

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Duane Wolfe

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of bills be approved for **January 3, 2023** and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills be approved for **January 17, 2023** and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None

**ACCEPT REPORT OF FINES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
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 December be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized the participants of the 2022 Housewalk to the following, Morris Country Club, UC Davis Funeral Home, Al and Katie Jacobs, Nicole and Jody Gonzalez, and Jeff &

Cindy Hunt for taking the time and opening their homes and business's to the communtiy that continues to be a great addition to our holiday season. Mayor also announced that the City of Morris was awarded \$2,000,000.00 for construction in 2024 of our New Water Treatment Plant.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council pass a Resolution #R-22-16 authorizing the Mayor to execute leases on behalf of the City of Morris for Airplane Storage and Farm Leases at the Morris Municipal Airport. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council authorize going out for bid for farm land on Airport property. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that council Adopt Ordinance #4558 abating the tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on the General Obligation Waterworks and Sewage Refunding Bonds. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve and Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for property on the I & M Canal. This agreement is changing from a 5 year term to a 10 year term. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the liability and cyber security insurance for the city of Morris, which includes an increase of premiums due to an increase in the City's assets, along with an increase to our cyber security insurance due to the nature of the coverage globally. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that council approve Resolution #R-22-17 in support of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Illinois Municipal League. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Duvick reported that Judiciary and License Committee approved business licenses' for Anna Stapleton, dba AMS Clinical Services PLLC, located at 1715 N. Division Street, Unit C, Suite M103 to operate a clinical psychological and forensic services business, and Matthew Workman, dba Weits Café located at 213 Liberty Street to operate a restaurant business.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License transfer from Weits Enterprises, LLC (Brian Olson), dba Weits Café, to Matthew Workman, dba Weits Café at 213 Liberty Street. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Class E Liquor License application by Father Jason Stone, Immaculate Conception Parish for Saturday, March 3, 2023. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4559 amending Chapter 44, Article I, Section 44-106 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding permits for overweight and/or over-dimension vehicles within the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Prior to the Planning Commission taking action for the three Zoning Map Amendments, Dave Bzdill addressed the Mayor and Council and spoke on behalf of his client, a property owner against the proposed Zoning Map Amendments, requesting that the council table these zoning map amendments, until a later date. There was no further discussion.

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4560 granting a Zoning Map Amendment from M1 to R2 for Parcel #05-03-406-003. This motion was carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4561** granting a Zoning Map Amendment from M1 to R2 for parcel #'s 05-03-406-015 and 05-03-406-008. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4562** granting a Zoning Map Amendment from M1 to R2 for parcel #'s 05-03-406-009, 05-03-406-006, 05-03-406-007 and 05-03-426-009. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wyeth and Wolfe.  
Nays: None.

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston reported that their will not be a meeting for the month of January for Zoning Board of Appeals.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported that a meeting was held today, January 17 at 10:00am and discussion included updated costs for the new planter and trash recyclers and should be coming to the finance committee soon. Alderman Wolfe also shared that Julie Wilkinson, the Business Development Director created an event list for this upcoming year, which includes 44 events, some of them are returning events, however some will be new. The Business Development Committee will also be hosting a Real Estate forum, which will provide Real Estate Agent input, and they are excited to get involved.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Houston wanted to recognize what a great year in this chamber with all the council members and participants present. He wanted to thank everyone and looks forward to another great year ahead.

Alderman Clubb wanted to thank the Planning Commission for the Zoning Map Amendment from M1 to R2 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, he believes this is the first step of getting things going in a better direction.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 7:29pm., until February 6, 2023 at 7:00pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.



LORI WERDEN, CITY CLERK  
ATTEST

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Derrick Wren	Alderman Sarah Mettille
Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Jake Duvick

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren, 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 Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe, and Duvick.  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown swore in Police Officer Tyler Mayerhofer, and swore in Sergeant Dustin Seale, who was promoted and will be replacing Monty Albert. Mayor Brown and Chief Steffes recognized Monty Albert by congratulating Monty for his 36 dedicated years of service and as the longest serving police officer at the City of Morris. Monty received a standing ovation.

The City of Morris will be hosting an Electronic Recycling Event on Friday, February 10, 2023, from 9-3pm at FAMCe located at 1000 E. Armstrong Street.

The City of Morris Administrative Office and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of President's Day.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that Council enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy, Village of Channahon, Village of Coal City, Village of Diamond, Village of Dwight, Village of Mazon, Village of Minooka, and the City of Morris related to the Multijurisdictional Transportation Master Plan. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe, and Duvick  
Nays: None.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4563** declaring surplus revenue in the City of Morris TIF District I Special Tax Allocation Fund and authorizing payment of that surplus revenue (**\$1,381,641.14**) to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to affected taxing districts on a Pro Rata Basis for tax year 2021 payable in 2022. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4564** declaring surplus revenue in the City of Morris Marina TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and authorizing payment of that surplus revenue (**\$8,241.78**) to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to affected taxing districts on a Pro Rata Basis for tax year 2021 payable in 2022. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4565** approving Change Order #1 associated with the Route 6 Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Extension Project increasing by **\$192,568**. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Ken's Pond & Lake Management Services, Inc., for algae and aquatic weed control for the I & M Canal in the amount of **\$1800.00**. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Ken's Pond & Lake Management Services, Inc., for algae and aquatic weed control for Field's of Saratoga in the amount of **\$3,840.00**. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None**

**HEALTH &  
SANITATION  
COMMITTEE**

**It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for closure of Morris Community Landfill Parcel A for a one time amount of \$141,545. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None**

**It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for closure of Morris Community Landfill Parcel B for a one time amount of \$141,545. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None**

**It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM to perform 2023 Monthly/Quarterly Landfill Gas Monitoring and Annual Reporting, Green House Gas Reporting, Annual Landfill Cover Inspection and Project Management Activities for Morris Community Landfill. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None**

**It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for Four Quarters of Groundwater and Leachate Sampling for Morris Community Landfill and to Participate in Meetings Concerning the Morris Community Landfill. This motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Alderman Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe and Duvick  
Nays: None**

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

**Committee Chairman Duvick reported the business licenses granted by the City as follows: Ross Soto, dba Fitness Premier Morris located at 110 E. Waverly Street to operate a health fitness center, Matthew Darin, dba Greenhouse Group, LLC, located at 2400 W. U.S. Route 6 to operate a cannibas retail store (name change only), and Erik Olson, dba Lucky Auctions, LLC, located at 531 Bedford Road to operate an online auction service business.**

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille reported that the City of Morris and the Library have teamed up and will be hosting movies in the park every fourth Friday for five months in the summer.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Wren reported the next meeting will be held on February 22, 2023 at 5:30pm

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston reported the next meeting will be held on February 22, 2023 at 4:30pm

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported the next meeting will be held on February 21, 2023 at 10:00am

**AUDIENCE  
RECOGNITION**

Alderman Houston reported that the construction of the Water Tower by CB&I north of town is coming along great, and they are scheduled to pour foundation on March 1, 2023, and ended with the Canal is doing well and they are pushing for this year to open it up.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Pori Werden*

CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Sarah Mettille

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman 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 Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, and Mettille.  
Nays: None

