris.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned until March 4, 2024, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Hori Worden*

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

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 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 Clubb, the reading of minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS MARCH 4, 2024** 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 Duvick, Mettille, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized Elise West from Scouts BSA Troop #808, the first female from Morris to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

There will be a Public Meeting regarding the Morris Airport Environmental Assessment on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10am at City Hall.

Morris Retail Association will be hosting their "Shop Lucky" event on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 10am until 3pm.

NCICG will be hosting a Rail to Peoria Open House at City Hall, March 7, 2024, from 4-6pm to discuss possible train station locations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Wyeth reported an update to the Council that 2 properties have been purchased and we are working on a third to prepare for the Crosswind Runway Project.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4615** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris TIF District I Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis Tax Year 2022 Payable 2023. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Clubb, Black, Mettille and Mayor Brown.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Alderman Tambling

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4616** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris Marina TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis Tax Year 2022 Payable 2023. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, Clubb, Black, Mettille and Mayor Brown.

**Nays:** None.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4617** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris Brisbin Road TIF District III Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis Tax Year 2022 Payable 2023. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, Clubb, Black, Mettille and Mayor Brown.

**Nays:** None.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4618** Establishing Compensation of Elected Officials and Appointed Officials. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, and Mettille.

Nays: Alderman Clubb and Alderman Black

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reported the new business licenses granted by the City; Jennifer Zdanwic, dba Skin By Jenny 2, located at 1360 N. Division Street, to operate a salon and spa business, and Horacia Rodriguez, dba E M & A Truck Repair, located at 1302 E. Spruce Street, Unit D, to operate a semi-truck repair business.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Houston reported that there will be no meeting for March 27, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4619** granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of the Morris Fire Protection and Ambulance District to Construct and Operate a Fire Station within the B-3 Commercial District in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Commission Chairman Tambling reported the next scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Jake Duvick
Alderman Jim Black	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Julian Houston-ABSENT
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of March 4, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR MARCH 4, 2024** 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 Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Houston

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

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

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

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Houston**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown recognized the Morris Community High School Competitive Dance Team for their accomplishment finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Bone-fide Care will be hosting their annual \*Doggie Easter Egg Hunt” in Goold Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, beginning at 9:45am. City Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday. Yard waste pick up will begin the week of April 1, 2024. Yard waste toters and approved brown yard waste bags can be placed at the curb on your regular garbage pickup day. Park reservations for City parks will begin April 1, 2024, at the City Clerk’s office. Mayor Brown concluded with the city receiving notification from Congressman LaHood’s office that we will be receiving an additional \$1.8MM federal funding that was part of an appropriation bill. This will put the City of Morris receiving \$23MM in grants over the past three years.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4620** approving and authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement between Bill Smith and the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Houston**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from Stenstrom for the installation of self-service fueling at the Airport. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Houston**

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution #R-23-14 for the use of Motor Fuel Tax Dollars for the Brisbin Road Improvement Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Houston**

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reporting the following business license granted by the City of Morris; Meidi Castelluccio, dba Spring Nails, LLC located at 1715 N. Division Street to operate a nail care service and waxing business, Taryn Muraro, dba Roots Hair Studio I, LLC, located at 224 W. Washington Street to operate a beauty salon business, and Abbie Shoemaker, dba Bone-iffide Care, LLC located at 433 Price Street to operate a dog walking/pet sitting business.

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille reported that West Side Park is officially closed for the park renovation project.

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston reported that there will NO Zoning Board of Appeals meeting March 27, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported that there will NO Planning Commission Meeting March 27, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be March 26, 2024.

**AUDIENCE**

Mr. Arthur Hornsby addressed and thanked the council for all the work that has been going on within the community, but wanted to further address the council regarding the residents having to look at the Papermill property looking the same as it has since the battery fire three years ago, along with his safety concerns related to the height of the new fencing for Goodwill park and the potential safety hazard it poses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:16pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until April 1, 2024, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST: *Kari Werden*  
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 1, 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 Black, the reading of minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS APRIL 1, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY APRIL 1, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**BUDGET OFFICER- LORI WERDEN PLACED TENTATIVE BUDGET ON FILE** Budget Officer, Lori Werden placed the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 on file and reminded the council that the numbers will change prior to adopting the budget on April 15, 2024. Clerk Werden updated the Council that the summary of all funds were projected to end much higher than what we placed on file for the current year, due to projects not materializing during the budget year. The City budget was anticipated to end fiscal year 2023-2024 with approximately 3MM in the general fund and it is trending to end with over 6MM, putting the City in a good financial position moving into the next fiscal budget year 2024-2025.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown thanked Clerk Werden and her team for all the hard work on the budget, knowing how much time that is dedicated to creating the budget and the amount of stress that is felt to make sure everything is accounted for.

Mayor Brown announced April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Morris Women's Club planted a "Pinwheel Garden" at the Municipal Services Building to help raise awareness, the City of Morris will be hosting an e-cycle event on Friday, April 5, from 9am until 3pm at First American Recycling, 1000 E. Armstrong Street, the Rough Road 100 Gravel Bike Race will be held Saturday, April 6, and the Morris Women's Club will have their Superhero 5K Run on Saturday, April 13. Mayor also updated the Council that Public Works will be recycling fencing to move to Kiwanis Park to help while Goodwill and West Side Park are under construction.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a contract with HR Green for Environmental Services for the former Superior Battery Site. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Layne for repairs to the Well 3 cable/motor assembly. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4621** approving and authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles at the Morris Airport. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported business licenses granted by the City as follows; Fidencio Castro, dba 4 Elements Contracting, located at 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 800 to operate a roofing/siding/exterior business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4622** amending Chapter 12, Article III, Division 9 of the Morris Municipal Code Related to the Possession of Tobacco Products, Electronic Cigarettes or Alternative Nicotine Products in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Houston reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Commission Chairman Tambling reported there will be no meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Houston acknowledged the hard work that Clerk Werden does on the budget every year and noted that not everyone could do what she does and thanked her for it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 15, 2024, 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 April 1, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR APRIL 15, 2024** 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, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS APRIL 15, 2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

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

Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, 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 March be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING-  
CONCERNING  
PROPOSED ANNUAL  
BUDGET  
ORDINANCE**

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m., turning the floor over to City Clerk Lori Werden who thanked the Department Heads and City Council members for taking the time to review the budget and for the first time in several years the City will be placing a Surplus General Fund Budget on file for the next fiscal year, and we are expected to end this current fiscal year with approximately \$6MM cash on hand in our general fund.

**CLOSE PUBLIC  
HEARING  
PROPOSED ANNUAL  
BUDGET**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that the public hearing for the proposed annual budget be closed at 6:04 p.m. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown announced Sundy, April 14, through April 20, 2024, is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Please join me in celebrating and recognizing the work of telecommunicators helping to save millions of lives every day. If it weren't for their expertise and dedication, countless lives would be lost due to untimely assistance. So, throughout this week, we honor and thank those telecommunicators who have continued to serve in this demanding profession.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve Ordinance #4623 adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year of May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve Ordinance #4624 authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment Owned by the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the South Brisbin Road Water and Sewer Extension submitted by LA Sites, Inc., in the amount of \$1,018,323.45. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reporting the following business license granted by the City of Morris; Kristin Gad, dba Tournament Tackle of Morris, LLC and dba Shur-Set Tackle, LLC, both located at 1034 Michael Drive to operate a web-based tackle shop and to operate a manufacturing of fishing tackle business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class E Liquor License request by Craig Strum, dba Strum's Smokin' BBQ, at 201 W. Washington Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston reported that there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting April 24, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported that there will NO Planning Commission Meeting April 27, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be April 23, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:09pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until May 1, 2024, 10:00am.

ATTEST   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

The last regular meeting of Fiscal Year 2023-24 of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**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 was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS, APRIL 30,  
2024**

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

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS, APRIL 30,  
2024-TIF ONLY**

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 Duvick, Houston, Hall, Clubb, Black and Mettille.  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling  
Nays: None.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the City of Morris Material Hauling Project submitted by D Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approve a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering for Engineering Services for the IEPA Grant Application for East Nettle Creek Watershed. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council approve a proposal from Geo-Logic Associates to finalize and file IEPA Permit Applications for the Morris Community Landfill Parcels A and B. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council approve a proposal from Geo-Logic Associates for Three Quarter of Groundwater and Leachate Sampling at the Morris Community Landfill and IEPA Correspondence (remaining 2024 tasks). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve a proposal from Geo-Logic Associates to perform 2024 Monthly/Quarterly Landfill Gas Monitoring and Annual Reporting, Green House Gas Reporting for the Morris Community Landfill, Annual Landfill Cover and SWPPP Inspections and Project Management Activities (May through December). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approve Ordinance #4625 authorizing the execution of an Easement Agreement between the City of Morris and Wal-Mart. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approve an Agreement between the City of Morris and Metropolitan Alliance of Police Morris Police Chapter #63. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that board recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4626** approving the variance request of Robert Pazely for a Zoning Variance to Section 48-106(3) of the Morris Municipal Code for required rear yard setback for an accessory structure from ten feet to five feet a difference of five feet and for the side yard from ten percent (six feet) to three feet a difference of three feet for the property commonly known as 412 W. Main Street in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that board recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4627** approving a Variance request by Pastor Keck Mowery and First United Methodist Church of Morris for a Zoning Variance to Section 48-263(b) of the Morris Municipal Code to increase the allowed percentage of electronically operated portion of a sign from 40% to 66.6% for a variance of 26.6% and a variance to allow said sign to be built within the 25 foot triangle at a driveway intersection for the property commonly known as 111 W. North Street in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that board recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4628** approving a Variance request by Jim Mangun and Mangun & Sons for a Zoning Variance to Section 4-487(2) for the required side yard setback from 10 feet to 9 foot 3 inches a variance of 9 inches for the property commonly known as 1988/1992 Mountain Road in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 10:11 a.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MAY 1, 2024, at 10:15 AM.**

The meeting of the Morris City Council, the first of Fiscal Year 2024-2025, was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:15 AM., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Chris Brown introduced Pastor Steve Larsen of First Baptist Church and called upon him to give the Invocation.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR MAY 1,  
2024**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR MAY 1,  
2024-TIF I ONLY**

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 was carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE  
MAYOR'S PUBLIC  
BOARDS AND  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the appointments to Public Boards & Committees recommended by Mayor Brown, be approved. See list attached. This motion was carried by following vote:

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

**APPROVE  
REGULARLY  
SCHEDULED  
MEETING DATES**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that Mayor Brown's regularly scheduled meeting dates as listed and attached for the following committees: City Council, Business & Community Development, Development Review Board, Fire & Police Commission, Planning Commission, Police Pension Board and Zoning Board of Appeals be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF LIQUOR LICENSES**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the list of liquor licenses attached, be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**APPROVE MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES**

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of miscellaneous licenses attached for the following: Bowling Alley, Theatre, Taxicab, Amusement Devices, Cigarette and Video Gaming Devices, be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**MAYOR -FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 REVIEW**

I want to start by thanking the Morris City Council, city administration, public works, the Morris Police Department, and everybody else that works hard to serve our community, keep our residents safe, and make Morris the best it can be. Your hard work and dedication are the foundation of what makes us great, and I look forward to another exciting year working towards our goals.

The City of Morris is experiencing change for the better and is receiving a bit of a makeover. As we meet here this morning, our new water tower, which was under construction at this time last year, is in service and doing its job. The new fire department building was a vacant lot a year ago, and now it is almost ready for occupancy. The new Morris YMCA, which broke ground less than a year ago, has risen from the ground and will serve its first customers in just a matter of months.

The transformation of our parks is well underway as well. Goodwill Park looks amazing, and we can't wait to reopen it for all residents to enjoy. The new playground equipment, picnic pavilion and overall rejuvenation serve as a visual for what our parks can and will become. The \$600,000 OSLAD grant we received is being put to use in West Side Park. Just a few weeks ago, work started on what promises to make it a shining jewel in our parks system with its new ball fields, skate park, pickle ball courts, bean bag courts and trail system which will tie in with the YMCA trail next door. Work on it will hopefully be completed by the end of the year with a grand re-opening early next year.