**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 carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, and Mettille.  
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 January be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown thanked FAMCe, Jim Narwick and his staff for a successful E-Cycle event. This event collected and recycled more than 35,000 pounds of e-materials. Mayor Brown recognized the Morris Chief's Lightweight Tackle Football Team on their runner-up finish in the 2022 Illinois Valley Youth Tackle Football Super Bowl.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the Airport Insurance in the amount of \$20,872.00. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, and Mettille  
Nays: None.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wolfe that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4566** establishing Chapter 47 of the Morris Municipal Code concerning the City Fee Schedule. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, and Mettille.  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Wren announced the next planning commission meeting will be February 22, 2023 at 5:30pm.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

Alderman Houston announced the next zoning board of appeals meeting will be February 22, 2023 at 4:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe announced that the business development committee met this morning. The committee will be hosting a Commercial Real Estate Forum on March 6, 2023 from 10-11:30am in the City Council Chambers, which will also include Property Managers to discuss, and explain future visions that the City would like to see along Route 47, working with this group and having them advocate and help facilitate the right development that fits the vision. Alderman Wolfe also informed the group that residents can go online and supply their email address to receive our quarterly news letter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wren; the meeting be adjourned at 7:12pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until March 6, 2023, 7:00pm

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Derrick Wren  
Alderman Herb Wyeth  
Alderman Alex Clubb  
Alderman Julian Houston

Alderman Sarah Mettille  
Alderman Dean Tambling  
Alderman Duane Wolfe  
Alderman Jake Duvick

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman 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 Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe, and Duvick.  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized the Morris Warriors Varsity and Lightweight Tackle Football Teams on their runner-up finishes in the 2022 I8 Youth Tackle Football Super Bowl.

The Morris Retail Association will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Parade in conjunction with their Shop Lucky event on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The parade steps off at 3pm.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve the purchase of new planters and garbage canisters for the downtown area in the amount of \$68,043.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe, and Duvick  
Nays: Alderman Clubb

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Duvick reported the following business licenses granted by the City; Erica Adrian, dba Rae Mae Pet Boutique located at 2199 Locust Road to operate an online pet supplies sales business, Stefan Kovacevich, dba SKV Tree Service, LLC, located at 1001 Armstrong Street, to operate a tree service business, and a business license transfer to Jim Dykstras Auto LLC, dba Tire Tracks, located at 129 E. Jackson Street to operate an auto repair business.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported that the committee had their first Real Estate Forum on March 6, 2023 at 10am in the Community Room with over 30 individuals in attendance. He went on to say that each of the committee members gave a presentation to the group along with Julie Wilkinson MC'ing the forum and allowing for the group to have time for questions and answers. It was appreciated and well received by all of those in attendance.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 

CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Wyeth

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wren, 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, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth.  
Nays: None

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized the Morris Community High School Competitive Dance Team

Mayor Brown also informed those in attendance that yard waste pick up will start back up on April 3, 2023. Yard waste totes 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 3, 2023 at the City Clerk's office.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the high bid received for the Airport Farmland Lease by Richard Scaman Jr. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the high bid received for the Airport Hayfield Lease by Frieson Dairy, LLC. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the replacement of the UPS System at the Municipal Services Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4567 Establishing Section 44-155 of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding the Placement of Stop Signs and Section 44-356 of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Parking Restrictions within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Wren informed the committee the next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 29 at 5:30pm.

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston informed the committee the next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 29 at 4:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe informed the committee the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Duvick reported that he was glad to hear that the Three French Hens will be returning back to the downtown area, and he believes this will help the retailer businesses along with the food establishments. It's a win for everyone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling; the meeting be adjourned at 7:15pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until April 3, 2023, 7:00pm

ATTEST: *Rori Werden*  
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Derrick Wren	Alderman Sarah Mettille
Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Julian Houston	<b>Absent: Alderman Jake Duvick</b>

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

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

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe  
Nays: None.

**BUDGET OFFICER  
LORI WERDEN** City Clerk Werden placed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 on file and informed the committee that anyone from the public that would like to inspect the file can visit the City Hall Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized the Saratoga Hawks 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball team on their second-place state finish. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Morris Women's Club have planted a "Pinwheel Garden" at the Municipal Services Building to help raise awareness. Grundy County Chamber of Commerce will be holding Family Fest on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9am to 1pm at Shabbona School. The Women's Club will hold their Superhero 5K Run on Saturday, April 15, 2023 and the Grundy County Land Use will be holding an Electronic Waste Recycling and Shredding Event on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 8am until noon at 310 East DuPont Road.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE** Alderman Wyeth report the following new Business Licenses, Vineela Parvataneni, dba Pranwi Group, LLC located at 333 E. U.S. Route 6 to operate a hair salon, David Welter Vicmark, Inc., dba Re/Max Top Properties, located at 101 E. Waverly St. to operate a real estate business, Daniel Bradish, dba Down the Line Lawn Care, LLC, located at 378 Twilight Drive, #1, top operate a lawn care business, Sarah Marshall, dba Retail 4 Resale, LLC, located at 100 Gore

Road, Suite C to operate a resale business that will include household items, and Sapan Shah, RS Morris, dba Super 8, located at 70 Green Acres Drive to operate a lodging/hotel business.

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4568** amending Ordinance #3452 approving the Amended Roadway Dedication Plat and the memorialization of the Agreement between the City of Morris and the Windings of Nettle Creek Townhouse Association, Inc. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council pass **Resolution #R-22-18** Accepting a Dedication of Right-of-Way for Third Ave. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb tht committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4569** granting a Conditional Permitted Use under Section 48-1065 of the Morris Municipal Code to Operate a Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment at 310 E. High Street.

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe  
Nays: None.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that board recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4570** granting a Zoning Variance to Section 48-454(2) of the Morris Municipal Code for the required side yard set back to build an attached garage at 603 Fulton Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wolfe  
Nays: None.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported that the planters and garbage recepticals have been ordered with an 8 week delivery. Picnic Tables have also been ordered for the corner of Rt 47 and Chapin Street where the "MORRIS" sign is located.

**AUDIENCE**

Ken Wills informed the Council that the new sound system doesn't work and the audience cannot hear the council when discussions are taking place. Vicki Geiger who resides at 1827 Periwinkle who is a long time resident of Morris, and a local business owner for over 30 years selling Real Estate voiced her concerns regarding the Ordinance that the Council adopted in December changing the requirment for the percentage of brick that will be required in any future construction, and was asking for consideration that council review this requirement on

a case by case occurrence. Mayor acknowledged her concerns and agreed that this could be looked at on a case by case.

MOTION TO  
ADJOURN

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 p.m. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Herb Wyeth

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

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe 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 March be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING- PROPOSED ANNUAL** Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm for the proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**BUDGET 2023-24 ORDINANCE**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick at 7:03 pm that the public hearing for the proposed annual budget be closed. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown congratulated the Saratoga Hawks 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball team on their second place state finish. A proclamation commemorating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the I & M Canal and declaring April 2023 to April 2024 as the Year of the I & M Canal, there to accept the proclamation was Anna Koval. District 54 will hold their State of the District address on Saturday, April 22, 2023, beginning at 10am. Mayor Brown concluded with the Joliet Junior College will hold their State of the College address on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 3pm-5pm at the main campus.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve Ordinance #4571 to approve and adopt the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the low bid for the Long Term Control Plan Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3-B and the Alternate Watermain Extension by D-Construction for a combined amount of \$6,695,680. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4572 to approve the Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision (Brandon Road Properties, LLC). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4573 to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for Grand Oaks Unit 1 (Brandon Raod Properties, LLC and YMCA). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4574** granting a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1 to R-3 for parcel number #05-05-100-023 (Brandon Road Properties). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4575** granting the Conditional Permitted Use request of the Greater Joliet Area Y.M.C.A. to operate Athletic Fields, a Community and Recreation Center and a Hospital in a R-3 Zoning District. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Wyeth  
Nays: None.