Improving our parks and our residents' quality of life is and will continue to be a top priority in our administration. The future of our outdoor spaces and facilities will be unrecognizable after our work is completed.

Our ability to apply for and receive grant dollars has continued this year and as I speak, we are working on a federal grant application which will be submitted today through Congressman Darin LaHood's office. Just three years ago, Grundy County was last out of 102 counties in grant dollars received per capita. I think we have moved up that list just a bit in the last three years. In three short years, we, as a city, have received more than \$23 million dollars in grant money. That is incredible and I want to thank our team and this council for their support in

our efforts. Just this year, we received \$1.8 million through Community Project Funding for Calhoun Street Bridge, \$2 million for Brisbin Road improvements, \$250,000 for Downtown Morris wayfinding signs, \$50,000 for lead service line replacement, and another \$20,000 for 4 new bottle filling stations in our parks. These opportunities will continue to be there for us, and we will continue to pursue them as they become available.

As we are talking about dollars, I want to express my appreciation and say thank you to our City Clerk, Lori Werden, for her countless hours spent on our budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. As we heard a few months ago following our annual city audit, the City of Morris is in a strong, healthy financial position. As we close out the fiscal year and prepare to move forward into a new year, I appreciate the hard work of this administration and our city council which took the time to sit down with Lori to go through this budget line by line to make sure we are all on the same page and focused on continued financial responsibility.

With all that said, I am proud to say we have put forth the first city budget with a surplus since 2011/2012. Our sales tax revenues have increased by 35% since 2021 and overall, our revenues across the board have increased almost 44% since 2021. Coupled with controlled spending I am also pleased to announce that Morris had an estimated \$29.7 million across all funds as of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and approximately 6.1 million in the general fund. Those numbers represent a 21% increase across all funds and a whopping 49% increase in the general fund respectively.

In closing, I want to thank all of our staff once again and I would also like to thank our citizens that make Morris the special place that it is. May we all continue to serve our community in such a way that sets an example for the rest to follow.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Brown announced Morris Retail Association will be hosting a “*Cinco de Mayo*” Girls Night Out on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 4-9pm, the first Three French Hens Market will be held Saturday, May 11, 2023, from 8am to 2pm., and the next regular scheduled City Council meeting will be held Monday, May 13, 2024.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 10:27 a.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, May 13, 2024, 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-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of May 1, 2024, Close of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE MINUTES-  
FIRST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of May 1, 2024, Open of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR MAY 13,  
2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, 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, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS MAY 13, 2024,  
TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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, Clubb, Hall, Houston, 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 April be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OVERWEIGHT  
PERMIT FEES**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick, and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the report of overweight permit fees for the fiscal year 2023-2024 be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY  
TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick, and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of April be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown recognized Susan's Mission Athletes on being back to back champions, recognized two students from District 54, Parker Barry and Malachi Congo for their state championship wins, Grundy County law Enforcement Managers Association Memorial Service will be held Thursday, May 16, at 10am in Chapin Park, Fogging for mosquitos in the City of Morris will begin on May 16 around 7pm to around 9pm., City of Morris will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, May 17 from 10am-3pm at City Hall, Mayor proclaimed May 18 through May 25, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week, May 25 is opening day for the City of Morris Pool, VFW will hold their Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 stepping off at the Courthouse at 9:30am., May 30 kicks off the Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn with Wayne Messmer Combo from 6:30pm until 8pm., and fForest fest will be ack for their thirds year on Saturday, June 1 in Goold Park, stating at 10am.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council accept the proposal Integrated Control Technologies, LLC (ITC) to furnish /install nonproprietary Honeywell WEBs web-based automation system for the new HVAC system at the Municipal Services Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Layne Christensen for a spare replacement motor for Well #3 and decommissioning of the old mercury motor. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reporting the following business license granted by the City of Morris; Johanna Unzueta, dba Joann's Once Upon a Dream, 216 W. Washington Street to operate a party décor/supply store business, Akshay Patel, dba Dairy Queen, 1243 N. Division Street to operate a restaurant/fast food business, and Matt Anderson, dba Little Redds, LLC, 1505 Creek Drive to operate a restaurant business.

ZBA

Alderman Houston reported that there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting May 29, 2024, at 4:30pm.

PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Alderman Tambling reported that there will be a Planning Commission Meeting May 29, 2024, at 5:30pm.

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be May 28, 2024, at 10am.

MAYOR

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council accept the recommendation of Mayor Brown to pass **Resolution R-24-1** Supporting National League of Cities 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

AUDIENCE

Alderman Duvick reminded the group that Spring Clean Up will be the Week of May 20-24. Alderman Clubb asked the committee to explain what is going on with the Domera projects that we voted down and why are they still building; City Attorney Christopher Dearth replied while the council did vote down the large development, the current construction taking place is within the zoning requirements on those lots that are being developed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:15pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until June 3, 2024, 6pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Kori Werden*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, June 3, 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 - <b>ABSENT</b>	Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JUNE 3, 2024** 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Tambling

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY JUNE 3, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Tambling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized Aniston Caputo, Class 3A State Champion for Discus and Malachi Congo, 8<sup>th</sup> grade State Champion for Shot Put, Three French Hens Market will be held June 8, from 8am until 2pm, Morris Cruise Night will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> as well from 6-8pm, Dulcimer Festival will be Saturday, June 8 and 9 in Goold Park from 10am-6pm, Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue on Thursday, June 13 with music by The Neverly Brothers from 6:30pm until 8pm., Rhythm & BBQ Festival will be Saturday, June 15 in Goold Park from 10am until 6pm, and lastly the State of the City will be held at Morris Country Club on Wednesday, June 19 from 5pm until 7pm. Tickets are available at the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the City Health Insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a 3.93% increase at renewal on July 1, 2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Clubb, Black, Mettille.

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Tambling

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4629 granting various requests by Douglas and Patricia Grunnet and Mike Kinzler for property identified as the Lot North of the Railroad Tracks Between Liberty and Wauponsee (902 Liberty Street) pin #05-04-427-004. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Black, Mettille.