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

The next scheduled meeting for ZBA will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 4:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled meeting for Business Development will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10am, and Alderman Herb Wyeth will be replacing Alderman Duane Wolfe on the committee effective May 1.

**AUDIENCE**

Mayor Brown addressed the council that this is the anticipation everyone has been waiting for to see the Y.M.C.A. at a point where they are ready to start digging and building the new facility. In addition to this facility will be 10 duplexes built on the outside of the road leading to the new Y.M.C.A.

Guy Christensen of 1080 Gladys Avenue addressed the Council thanking all of them for everything along the way and he also stated that this was a long time coming.

Tracey Baker of 2035 Gully Road, Morris informed the council that she had applied for a special event food vendor permit on 3/13/2023 and was denied the permit on 3/14/2023, but without any written denial and wanted to know why she hasn't received anything because it has been over 30 days. She went on to mention that another vendor was able to do the exact same thing she was applying to do, without any problems and inquired why do we have ordinances if

there is no accountability. Mayor Brown replied to Ms. Baker that she would be mailed a denial letter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 7:15pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until May 1, 2023, 10:00 am.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

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

Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Derrick Wren-Absent
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Sarah Mettille

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Tambling, the reading of minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE BILLS**

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

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wolfe reported that the next scheduled meeting will be held on May 23, 2023, at 10am.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Brown recognized Alderman Duane Wolfe on his 20 years of a tremendous job serving on the City Council with the past administration and the current administration, along with presenting him with a commemorative award plaque, while the audience and council stood for a standing ovation. Alderman Wolfe addressed the council and community and thanked Mayor Brown for giving him the opportunity to serve 20 years ago, because it was Chris that asked him to put his name in. Alderman Wolfe also thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward for giving him the opportunity to serve, and thanked his wife Barb for her continued support. Alderman Mettille thanked Alderman Wolfe for all of his help, leading and teaching her the ropes, Alderman Houston went on to say we are the oldest things here, and commended Alderman Wolfe for being a great leader and teacher for the council. Alderman Clubb thanked Alderman Wolfe for the last four years and told him he will be missed. Alderman Duvick expressed his gratitude for all his help over the years and Alderman Wyeth thanked Alderman Wolfe for all of his time and guidance over the past few years and wished him well.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: *Aora Werden*

CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MAY 1, 2023, at 10:15 AM.**

The meeting of the Morris City Council, the first of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Friday, May 1, 2023 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 Derrick Wren-Absent

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Chris Brown introduced Pastor Kevin Yandell of New Community Christian Church and called upon him to give the Invocation.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Judge Scott Belt conducted the swearing in of the following Alderman;  
Jake Duvick 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman  
Dean Tambling 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman  
Alex Clubb 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman  
Jim Black 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

**APPROVE BILLS**

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

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

**MAYOR BROWN**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, that Ordinance #4576, amending ordinance #2688 and Sec. 2-115 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding meetings of the City Council of the City of Morris recommended by Mayor Brown, be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, that Ordinance #4577, amending Ordinance #4541, Sec. 2-360 and Sec. 2-361 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding Term of Office and Meetings and Rules of the Business and Community Development Commission of the City of Morris recommended by Mayor Brown, be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**MAYOR BROWN  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, that Ordinance #4578, amending the Morris Municipal Code regarding the City Fee Schedule, and Water & Sewer Infrastructure Development Fees by Mayor Brown, be approved. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Clubb, Black, and Mettille.  
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 unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE  
REGULARLY  
SCHEDULED  
MEETING DATES**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Houston, 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 carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
LIQUOR LICENSES**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Tambling, the list of liquor licenses attached, be approved. See list attached. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE  
MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Brown announced Morris Retail Association will be hosting a "Cinco de Mayo" Girls Night Out on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 4-8pm with an after party to follow, The Chicago Martial Arts Association will be holding a karate tournament on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Morris High School, doors open at 8:30am., Grundy Area Historical Museum will hold an open house commemorating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 1-4pm., the first Three French Hens Market will be held Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 8am to 2pm., and the Young Eagles E.A.A. Chapter 95 will offer free airplane rides for youth ages 8 through 17 on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Morris Municipal Airport from 9am to 2pm.

MAYOR GIVES  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-  
2023 REVIEW

Mayor Brown addressed the council and audience thanking our Alderman, Department heads and staff for working together this last year, and thanked City Clerk Werden for her countless hours working on the budget. As we close out the fiscal year, and moving forward our General Fund Revenues were \$2.5 MM above budget estimates, and our expenses were \$1.5 MM under budget estimates. Some other key highlights to mention is the new water tower currently being build north of town, the YMCA ground breaking that will take place later this month, the \$600,000 OSLAD grant that was awarded to renovate West Side Park, and in addition to the OSLAD the City was also awarded \$2MM for the Community Funding Project that will help accommodate further economic expansion within the City limits. In the last 2 years the City has received just under \$18MM in grant funding. The list of victories is many with a detailed outline attached to these minutes.

Alderman Duvick commented to the Council that he is looking forward to another great four years and to hear the recap by Mayor Brown, is exciting. There are good things happening.

Alderman Mettille acknowledged the fact that \$18MM in grant funding is unbelievable.

Alderman Clubb took a moment to congratulate and welcome Alderman Jim Black, and looking forward to a great next four years.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 a.m. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

**State of the City**  
**City of Morris, Mayor Chris Brown**

**May 1, 2023**

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 is the foundation of what makes us great and I look forward to another exciting year working towards our goals.

The City of Morris sits at an exciting crossroads. As we meet here this morning, a new water tower is under construction to the north, a new fire department building has broken ground across the street, and to the west, the preliminary work on a new housing development is under way. Along with the housing development, one of the most exciting and significant additions to our city in its history will soon break ground. After years of hard work, fundraising, and planning, the new Morris YMCA will be breaking ground in just a matter of days. These projects will serve our community for decades and promise to take our community into a promising, bright future.

The excitement doesn't end with these projects. Truly, they serve as a beginning and a foundation for more to come. As we look to the west and see the promising beginnings of a new subdivision and YMCA, don't forget to focus your gaze on our city parks. They too, will soon be the focus of a transformational change that will make them the crown jewels in our parks system. With the recently adopted City of Morris Parks Master Plan, we have what will serve as a blueprint for future upgrades and improvements to our parks. Goodwill Park and McKinley Park have been selected as the ones most in need of attention. Our plan calls for Goodwill to be completed this year and thanks to a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant that was recently awarded to the City of Morris, West Side Park will be upgraded with new ball fields, skate park, pickleball courts, playground, and many other exciting features which will marry it perfectly with the YMCA development next year. This must be done due to the parameters and requirements placed on the grant which is through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Following the completion at West Side Park, McKinley Park will be the next on our list for a complete remodel. Our

current plans call for a new basketball court, pickleball courts, batting cages and playground equipment.

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.

In addition, to the OSLAD grant, the city was also awarded a \$2 million Community Funding Project grant to help with the construction of a new water treatment plant which will be necessary in the future to help accommodate further economic expansion within the city limits. In just the last two years, we have received just under \$18 million in grant funding. That is an unbelievable amount of money, and we are committed to pursuing even more dollars through grant applications in the future.

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 2023/2024. As we heard a few months ago following our annual city audit, the City of Morris is in a strong, healthy position. As we close out the fiscal year and prepare to move forward into a new year, the General Fund revenues are \$2.5 million above budget estimates, and our expenses were \$1.5 million under budget estimates. Let me say that again, revenues were above budget and expenses were below budget. Combined, it is a roughly \$4 million swing in the right direction. The total of all fund balances was estimated to be about \$10.5 million, at year end, but the reality is that all fund balances will be over \$27 million for the end of the fiscal year. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment to fiscal responsibility. Without it, this would not be our financial reality.

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.



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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Morris City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

#### **2023**

May 1, 2023 (Monday, 10:00 am)  
May 1, 2023 (Monday, 10:15 am)  
May 15, 2023

June 5, 2023  
June 19, 2023

July 3, 2023  
July 17, 2023

August 7, 2023  
August 21, 2023

September 5, 2023 (Tuesday)  
September 18, 2023

October 2, 2023  
October 16, 2023

November 6, 2023  
November 20, 2023

December 4, 2023  
December 18, 2023

#### **2024**

January 16, 2024 (Tuesday)

February 5, 2024  
February 20, 2024 (Tuesday)

March 4, 2024  
March 18, 2024

April 1, 2024  
April 15, 2024

May 1, 2024 (Wednesday, 10:00 am)  
May 1, 2024 (Wednesday, 10:15 am)



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**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETINGS  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Business & Community Development Commission meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Morris City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

**2023**

May 23, 2023

June 27, 2023

July 25, 2023

August 22, 2023

September 26, 2023

October 24, 2023

November 28, 2023

December 26, 2023

**2024**

January 23, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 26, 2024

April 23, 2024



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**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS & MEMBERS  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Development Review Committee meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Morris City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

**2023**

May 11, 2023  
June 8, 2023  
July 13, 2023  
August 10, 2023  
September 14, 2023  
October 12, 2023  
November 9, 2023  
December 14, 2023

**2024**

January 11, 2024  
February 8, 2024  
March 14, 2024  
April 11, 2024

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**Members:** Chris Brown, Ryan Hansen, Mike Hoffman, Barry Narvick, Alicia Steffes, Tracey Steffes, Bob Tesdal



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## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

### **FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Planning Commission meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Morris City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

#### **2023**

May 31, 2023

June 28, 2023

July 26, 2023

August 30, 2023

September 27, 2023

October 25, 2023

November 29, 2023

December 20, 2023

#### **2024**

January 31, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 27, 2024

April 24, 2024



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETINGS  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Police Commission meetings are held in the Council Conference Room, Room #1109, in Morris City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

**2023**

May 9, 2023

June 13, 2023

July 11, 2023

August 8, 2023

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

**2024**

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024



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**POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETINGS**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

The Police Pension Board meetings are held in the Council Conference Room, Room #1109, of Morris City Hall at 8:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each quarter (unless otherwise noted).

**2023**

July 28, 2023

October 27, 2023

**2024**

January 26, 2024

April 26, 2024



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Mayor

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETINGS FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Morris City Hall at 4:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

### **2023**

May 31, 2023

June 28, 2023

July 26, 2023

August 30, 2023

September 27, 2023

October 25, 2023

November 29, 2023

December 20, 2023

### **2024**

January 31, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 27, 2024

April 24, 2024



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## **PUBLIC COMMITTEES**

### **POLICE COMMISSION** **3 YEAR TERM**

Brent Dite, Chairman 5/26  
Joe Goolsby 5/25  
Greg Redford 5/24

### **POLICE PENSION BOARD** **2 YEAR TERM**

Jeff Rzasa 5/24  
Curt Kneller 5/24  
Charles Newton 5/24  
Grant Whybark 5/25  
Greg Belt 5/23

### **PLANNING COMMISSION** **3 YEAR TERM**

R. H. Coleman 5/26  
Dennis Hackett 5/26  
Barry Narvick 5/26  
Tom Talarico 5/24  
John Wilkinson 5/24  
Jim Jennings 5/25  
Jeff Wachowski 5/25  
**COUNCIL LIAISON**  
Alderman – Derrick Wren

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** **5 YEAR TERM**

Bill Button 5/25  
Thomas Dzuryak 5/25  
Lyle Hecht 5/25  
Bill Klott 5/25  
Tim Robowski 5/26  
Justin Olson 5/26  
Bob Tesdal 5/26  
**COUNCIL LIAISON**  
Alderman – Julian Houston

### **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** **3 YEAR TERM**

Steve Barr 5/25  
Ray Grossi 5/25  
J.R. Hock 5/25  
Patrick Keegan 5/24  
Dave Raffel 5/24  
Monica Schild 5/26  
Michelle Xydakis 5/26  
**COUNCIL LIAISON**  
Alderman – Herb Wyeth



**CITY OF MORRIS MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES - 05/01/23 - 04/30/24**

**CIGARETTE LICENSES \$100.00 (19)**

Casey's General Store  
Circle K  
Citgo Gas Station-20 Hampton Drive  
Dollar General  
Expresslane Gas and Food Mart  
Feeney's Package Liquors  
Four Seasons Liquor  
Jewel Osco #3741  
Love's Travel Stop #859  
Minit Mart-2000 N. Division Street  
Minit Mart #636-150 Commercial Drive  
Morris Liquor  
Morris Tobacco  
Morris West Side Liquors  
Pilot Travel Centers  
Travel Centers of America  
Walgreen Company  
Wal-Mart Store  
Washington Street Citgo

**VIDEO GAMING DEVICE LICENSES \$150.00 (151)**

American Legion Post #284(6)  
Aurelios Pizza (6)  
Bogies Sports Bar (6)  
Brandt's Tavern (6)  
Buffalo Wild Wings (3)  
Cade's Corner Pub (6)  
Carson Tap House (6)  
Clayton's Rail (6)  
Clayton's Tap (6)  
Ebbey George's (6)  
Echo Bowling Lanes (6)  
Fraternal Order of Eagles #1024 (6)  
Griffin's Pint (6)  
John Martin Steele Post #6049 (6)  
La Hacienda del Patron Mexican Kitchen (4)  
Let's Party (5)  
K.J. McKeon's (6)  
Maria's Ristorante and Pizzeria (5)  
Minit Mart (6)-150 Commercial Drive  
Morris CC II (5)  
Morris Citgo (5)  
Morris Diner and Pancake House (3)  
Pilot Travel Centers(6)  
Sam's Pizza(3)  
"The Pub" by Chapin's (6)  
Travel Centers of America (6)  
Tully Monster (4)  
Turtle's Tap (6)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Jim Black
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Herb Wyeth

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of May 1, 2023, closing of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the reading of minutes of May 1, 2023, opening of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman wyeth and seconded by Alderman Wren, 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, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Black and Wyeth  
Nays: None

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

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FEES** City Clerk Werden reported the Overweight Fees paid to the City of Morris from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 totaled \$50,995.00.