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderman Clubb

Absent: Alderman Tambling

Alderman Houston reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston, that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4630 granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request by Cara Wiechen and Jennifer Zdanwic to allow for the Operation of Microblading at the business located at 1360 N. Division Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Tambling

There will be a meeting Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Arthur Hornsby, 815 E. Chapin Street resident living near Goodwill Park, addressed the Council. Arthur touched on three concerns, first the swale that runs through the park, beginning at the Northeast Corner, he is of the opinion this creates a hazard for the children playing in the park, second the benches are too small for adults to use and believes a study should be made to determine if they are suitable, and lastly his opinion of the playground equipment is that it

needs to be looked at. He went on to mention that he would like input from the Alderman, when sworn in to office the first thing, top priority of an alderperson is the health and safety of the people you serve, and he would not have opened that park up the way it currently is. He also indicated that the park did not have a flag, and the use of the park space is important, the grills should have been on the other side of the pavilion, so there are good intentions, but everyone should trust, but verify. Hindsight is wonderful, but he really thinks the swale could be very, very bad, and when things are bad you usually get a phone call, from an attorney.

Alderman Mettillie addressed the concerns that Mr. Hornsby presented, she is confident that the City brought in the right experts to advise, plan, build and execute this project, and that change is hard to accept and how it is realized that Goodwill Park had a lot of Nostalgia that will be missed. This is an adorable park that needed an overhaul, and it was a very intentional design and process to get to this point. Alderman Mettillie followed up with, while these are points made by Mr. Hornsby and with him being a park expert living next to Goodwill for 63 years, this is the exact reason why the City took survey's from the residents, and invited the public to meetings for discussions on what were important aspects of what the community would like to see in their parks, wishing that Mr. Hornsby would have been a part of those early conversations.

Alderman Clubb addressed the council with him having quite a few calls on the park to Mr. Hornsby's point. The swale, lack of swings and equipment being cut to half of what we had, and when there are 6-8 kids using the playground equipment it will be jammed packed. Alderman Clubb finished with, where it's at now it needs a lot of work.

Mayor Brown recognized Alderman Houston as he was awarded "Person of the Year" from the Lion's Club.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK



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## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

**THE JUNE 17, 2024 MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
IS HEREBY CANCELLED.**

**THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN REGULAR  
SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, JULY 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 1, 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JUNE 17, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 JUNE 17, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR JULY 1, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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, JULY 1, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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

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

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

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

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

**CLERK WERDEN** City Clerk, Werden reported the final payout and completion of Goodwill Park Renovation came under bid by \$11,134.04.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown started with sharing an email from a traveler, traveling through from Portland Maine who experienced mechanical issues, but with the help of many local citizens his unplanned trip in Morris was one of the highlights of the couples' trip, and wanted to express his deepest appreciation of our residents who took the time to help, and note how very friendly our small town is.

Aubry McConnell and Sophia Day from Saratoga District 60C were recognized for their Track and Field achievements with ISHA. Jace Carpenter was sworn in as the newest City of Morris police officer. July 3, 2024, City of Morris in partnership with Grundy Bank will host a Fireworks Extravaganza at the Grundy County Fair Grounds beginning at 9pm. City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The next concert on the Courthouse Lawn will be Thursday, July 11, 2024, with music by Cadillac Groove from 6:30pm until 8pm. Three French Hens Market will hold their next market on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 8am until 2pm, and Morris Cruise Night later that evening from 6pm until 9pm.

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE** Alderman Wyeth announced that the final property has been purchased for the Crosswind Runway Project at the Airport, hopefully digging up some dirt this fall.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass Resolution #R-24-1 to enter into an Agreement for Application Services for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Grant on Behalf of the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-2** Supporting Dresden Clean Energy Center License Renewal through 2051. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the contributions from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for 2024/2025, in the amount of \$113,500.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the City's life and casualty insurance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman reported the following business license granted by the City; Cara Wiechen, dba Browlogic by Cara located at 1360 N. Division Street to operate a brow are-microblading, powder/ombre' brows business, Jason Hainline, dba In Detail JJ's Auto Spa located at 1421 Pinewood Court to operate an auto detailing business, Jodi Pollack, dba Rhythm Music located at 304 Robinson Drive to operate a music center, music lessons, youth music groups business, and Mirrakhim Mahsudov, dba Vanner Repair Services Inc., located at 1391 Roberts Road to operate a truck and trailer repair shop business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that council pass **Resolution #R-24-3** authorizing Public Fireworks Display for 2024 Grundy County Corn Festival. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille updated the council that on the heels of Goodwill Park being completed with some finalizing of the drainage of the fields, Westside skate park is complete, and everything looks awesome.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from Joliet Electric Motors for a replacement motor for a pump at the Water Plant in the amount of \$12,600.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4631 approving and authorizing Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Compliance Commitment Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Chairman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4632 granting variance request by James Sharp for property located at 834 Fremont, Morris, IL. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Chairman Houston reported there will no meeting on July 31, 2024

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that commission recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4633 approving a Development Agreement and Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Commission Chairman Tambling reported the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 31, 2024, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Clubb, a member of the Judiciary and License committee expressed his opinion regarding the motion to table or deny adding an additional liquor license for a current business owner knowing that the process is as easy as adding it to our city ordinance.