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Officer Evans recognized Ella McDonald as the first girl state champion wrestler in Grundy County. Coach Brian Claypool recognized the Morris Grade School Wrestlers and their accomplishments for the season. Mayor Brown continued with swearing in Police Officers Jose Alejandro Hernandez and Nicholas Mazzone. Police Chief Alicia Steffes presented the Police Officer of Year to Caleb Mitchell, who stepped up and lead seriously and mentored what has become a young police staff when the department needed it the most. Honorable mentions went to Ryan Ties and Sarah Markusic . Chief Steffes went on to present the A.A.I.M. award for most DUI arrests to Ryan Ties, Nick Pamponella, Trevor Hodge and Sarah Markusic. Chief Steffes ended with recognizing the retirement of R.B. Henschen after serving a combined total of almost 49 years with the City of Joliet and the City of Morris. He will be missed.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation commemorating Grundy County Historical Museum 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, announced a proclamation for Safe Boating Month, and continued with a reminder that the Police Memorial will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Chapin Park, beginning at 10am, the Morris Police Department will be at Dunkin Donuts on Friday, May 19, 2023, for "Cop on a Roof Top", the City of Morris will host a blood drive on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 10am-3pm at the Municipal Service Building, the City will also be hosting its first "Movie in the Park" featuring "ET" on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Goold Park beginning at 8pm., the Morris VFW will hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023, the City of Morris Summer Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn Series begins Thursday, June1, 2023, kicking off with the Nevery Brothers from 6:30pm until 8pm., the Grundy County Health Department will host a "Celebration of Seniors" expo and social event at Jennifer's Garden on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 10am until 2pm and our very own Alderman Wyeth has been nominated for a Senior Illinoisian award, and finally fForest Fest will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10am until 8pm., in Goold Park.

## **AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the purchase of a electronic gate for the Airport, from Acosta in the amount of \$12,920.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the quote by Brick Paver Solutions & Pools for cleaning and repair of the paved entryway at the Municipal Services Building in the amount of \$15,200.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Mettille that committee recommendation that council approve a quote from Gene May Heating & Cooling for repair and replacement of the HVAC Unit 3 blower motor in the amount of \$8,458.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the dental insurance for the City of Morris that included a 3% increase. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the vision insurance for the City of Morris with no increase in premiums. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the health insurance for the City of Morris with a 3.81% decrease in premiums. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Houston gave an update on the construction of the North Water Tower, that within the next couple of weeks the steel around the tower should be complete.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4579** to approve variance requests from the set back requirements of Section 48-1069(2) and the lot width requirements of Section 48-1066 of the Morris Municipal Code for Steator Onized Credit Union and Bulleit Investments, LLC for the property commonly known as 1804 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4580** granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of Steator Onized Credit Union and Bulleti Investments, LLC, to Operate a Ddrive-Through at 1804 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

The next scheduled meeting for ZBA will be Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 4:30pm.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Black reported that the Dog Park will have upcoming repairs performed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:34pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until June 5, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Derrick Wren	Alderman Sarah Mettille
Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Alex Clubb	Alderman Jim Black
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Jake Duvick

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth 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 Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Black, and Duvick.  
Nays: None.

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO CITY CLERK OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY DEAN TAMBLING** Mayor Brown publically read a Morris TIF I District Statement of Disclosure to City Clerk Werden of Conflict of Interest, signed by Alderman Tambling, a copy of which is included in these minutes. It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Houston, to acknowledge the disclosure by Alderman Tambling related to the ownership of property at 121 E. North Street, which is located in the Morris TIF I District. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** City Attorney Wheeler addressed the public in attendance stating that the Single Family Project proposed by Domera Development, with a 3/2 positive recommendation from the Planning Commission, will come before the City Council on June 19 at 6pm. The DRC Committee will be discussing the 14 unit Domera Development project on June 8 at 10am.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to anyone in attendance that would like to speak. Jackie Bormet, located at 2401 Lynwood, Matt Brown, located at 2138 Lynwood, Sue Krippel, located at 2272 Beverly Drive, Dave Beamish, located at 2165 Beverly Dr all addressed the Council with their concerns for the development of this project and what it would mean for their neighborhood, traffic safety, and property values. Jackie Bormet circulated a petition drive

with more than 160+ signed petitions, not in favor of this 14 Unit Development that was presented to Mayor Brown. Alderman Houston informed the public and the council that this is not a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward problem, this is our problem and we serve at the pleasure of the people, it's what people want is what we do.

Mayor Brown proceeded with the announcements as follows; The Three French Hens Market will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8am-2pm, Grundy Bank will be holding their annual Hot Dog Eating Contest on Friday, June 9, 2023, The City of Morris is partnering with ProShred to host a community wide paper shredding event on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 9am-11am at Morris City Hall, the first Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 6-9pm, The Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival will be held in Goold Park on June 10, and 11, 2023, Concerts on the Courthouse lawn continue on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 6:30pm-8pm, featuring Nashville artist Jenna Jane, and The Morris Rhythm & BBQ Festival will be held Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10am-6pm in Goold Park.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council approve the donation requests for the Fiscal 2023-2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wren, Wyeth, Clubb, Houston, Mettelle, Tambling, Black, and Duvick.  
Nays: None.

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling report the following new Business Licenses, Daniel Cheshareck, dba CleanPro Restoration located at 1579 Little Willow Road to operate a water and fire restoration business, and Jamie Hitchins, dba Unlocking Abilities Behavior and Learning, LLC., located at 1715 Division Street, Unit D to operate an applied behavior analysis therapy business.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 

CITY CLERK

## TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION FORM

Pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4(n) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (the "TIF Act" 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4 et. seq.) members of the corporate authority, any member of a TIF District Commission, and municipal employees or consultants who are involved in the planning and preparation of a TIF redevelopment plan, project or area are prohibited from acquiring any interest, direct or indirect, in any real estate located within a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. If as a newly elected or appointed member, employee or consultant of the corporate authority, or a TIF Commission, such individual already has an ownership interest in real estate within a particular TIF District, such person may: 1) Complete the attached "Part B - Statement of Disclosure of Conflict of Interest" and refrain from any further official discussion, voting or other municipal involvement regarding the affected TIF District; or 2) Request that the subject real estate be evaluated for possible removal from the TIF District Redevelopment Project Area by municipal ordinance and refrain from any further official involvement in matters relating to said TIF District until after such amendment, if feasible, may be completed.