Alderman Duvick stated that the city doesn't have a liquor license available and hopefully business owners would do their research before applying to know the city doesn't have one available to give, and that he was not going to be pressured into voting a certain way, and the

city didn't deny the license, it just didn't get the second for a motion. Further discussion continued back and forth and was halted by Mayor Brown.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Houston the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Jake Duvick - <b>ABSENT</b>
Alderman Jim Black	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Julian Houston
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of July 1, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR JULY 15,  
2024** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Duvick

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS JULY 15, 2024,  
TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling  
Absent: Alderman Duvick

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

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

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown announced the LEDA (Latino Economic Development Association) will be hosting a Latino Small Business Roundtable Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 8am, at The Country Farmhouse in Morris , Grundy Bank is hosting an ice cream social, Friday, July 19, 2024, from 1-3pm in the bank courtyard, Movie in the Park series will be "Sandlot" on Friday, July 19, 2024, in Goold Park beginning at dusk, Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue Thursday July 25, 2024, featuring music by The Sting Rays, and Thursday August 1, 2024, with the Rockin' Fendershirts. Concerts are from 6:30pm until 8:00pm, Rock the Block continues Sunday, July 28, 2024. Food Trucks begins at 11:00am, until opening act features Mike and Traci of Good Clean Fun followed by music by Snapshot from 2pm until 5pm., Morris Night at the Joliet Slammers Game will be Thursday, August 1, 2024. Tickets are available at City Hall. The City of Morris will host an Electronics Recycling Event on Friday, August 2, 2024, from 9-3pm at First American Recycling, 1000 E. Armstrong Street, and Morris Retail Association will host sidewalk sales on August 3, 2024.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4634** approving Change Order #1 in the amount \$28,954.42 associated with the New Public Works Building with the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a 3-year Service Contract with Mitsubishi Electric for the UPS System at the Municipal Services Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal for the Phase II study at the battery fire site. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve **Resolution #R-24-4** for the Motor Fuel Tax portion of the 2024 Street Maintenance Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

**It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the purchase of a new Compact Wheel Loader for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Duvick**

**ZBA**

**Alderman Houston advised the council that there will no ZBA meeting on July 31, 2024.**

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

**Alderman Tambling advised the council the next committee meeting will be July 31, 2024, at 5:30pm**

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**Alderman Wyeth advised the council that the next meeting will be July 23, 2024, at 10am.**

**AUDIENCE**

**Resident, Linda Chesharek, 627 Spruce Street, addressed the council regarding several items of concern related to the Goodwill Park renovation.**

**Resident, Steve Vandever, 705 Spuce Street, addressed the council regarding several items of concern related to the Goodwill Park renovation.**

**Resident, Steve Newirth, 520 Spruce Street, addressed the council regarding traffic during T-ball season with North Street being a two-way street, ant that it becomes impassible at times during the season, with kids crossing the potential of an accident is greater.**

**Resident, Brian Feeney, 804 E. North Street, addressed the council regarding several items of concern related to the Goodwill Park renovations.**

**Alderman Sarah Mettille addressed the council and the audience. That statement is attached herein.**

**Resident Arthur Hornsby addressed Sarah after her statement, expressing his concerns once again.**

Alderman Clubb addressed the council regarding his concerns related to Goodwill Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling; the meeting be adjourned at 6:40pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until August 5, 2024, 6pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

When I came on as Alderman, I was assigned to Parks as the Committee chairman I was charged with putting together a 'plan'. I was asked to assess the parks, take inventory, come up with rough costs involved in replacing equipment. I worked with several vendors, did a lot of site visits and it became quickly obvious how this was not something one person was capable of, let alone on person without any qualifications as it relates to the engineering. We also quickly realized we would be getting no where fast without the opportunity for applying for Grants.

All these things a Park District would normally handle.

At this time, it was decided to hire a design consultant with expertise in park design and also knowledge of grant writing to take all of this over.

The process began with public meetings, community surveys, and forums in which many community leaders, school personnel, local Fitness experts came together to help the consultant to gain understanding of our community and collect feedback. The 2022 the City of Morris Parks Assessment Plan was formulated and can still be found on the City of Morris Website.

Goodwill Park was built in 1947. The park covers one city block, appx 1.5 acres. As it has for many years, about half of the park includes 2 ball fields used mainly for our local t-ball games. There is a small Playground, public restrooms and now a pavilion.

In the Parks assessment: 1% was Very Satisfied, 54% somewhat satisfied and 44% not at all satisfied.

93 people surveyed made comments. In the comments received there were MANY that referenced the shade, and great appreciation for the safety that the fencing provides. There were also even more comments regarding the poor and unsafe conditions of the play equipment and the play surfaces (pea gravel and mulch). All this information helped determine how we would go about the renovating the park. Throughout this process the City of Morris has strong desire to develop some standards that will be used in all our parks such as accessibility, adding more walking trails and providing all-inclusive features. Another item at the top of the list is eliminating the mulch/pea gravel and landscape timbers that we have ALL over our parks. Not only does this create areas that aren't assessable, our toddler's trip over it but it is also a maintenance nightmare and annual costs associated with adding mulch, spraying for weeds, and whole lot of weed whacking.

Goodwill Park is approximately 75% covered with surfaces: Ball fields, playground area with rubber playground surfacing, sidewalks, restrooms... All these areas call for proper drainage in order to maintain the materials throughout their lifetime. You may see a lot of greenspaces, where we could have put more equipment, but every piece of equipment requires areas of fall zones- width and depth of materials. All these surfaces require proper drainage.

When we saw the initial plans for the park, I also questioned the amount of equipment and inquired, can't we add more? The answer was no. Unless we cut down trees or eliminate the ball fields there was not room for more equipment while providing adequate fall zones. I have a few copies of a drawing that shows 7 swings- nothing else would fit in the designated play space. I also have some copies of some FAQ's to re-iterate some of the items I have touched on here.

We have heard and we have listened, and we have investigated MANY questions and concerns from the community. We have met with many community members, neighbors, concerned citizens.

We have brought the consultant back to the site several times and we have met with multiple engineers to assure that everything was built properly and built to current safety codes. I stand beside the decisions and plans that were built here. If any code violations were made in building this project it is our job to protect the safety of our citizens, and we will continue to do so.

Ahead of us we will be faced with more difficult decisions and more removal of 'nostalgic' but unsafe equipment that poses liability and potential danger to our residents. The equipment that we and potentially even our parents played on does NOT meet current safety codes.

We do still have finishing touches yet to complete before we do a grand opening of Goodwill Park. Please remain patient as we finish up these details.

I also understand change is difficult to accept. Change is also necessary. I hope given more clarity you can come to appreciate the good work we are doing to enhance the quality of life in the City of Morris.

Thank you to Mayor Browns administration and my fellow alderman for the support of these changes and for supporting progress and growth of our city parks. It sure would have been easier to do nothing, but our goal is to make Morris a better place to live.