**PART A: MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF POTENTIAL TIF DISTRICT PROPERTY INTEREST** (to be completed by Municipal Clerk)

Municipal Name: City of Morris County: Grundy TIF District Name: TIF 1 Date: 05 /23 /2023

Name and Title	Does an ownership interest exist for any TIF Property? (YES or NO)	If YES, has owner previously disclosed interest in ALL TIF property and refrained from discussing or voting on TIF matters? (YES or NO)	Does owner request certain Property that has not been previously disclosed now be evaluated for possible TIF exception? (YES or NO)	Indicate PIN(s), or attach copy of most recent real estate tax bill(s) for the subject property
Chris Brown, Mayor	NO			
Lori Werden, City Clerk	NO			
Herb Wyeth, 1st Ward Alderman	NO			
Jake Duvick, 1st Ward Alderman	NO			
Julian Houston, 2nd Ward Alderman	NO			
Dean Tambling, 2nd Ward Alderman	YES	YES	NO	05-04-478-004
Derrick Wren, 3rd Ward Alderman	NO			
Alex Clubb, 3rd Ward Alderman	NO			
Sarah Mettille, 4th Ward Alderman	NO			
Jim Black, 4th Ward Alderman	NO			

All known members of the Corporate Authorities, TIF Commission (if any) and affected employees or consultants who are listed above have been notified by the Municipal Clerk of the above referenced Conflict of Interest requirement of the TIF Act. ....  YES or  NO

**PART B: STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO MUNICIPAL CLERK OF TIF DISTRICT PROPERTY INTEREST** (separate form for each affected individual)

Municipal Name: City of Morris County: Grundy TIF District Name: TIF I Date: 05 / 23 / 2023

Name of Municipal Official: Dean Tambling Title: 2nd Ward Alderman

I, Dean Tambling, as a  member of the corporate authority;  member of the TIF Commission;  employee or consultant involved in the planning and preparation of a TIF redevelopment plan, project or area for the above referenced municipality and TIF District, I hereby disclose pursuant to Section 11/-74.4-4(n) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act that I directly or indirectly own real estate included in the above referenced TIF District Redevelopment Project Area.

On 12 / 17 / 2021, I acquired said interest in property located at 121 E North Street (street address), which is also identified as County parcel identification number(s): 05-04-478-004. I am either the sole or joint owner of this property, or I am a member, owner, or investor in a corporation, company, or other entity that has an ownership interest in said property (a more detailed description of my ownership interest is attached hereto). I will refrain from any further official involvement in the municipality's discussions, decision-making and voting on matters relating to the redevelopment plan, projects or area. I will refrain from communicating with other members of the Municipal Corporate Authority and employees concerning any matter pertaining to said redevelopment plan, projects, or area.

I will disclose in writing to the Municipal Clerk the dates, terms and conditions of any disposition of any portion of the property described above during my term or appointment as a member of the Municipal Corporate Authority, member of the TIF District Commission, or municipal employee or consultant and request such disclosure be acknowledged by and entered into the Minute Books of said Corporate Authority.



Signature

05-23-2023

Date

**MUNICIPAL CLERK ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This Statement of Disclosure of Conflict of Interest was received on 05 / 23 / 2023.

Leri Werden 5/23/23

Municipal Clerk

Date

This Statement of Disclosure of Conflict of Interest was acknowledged by the Municipal Corporate Authority and read into the Minutes of a Meeting of said Municipality on 08 / 05 / 2023.

Leri Werden 6-5-2023

Municipal Clerk

Date

Please complete separate "Part B" of this TIF District Conflict of Interest Form for each affected individual and attach additional information as necessary.

Municipality is to provide copy of each form to Jacob & Klein, Ltd. and The Economic Development Group, Ltd.


**TIF DISTRICT NAME: TIF I**

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO CITY CLERK OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

I, Dean Tambling a member of the corporate authority of the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois, hereby disclose pursuant to Section 11/-74.4-4(n) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act that I own property included in the TIF I Redevelopment Project Area.

On 12/17/21, I purchased property located at 121 E. North Street parcel identification number 05-04-478-004. I am the sole owner of the described property. As a City of Morris Alderman, I will refrain from any further official involvement the City's discussions, decision-making and voting on matters relating to the redevelopment plan, projects or area. I will refrain from communicating with other members of the Morris Corporate Authorities and employees concerning any matter pertaining to said redevelopment plan, projects, or area.

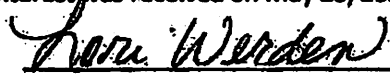
I will disclose in writing to the Clerk of the City of Morris the dates, terms and conditions of any disposition of any property described above during my term(s) as a member of the Morris Corporate Authority and request such disclosure be acknowledgement by and entered into the minute books of the Morris Corporate Authority.

  
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Signature 5/23/2023  
Date


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**CITY CLERK ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This statement of disclosure of conflict of interest was received on May 23, 2023.

  
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Morris City Clerk 5/23/2023  
Date

This statement of disclosure of conflict of interest was acknowledged by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois and read into the Minutes of a Meeting of the Morris City Council on June 5, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Morris City Clerk 6-5-2023  
Date

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Derrick Wren
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Jim Black
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Herb Wyeth

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

**APPROVE BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth 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, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Black and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE TIF I BILLS ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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 was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Wren, Clubb, Black and Wyeth  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling  
Nays: None

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

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

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown recognized two District 54 students, Malachi Congo who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 3A 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Shot Put and Aniston Caputo who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 3A 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Discus Throw in the IESA Track and Field Competition. Congratulations to both of them for the dedication and hard work. The State of the City address will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 5-7pm at the Morris Country Club, The City of Morris "Movie in the Park" will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 beginning at 8pm in Goold Park featuring the "Batman Lego Movie", Morris Retail Association's kicks off its first of three Rock the Block events on Sunday, June 25, 2023, from 2-5pm, The City of Morris Summer Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn series continues Thursday, June 29, 2023, with the Rockin' Fendershirts bring rock-roll oldies from 6:30pm until 8pm., Grundy PADS will host the Liberty 5K on Saturday, July 1, 2023, don't miss the Fireworks Extravaganza on Monday, July 3, 2023 at the Grundy County Fairgrounds, Three French Hens Market will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 8am until 2pm., Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, July 8, from 6pm until 9pm, and I & M Canal Day Camp will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 10-2pm.

## **AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported that the power for the Flag Pole has been completed and the project should be completed by the end of this month.

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution R-23-1** authorizing up to \$7,500.00 in funding to assist in the completion of the Peoria/Chicago Passenger Rail Stops Study. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

## **JUDICIARY & LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reported a business license was granted to Jeffrey Haukom, dba Running Supply, Inc., located at 2655 Sycamore Drive to operate a retail sales business, and to Sandra Hawk, dba Tchotchkes, located at 1013 Liberty Street to operate a gift shop/resale/craft/thrift business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass a **Resolution R-23-2** authorizing Public Fireworks Display for the 2023 Grundy County Corn Festival. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class H Liquor License Application for the Grundy County Corn Festival on Friday, September 29, 2023 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille wanted to extend her gratitude to everyone involved in the Rythmn & BBQ Festival that was held last weekend, it was a great turn out, and a great day.

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the low bid in the amount of \$521,179.00 for the Calhoun Street Bridge Replacement to D Construction, Inc. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council adopte **Ordinance #4581** approving Change Order #2 for an increase of \$256,312.63 associated with the Route 6 Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Extension Project within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE PRELIMINARY  
PLAT OF RE-  
SUBDIVISION FOR  
AVALON OF MORRIS**

Mayor Brown opened the floor for anyone that would like to speak, prior to calling the vote for the Preliminary Plat of the Re-Subdivision for Avalon of Morris.

Richard Joseph, Attorney with Miller, Hall & Triggs LLC., represting Avalon of Morris addressed the Council and public stating that there is no reason to deny approval for the subdivision, and that the Plat meets all of the City Codes, and has no justifiable bases for denial.

Rachel Marx, 2345 Parklake Drive and Dave Beamish, 2161 Beverly Drive both spoke on behalf of the community that was present for the meeting oppposing the proposed Preliminary Plat of Re-Subdivision for Avalon of Morris, presented by Domera Development LLC.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wren and seconded by Alderman Clubb that chairman recommendation that council disapprove the proposed Preliminary Plat of Re-Subdivision for Avalon of Morris, presented by Domera Development LLC, with recommendation to Planning Commission. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:24pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until July 17, 2023, 6:00pm.