- Sarah Mettelle

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, AUGUST 5, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 5, 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the July 15, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS AUGUST 5, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 AUGUST 5, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The City of Morris and Morris Police Department is hosting a National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2025 from 5-8pm, in lower Goold Park, The City of Morris will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 9, 2024 from 10-3pm, in the Communtiy Room at City Hall, Three French Hens Market will hold their next market on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 8-2pm., the next Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 6-9pm., the last concert on the Courthouse Lawn will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, from 6:30-8pm., come out and listen to The Del Bergeson Orchestra, Morris Area Public Library will host Barbershop in the Park in lower Goold Park on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 5-8pm., Movies in the Park continue on August 16, 2024, bring a blanket and enjoy "Mary Poppins" in Goold Park beginning at dusk, don miss the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Arts Festival in downtown Morris on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 10am-4pm., and back by popular demand is "Sip and Shop", and many activities for all ages, and the Grundy County Health Department will hold the Anybody 5K on Saturday, August 17, 2024 beginning at

9:00am.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported Taylor Krause, dba Lashed by Taylor, located at 513 Michael Drive was approved for a business license to operate an eyelash extension business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4635** amending Chapter 4, Section 4-33 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the number of liquor licenses. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve a Class H Liquor License application by John Sparrow on behalf of the Grundy County Corn Festival to operate a beer garden on September 25, 26, 27 and the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It was moved by the following motion:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License application by Matthew Anderson, dba The Hideout 2, located at 1505 Creek Drive. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4636** authorizing the participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and authorizing Mayor Brown to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider up to November 2027. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-5** authorizing and approving the Annexation of +/- .9 acres of real property owned by the State of Illinois, located on Hoover Street, into the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Houston reported no meeting for ZBA on August 28, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4637** granting a Zoning Map Amendment request of Erik Olson, dba True North for property located at the Northeast Corner of Clay Street and Quarry Street, Morris, Grundy County, Illinois to B-1 Neighborhood Shopping Center District. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4638** granting a Zoning Text Amendment allowing for Churches, Temples and Synagogues as a Conditional Permitted Use in a B-1 Zoning District in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Commission Chairman Tambling reported no Planning Commission meeting on August 28, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Fire Chief, Tracey Steffes addressed the audience reminded new business owners that decide to develop a business in a vacant building and they are changing the type of business that will be occupying the building to check with the Fire Chief before signing or committing to the building, because this could require upgrades that can get costly if the fire code changes for that type of business that will be occupying the building.

Marie and Bristol Sjostrom, 6805 S. Old Mazon Road in Gardner, informed the council that Bristol is completing her silver award through the girl scouts and her intent to achieve this award she would like to build a mini home for a veteran.

Representing his community his whole adult life, Mr. Hornsby addressed the council once more to discuss the parks and hopes that there can be a compromise to creating neighborhood parks throughout the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 6:17 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Rori Werden*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 19, 2024, 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-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of August 5, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR AUGUST  
19, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS AUGUST 19,  
2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black 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, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, 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 July be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, 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 July be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The final Rock the Block will be held Sunday, August 25, 2024. Food trucks begin at 11am, the opening act features Donna Mueller's School of Dance, followed by music by Libido Funk Circus from 2-5pm. City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. With school back in session, please be watchful for school speed zones, crossing guards, buses, and those walking to and from school to ensure a safe school year. Mayor also announced that the City of Morris has been awarded some additional grant funds; one for the Transportation Study at east Route 6 for \$320,000.00, and a SPR Grant (State Planning & Research Grant) for \$220,000.00 for a Downtown Parking and Bike/Walk Path Study.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4639 amending Section 4-31, Subsection 8 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the Class H liquor licenses. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the 2024 MFT Street Maintenance Program to D Construction in the amount of \$1,194,197.72. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the Hidden Lake & Walmart Lift Station Valve Vault Improvements submitted by G.A. Rich & Sons, in the amount of \$69,919.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth**

**Nays: None**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from DPS Equipment Services, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the circular clarifier at the WWTP in the amount of \$99,900.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth**

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the Master Service Agreement with Utility Service Company, Inc., for the painting of the Route 80 Water Tower. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston advised the council that there will be no meeting on August 28, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling advised the council that there will be no meeting August 28, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth advised the council that the next meeting will be August 27, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Duvick recognized the Morris Cruise Night with a record of 1000 cars, and thanked Public Works for all their help.

Mayor Brown reported that the Liberty Arts Festival was a huge success and has continued to grow, and thanked Julie Wilkinson for all the hard work she dedicated to this event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:11pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until September 3, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Kori Werden*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the August 19, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS SEPTEMBER 3, 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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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** The Morris BBQ Association, President, Greg Redford and Jen Knudson addressed the Council, thanking them for allowing to use Goold Park, and thanked Public Works for the set up and clean up. This allowed The Morris BBQ Association to support locally and present Illinois Valley Industries with a check for \$20,000.00. Illinois Valley Industries raised \$7,000.00 selling raffle tickets for a Traeger grill, and The Morris BBQ Association was able to generously donate the additional \$13,000.00. Last year The Morris BBQ Association teamed up with The Jason Clearwater Foundation and raised \$15,000.00 and in turn The Jason Clearwater Foundation matched that \$15,000.00 donating \$30,000.00 to the City of Morris to be used for our City Parks. Mr. Redford said it takes a dream or a vision, but it doesn't happen with just one person to incorporated powerful purpose.

The Moris Beer Fest will be held Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 2-6pm, in Goold Park, Three French Hens Market will hold their next market on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 8am-2pm., and the next Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 6pm-9pm.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported a ZBA meeting will be held at 4:30pm on September 25, 2024.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commission Chairman Tambling reported a Planning Commission meeting will be held at 5:30pm September 25, 2024.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Mayor Brown congratulated The Morris BBQ Association on a great job and thanked them for giving back.

Alderman Black reported that he spoke with IDNR and the I&M Canal should have water in it by September 16<sup>th</sup>, and they are working on the aqueduct and that should be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Not only is this nice for the residents of Morris, but for the many people that visit our town.