Attested: 

CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille                      Alderman Jake Duvick  
Alderman Jim Black                              Alderman Herb Wyeth  
Alderman Dean Tambling

Alderman Alex Clubb-Absent  
Alderman Julian Houston-Absent

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of June 19, 2023, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR JULY 3, 2023** 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 Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Houston and Alderman Clubb

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR JULY 17, 2023** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills for July 17 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 and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Houston and Alderman Clubb

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS JULY 17 TIF I  
ONLY**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT REPORT OF  
FINES**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the report of fines for the month of June be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY  
TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown announced the resignation of our Third Ward Alderman, Derrick Wren. Mayor read Alderman Wren's letter to the council and presented Alderman Wren with a commemorative plaque for his accomplishments while serving the Third Ward, the City and his community. Mayor Brown also announced that the City will be accepting letters of interest for anyone who would be interested in filling the seat. All applicants should drop off their letter to the City Clerk's office no later than the close of business August 1, 2023, with an appointment to follow by the 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting in August. Attached herein is a copy of Alderman Wren's resignation letter. Chief Alicia Steffes went on to welcome and recognize The City of Morris Crossing Guards and commended them for all their hard work that they do during our school year. They are a vital part of our staff. Mayor continued with announcements as follow; Morris Retail Association's second Rock the Block event will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 2-5pm., Concert on the Courthouse Lawn continues on Thursday, July 27, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8pm, with music by River Road Trio, The City of Morris "Movies in the Park" will continue on Friday, July 28, 2023, beginning at 8pm, in Goold Park featuring "The Rookie", Morris Retailers will hold Downtown Sidewalk Sales on Saturday, July 29, 2023, and the Morris Police Department, City of Morris and the Grundy County Health Department will host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council Resolution #R-23-3 approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Morris and Construction and General Laborers District Council of Chicago and Vicinity and Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 681 effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4582** amending the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-23-4** for the Motor Fuel Tax portion of the 2023 Street Maintenance Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve Change Order #1 for the 2022 Street Maintenance Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council reject bids received for the Granville Road Project in the amount of \$146,054.40. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY AND  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business licenses granted by the City of Morris; Gregory Nichols, dba Caliber Holdings, LLC dba Caliber Collision Centers, Inc., at 1256 N. Division Street, to operate an auto body, paint and repair business, Alec Payne, dba Lunchbox Corner, Inc., at 1453 N. Division Street, to operate a retail business, Jitendra Karnani, dba American Mantle Company at 1299 Leah Road, Suite K, to operate a distribution/wholesaler/e-commerce business, Rielly Sanders, dba Reilly Sanders; Vocal Studio, at 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 204, to operate a voice/music lesson business, and Rebecca Carty, dba Spotted Sparrow Boutique, at 104 W. Washington Street, to operate a women's clothing boutique business.

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve entering into a professional services agreement with Tria Architecture for services related to the 2023 Goodwill Park Reconstruction Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black and Wyeth

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Houston and Alderman Clubb

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve entering into a professional services agreement with Narvick Brothers Construction for services related to the 2023 Goodwill Park Reconstruction Project and their role as Construction Manager. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black and Wyeth

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Houston and Alderman Clubb

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

Next scheduled meeting will be held July 26, 2023 at 4:30pm

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Next scheduled meeting will be held July 26, 2023 at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Next scheduled meeting will be held July 25, 2023

**AUDIENCE**

Ryan Magnoni from US Solar addressed the Council, Mayor, and audience to introduce himself and his company to Grundy County and the City of Morris, not to speak on any generally specific project. We primarily work with community solar 5-35 acres where residents and businesses can subscribe a portion of their electric bills to their solar projects. We are looking to bring power to where people use it most.

Michelle Peterson of 2617 Little Bluestem Road took the podium to address the group to discuss grooming. My family was victim to a grooming incident in Morris in 2010. A teacher at the Morris High School was conducting bad behaviors to our son, including texting, sexting, and several types/acts of bribes. This lasted over a span of 3 years. Today, this case is the only grooming conviction in the United States, with huge backing from the High School and the Police. Many cases end up taking plea deals and not being charged. I am working with America's Futures Project to get a bill passed in all 50 states that does not allow people that have a grooming charge take a plea deal. We are also trying have this charge moved from class four felony to a class 2 felony. What I am trying to accomplish and ask your support for creating an ordinance in Grundy County that does not allow grooming convictions to take a plea deal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth; the meeting be adjourned at 6:29pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until June 5, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Jake Duvick
Alderman Jim Black	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Julian Houston
Alderman Alex Clubb-Absent	

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of July 17, 2023, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR AUGUST 7, 2023** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Tambling, 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 and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Clubb

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS AUGUST 7, 2023 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: Alderman Mettille, Duvick, Black, Wyeth and Houston  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling  
Absent: Alderman Clubb

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown made the following announcements: Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm, featuring South of Disorder, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute band. The Morris Library will host "The Green Room Improv Group" on Friday, August 11, 2023, in Goold Park, Three French Hens Market will be Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 8am until 2pm, Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 6pm until 9pm, Don't miss Liberty Arts Festival in downtown Morris on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10am until 4pm. Something for everyone. The Grundy County Health Department will host their annual "Anybody 5K" on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Lastly The City of Morris will be hosting a public meeting Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6pm to discuss grant opportunities to renovate McKinley Park.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth informed the council the flagpole has been installed.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve a bid for the replacement of the four roof-top HVAC units at the Municipal Services Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4583 approving Change Order #1 associated with the Airport Road Improvement Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**JUDICIARY AND  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following approved business license; Brian Eberle, dba Fade to Black Tattoo Collective, LLC at 100 W. Commercial Drive, Suite 4 & 5 to operate a body art business, Megan Smith dba Rebel Rose Lash Co., at 116 E. Washington Street, Suite 2, to operate a lash/beauty studio, Jose Hinostrroza, dba Everything Wash, Inc., at 6845 Cambridge Drive to operate a mobile car wash business, Jimmy Poole, dba Jimmy D's U-Haul at 201 Railroad Street to operate a U-Haul rental business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Class K1 Liquor License Application by Cathy DeCamp, dba Cates Closet Boutique at 115 W. Washington Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve Ordinance #4584 amending Chapter 44, Section 44-9 of the Morris Municipal Code Concerning Impoundment and Towing of Vehicles. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4585** amending Chapter 47, Section 47-7 of the Morris Municipal Code Concerning Impounded Vehicle Fees. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4586** amending Chapter 4, Section 4-79 for the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Outdoor Dining on Public Ways in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille reminded everyone to come for the Public Meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6pm for an opportunity for the community to speak up for what they would like to see at McKinley Park.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4587** approving a variance request from the parking space requirements of Section 48-1497(5)(h) of the Morris Municipal Code for Lombardi Dental for the property commonly known as 135 Brentwood Drive in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4588** *denying* the Preliminary Plat of Resubdivision as requested by Avalon at Morris Limited Partnership. At the time of this recommendation the applicant was not present. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Houston, Wyeth and Mayor Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

DOMERA  
DEVELOPMENT  
APPEAL TO CITY  
COUNCIL

Appeal of City of Morris Development Review Committee denial of Lot 52 Development presented by Domera Development on June 8, 2023.