Alderman Houston thanked Police Chief Steffes for a successful National Night Out in Goold Park. Houston reported that he had many people come up to him expressing their appreciation for the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Kori Worden*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, September 16, 2024, 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-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of September 3, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 16,  
2024** 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, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS SEPTEMBER  
16, 2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

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

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Morris Watercolor Guild, celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary addressed the Council to present two watercolor paintings from the Liberty Arts Festival to Julie Wilkinson and Mayor Brown as a token of their appreciation for the community involvement. Movies in the park continue Friday, September 20, 2024, featuring Encanto. There will be a screening of the short film "Run Boy Run" by Andrew Bennet before the movie. Shot in Downtown Morris in the summer of 2023, the feel-good show features many known Morris establishments and faces, including a guest appearance by Morris Police Officer Justin Martin. The Grundy County Festival begins Wednesday, September 25, 2024, and runs through Sunday, September 29, 2024. There will not be a City Council meeting on October 7, 2024. A special meeting will be called on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6pm. Proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week.

**MAYOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(C) (1) OF THE OMA** Mayor Brown requested a motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the City of Morris. This motion was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick at 6:13pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mayor Brown requested a motion to reconvene to regular session. This motion was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick. This motion was carried by the following vote.

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

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black that council approve the Standard Agreement for Consultant Services at Illinois Airports for Architectural/Engineering (A/E), Planning, and Special Services with Chamlin & Associates. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4640 amending City of Morris 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-6** regarding the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal for Professional Design Engineering Services with Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) for the Ashley Road Storm Sewer Preliminary Design and Funding Application Assistance to the BRIC Grant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4641** approving Change Order #1 Associated with Material Hauling within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-7** regarding the Surface Transportation Program (STU) for Ashton Road. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-8** regarding the Motor Fuel Tax Project (MFT) for Brisbin Road. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the Studio Production Authorization with Viewpoint. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aldermen Mettille, Tambling, Black, Hall, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth

Nays: None

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve an Employment Retirement and Release Agreement. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Alderman Tambling reported the following license approved by the City of Morris as follows; Nosir Turaboev, dba NNT Express, Inc., located at 1386 Roberts Road to operate a trucking business, Jim Boswell, dba Grease Monkey #141, located at 1821 N. Division Street, to operate an automotive oil change and lubrication shop business, Nathan Bailey, dba Culinary Creations, located at 617 Liberty Street, #2R to operate a catering business, Christian Fischer, dba Crosstown Realtors, Inc., located at 519 Franklin Street, Unit 101 & 106 to operate a real estate business, and Susan Hook, Let's Party, dba Hook's II, located at 802 Liberty Street to operate an event center/gaming/bar business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License transfer from Steve Martin, dba Let's Party LLC, to Susan Hook, Let's Party LLC, dba Hook's II, located at 802 Liberty Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that council approve a Class H Liquor License requested by Father Jason Stone on behalf of Immaculate Conception Parish, for their annual Oktoberfest on October 5, 2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Hall reported the MFT street construction starts tomorrow, September 17, 2024.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid received by R.B. Crowther for the re-roofing project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston advised the council that there will be a meeting on September 25, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling advised the council that there will be no meeting September 25, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth advised the council that the next meeting will be September 24, 2024, at 10am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:35pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until October 1, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Aroni Werden*

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**

The special meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the September 16, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS OCTOBER 1, 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 OCTOBER 1, 2024** 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 Duvick, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The GAVC Skills USA students were recognized, the City of Morris leaf bag give away will be held Saturday, October 5, 2024, in Upper Goold Park from 8am until noon (or until gone), with a limit of 10 bags per household. In case of inclement weather, bags will be distributed at the Public Works Facility located at 319 N. River Road. Three French Hens Market will hold their next market on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 8am – 2pm. The next Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 4pm – 7pm. City offices will be open on Monday, October 14, 2024. Park Reservations will no longer be accepted after October 15, 2024. The City of Morris will host a blood drive on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 10am until 3pm at City Hall. The Grundy County Historical Society will hold a Walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9am until Noon.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council accept the low bid for the Wayfinding Signage 2024 Project by Parvin Clauss Sign Co., Inc., in the amount of \$227,667.99. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4642 approving and authorizing the execution of a Service Agreement between Stanard and Associates for Sergeant Promotional Testing and Patrol Officer Testing for 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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council approve Ordinance #4643 approving Change Order #1 for Narvick Bros. associated with the West Side Park Renovation 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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that board recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4644 approving the variance request by East Street Morris LLC for a Zoning Variance to Section 48-1962(1) for the required exterior façade materials to build a commercial building at 1353 East Street, 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 be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on October 30, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that commission recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4645 approving and adopting an Amended Comprehensive Plan for the City of Morris and surrounding territory. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONTINUED**

There is currently no Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 30, 2024.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on October 22, 2024, at 10am.

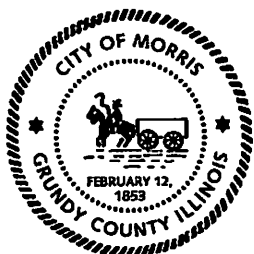
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK





# CITY OF MORRIS

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## **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

**THE OCTOBER 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CANCELLED.**

**THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille- <b>ABSENT</b>	Alderman Jake Duvick
Alderman Jim Black	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Julian Houston
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of October 1, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR OCTOBER  
21, 2024** 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 Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Mettille

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS OCTOBER 21,  
2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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 Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling  
Absent: Alderman Mettille

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Grundy County Chamber of Commerce will host “Trick or Treat Downtown” on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 5pm until 7pm.

Morris Retail Association will be hosting “Witches Night Out” on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 4pm until 9pm, followed by “Boo Fest” on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 10am until 4pm.

Trick or Treat hours for the City of Morris will be from 4pm until 7pm, on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

The City of Morris is hosting an e-recycling event on Friday, November 1, 2024, from 9am until 3pm, at First American Recycling, 1000 E. Armstrong Street.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following approved business license; Fidencio Castro, dba Outdoor Elements Design & Build, 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 800 to operate an outdoor living creation business, Jamie Sikora, dba Southwest Hearing Solutions, LLC, 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 218, to operate an audiology business, Michael Palaguachi, dba Green Card Veterans of McHenry/Redemption Botanicals Group, LLC, 3707 N. Division Street to operate a legal cannabis manufacturing and production business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy and the City of Morris to Provide Animal Control Services for 2024-2025. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4646 Annexing the Land Purchased by the City of Morris for the Extension of the City of Morris Municipal Airport, Morris, Grundy County, Illinois (+/- 185.76 acres). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on October 30, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that commission recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4647 granting various Zoning Text Amendments related to the use, regulation, and classification of use within the City of Morris Zoning Code in the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettelle

There will be a Planning Commission meeting, October 30, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting, October 22, 2024, at 10am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:08pm. This motion was carried out by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until November 4, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, November 18, 2024, 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- LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of November 4, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024** 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 Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS NOVEMBER 18, 2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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 Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille 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 October be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Alicia Steffes introduced, and Mayor swore in the two newest promoted Sergeants, Curtis Kneller, and Caleb Mitchell. The last week for yard waste pick up is on normal garbage pick-up day the week of Monday, November 25, 2024, through Saturday, November 30, 2024. City offices will be closed Thursday, November 28, 2024, and Friday, November 29, 2024, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Experience the Magic of Christmas in Morris during Home for the Holidays. Events run from Friday, November 29, 2024, through Sunday, December 1, 2024. Don't miss the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighted Holiday Parade as Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in Morris, followed by the lighting of Chapin Park. Make sure to get your tickets for the House Walk on Saturday, November 30, 2024. The weekend offers a variety of events for all ages! Saturday, November 30, 2024, is Small Business Saturday. Our downtown shops offer something for everyone.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4652 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Option and Lease Agreement between Tillman Infrastructure LLC, and the City of Morris.** This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from Joliet Electric Motors for a new motor at the Water Treatment Plant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following approved business license; Joseph LaPorte, dba Joe's Powersports, Inc., 707 Liberty Street to operate a powersports parts/gear/accessories business, Jessica Farris, DVM, HVP of Illinois, PC, dba Animal Care Hospital of Morris, 1410 Liberty Street, to operate a veterinary services business, Muhammad Akhtar, Division Morris LLC, dba Brake Time, 2000 N. Divisions Street, to operate a retail business, Jawaid Bashir, Commercial Morris LLC, dba Brake Time, 150 W. Commercial Drive, to operate a retail business, and Joseph Phillips, dba Gore Road Retail, LLC, 50 E. Gore Road, to operate a retail cannabis business.

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Hall reported that the 2024 Street Maintenance Program has been completed, and 1600 SF of sidewalk repair completed.

**ZBA**

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth; the meeting be adjourned at 6:18pm. This motion was carried out by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until December 2, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 2, 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the November 18, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS DECEMBER 2, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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 DECEMBER 2, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, 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 Retail Association will host Midnight in Morris, Friday, December 6, 2024, from 4pm until midnight. Don't miss Holiday in the Park, December 14, 2024, from 3pm until 6pm, in Goold Park. Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas with Santa, carols, ice skating, cocoa, and more! Three French Hens Winterfest Market will be held Saturday, December 15, 2024, from 9am until 2pm. Holiday vendors and treats will line Liberty Street as you shop at your favorite Downtown destinations.

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council reject bids received for the South Brisbin Road Improvement Project. 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 Hall and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council accept the low bid received for the Resurfacing of Ashton Road Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

There will not be a ZBA meeting on December 18, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that commission recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4653 granting a Zoning Map Amendment to the City of Morris from R1 Residential District to M1 Manufacturing District in 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 #4654 granting the City of Morris a Conditional Permitted Use to operate an airport in an M1 Manufacturing District. 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 December 18, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**AUDIENCE**

Randy Irvin, Legislative Liaison for State Representative Jason R. Bunting addressed the council and handed out some literature, reminding the group that their office is always available if we need any assistance in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: *Aurri Worden*  
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 18, 2024, 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-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of December 2, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR  
DECEMBER 16, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS DECEMBER 16,  
2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

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

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, in observance of Christmas and Wednesday, January 1, 2025, in observance of the New Year's Holiday. The City of Morris will host a Blood Drive on Friday, January 3, 2025, from 10am until 3pm at City Hall. There will not be a City Council meeting on January 6, 2025.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4655** for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve a Contractual Agreement between Mack & Associates, P.C. and the City of Morris for auditing services. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Contract Service Agreement between ACE Pyro, LLC and the City of Morris, for the July 3 fireworks. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Joliet Electric Motors for a new motor at the Water Treatment Plant. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following approved business license; Kristen Kotan, dba The Eye Bar, 113 E. Jefferson Street, to operate a lashes and makeup business, Morris QSR, Inc., dba Popeye's, 1837 N. Division Street, to operate a fast food restaurant, Stacey Hutchcraft, dba Tropical Tiki Hut Tanning, 100 W. Commercial Street, Suite 11, to operate a tanning salon, Tracy Stary, dba McBride's Morris, 423 Liberty Street, to operate a restaurant. Brent and Tracy Stary addressed the committee with a handout portraying their concept plan of the new facility and would like to revisit the possibility of applying for a Class D Liquor License when the time is appropriate. Alderman Tambling updated the committee on proposed changes to the Ordinance for new liquor license applications. No action was taken.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Reciprocal Reporting between the Board of Education of Morris Community High School District 101, the Emergency Telephone System Board, and City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council approve a License Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and the City of Morris. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4656 Regulating Public Camping within Corporate Boundaries and Other Actions in Connection therewith for the City of Morris. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

There will not be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on December 18, 2024.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4657 approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Reis Subdivision within the City of Morris. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee

PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONTINUED

recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4658** approving the Final Subdivision Plat for Reis Subdivision with the City of Morris. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4659** granting a Conditional Permitted Use in B3 Commercial Zoning District in the City of Morris to ZMK Morris, LLC to operate a Daycare Center. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting on December 18, 2024.

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

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned until January 21, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Roni Werden*