Development Review Committee recommendation that Council adopt an **Ordinance #4589** *affirming* the Development Review Committee *denial* of Site Plan presented by Domera Development. At the time of this recommendation the applicant was not present. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Houston, Wyeth and Mayor Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Alderman Clubb

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:19pm. This motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until August 21, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK



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

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

Alderman Sarah Mettille	Alderman Carrie Hall
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Duane Wolfe
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Herb Wyeth

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

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

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

**APPOINTMENT OF  
THIRD WARD  
ALDERMAN  
VACANCY**

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

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

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

**APPOINTMENT OF  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
VACANCY**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**AUDIENCE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

ATTEST: *Kori Werden*  
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**Absent:** Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the August 28, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 5,  
2023, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston 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, Houston, Mettille, Wyeth, Black and Clubb  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Alderman Tambling  
**Absent:** Alderman Hall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown made the following announcements: The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Arts Festival was held on August 19, 2023. He recognized the 2023 Liberty Arts Festival Art Show winners which is hosted by the City and The Exhibit Fine Arts Gallery. The Three French Hens Market will be on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The groundbreaking for Goodwill Park will be Friday, September 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Don't miss the Morris Beer Festival, Saturday, September 16, 2023, in Goold Park.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE** Alderman Wyeth informed the council that the airport flagpole is up, looks good and some landscaping will be needed.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston, that Resolution #R-23-5, be approved. This resolution, recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee, approves an Agreement Providing for the Development and Financing of Certain Property and Improvements. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Hall

**JUDICIARY AND  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following approved business license: Seth Dale, dba Chief Carpentry, LLC, 1575 Kenilworth Court, to operate a basic home service/remodeling business; Maria Verduzco-Alvarado, dba Makeen Energy USA, Inc., 1281 Leah Road, to operate a filling and refurbishment of 20 lb. propane cylinders business.

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported to the council that there was no meeting for August 2023.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported to the council that there was no meeting for August 2023.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth informed the council that the committee reviewed a draft of the first phase of the wayfinding signage. It would include lighted signs on Rt. 47 directing travelers to Downtown and signage Downtown to note I&M Canal, shopping district, restrooms, public parking and more. Downtown business owners discussed the significant influx of foot traffic and increased sales during events this summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Steffes Breen, 900 Thomas Drive, lives in Deer Creek Estates and is the Vice President of the Homeowners Association. She stated that they attended the last council meeting asking that services be added to what they already have, and we have not had any response. She has lived there for 7 years and when she moved in 18 of the 30 units were empty. Karen had asked a friend, a realtor, when she was considering buying one, and he recommended that she not because the weeds were up to their knees, and it was very unkept. Now all units are sold. She invited everyone to come and look at their community and see how nice it is. We don't want anything special, we just want what the rest of the city has. We are just asking for mosquito control and the pickup of branches and twigs.

Alderman Duvick responded letting them know that the services of picking up twigs, branches and extra waste can only be done by the city, if the work is performed by yourselves and not a contractor. The city is still talking this through. The road is private, the city has heavy trucks, and we need to look at it from a liability standpoint of what we are going to be liable for if something happens to that road.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth the meeting be adjourned at 6:11 p.m. This motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Gail Hussey*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023** 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 Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills for TIF I 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, Houston, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

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

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brown recognized the Special Olympians for all their hard work and dedication in their Spring and Summer Athletics; Don't miss the final Movie in the Park featuring "Encanto" on Friday, September 22, 2023, beginning at dusk; Grundy County Corn Festival rolls out on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 wrapping up with the parade on Sunday, October 1, 2023, Fun for all ages; and the City of Morris Fall Newsletter is now available online or at City Hall.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-23-6** Approving an Agreement Providing the Development and Financing of Certain Property and Improvements, a Lease Agreement and a Purchase and Sale Agreement. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Alderman Tambling

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-23-7** Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported on the following new business license granted by the City of Morris as follows; Jeffrey Mroz and Tyler Cox, dba Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC at 222 Wauponsee Street to operate a brew pub.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4592** 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 Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Black, Clubb, Hall, Tambling, and Wyeth.

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4593** Authorizing the Sale and Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages on Property Owned by the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a Class A Liquor License application by Jeffrey Mroz and Tyler Cox, dba Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC, located at 222 Wauponsee Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class H Liquor License application by Father Jason Stone of ICS, 411 E. Jackson Street, for Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the low bid received by Grundy Bank for financing of the Long-Term Control Plan Phase 3B. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council authorize the termination of the Maguire Iron, Inc., contracts for the maintenance of the City Water Towers. This motion was carried by the following vote:


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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

The next scheduled meeting for Business Development will be September 26, 2023, at 10am.

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

Meeting adjourned until October 2, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the reading of minutes of the September 18, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the list of TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Brown recognized Otha King for his dedicated service with the City of Morris for the last 51 years as October 2, 2023, was his final day of employment. Mitzi Gross submitted her resignation as Human Resource Administrator but will continue her current position as the Senior Water Clerk for the City of Morris. The Three French Hens Market will be Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 8am until 2pm and Morris Cruise Night will be Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 6pm until 9pm. Trick or Treat hours for the City of Morris will be from 5pm until 7pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

**MAYOR**  
**APPOINTMENTS**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that Council accept the recommendation of the mayor to appoint Amy Aldrich as the Human Resource Administrator. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that Council accept the recommendation of the mayor to appoint Mitzi Gross as the Assistant Human Resource Administrator. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
**COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that council approve the cancellation of the City of Morris Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance through Northern Insurance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that council approve securing the City of Morris Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance through Illinois Municipal League and Risk Management Association. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that council pass **Resolution R-23-8** Authorizing an Objection to a Request by USS Middle Solar LLC and USS Solar LLC for a Special Permit for the Construction and Operation of Solar Farms in Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that council approve the APTIM Contract for the Landfill. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy and the City of Morris to provide Animal Control Services. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that council approve an Engagement Letter with Saul Ewing LLP as Bond Counsel for Long Term Control Plan Phase 3B. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that council pass Resolution R-23-9 appointing Amy Aldrich, Mitzi Gross, and Kathy Knapp as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agents. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Brown reported that the removal of equipment and clean out has begun at Goodwill Park.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alderman Duvick thanked the Public Works and Police for all the hard work they do with Corn Festival, and it doesn't go un-noticed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST   
CITY CLERK

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

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

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS OCTOBER 16, 2023 TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ZBA

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

PLANNING  
COMMISSION

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting in October.

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

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

AUDIENCE

Everyone in attendance sang Happy Birthday to Alderman Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ATTEST: *Kori Werden*  
CITY CLERK

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

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

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the list of TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

**MAYOR**

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

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

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

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

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

**STREET & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

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

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

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

**ZBA**

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

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

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

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of November 6, 2023, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2023** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS NOVEMBER 20, 2023 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, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ACCEPT REPORT OF FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the report of fines for the month of October 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 Black, 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 Mettille, Duvick, Tambling, Black, Houston, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City of Morris offices will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Don't miss Home for the Holidays beginning Friday, November 24 with the window walk, festival of trees, horse drawn carriage rides, the lighted parade and lighting of Chapin Park just to name a few. The fun continues through Sunday, November 26. Stop in to City Hall for tea after the house walk. Home for the Holidays promises fun for all ages! Small business Saturday is November 25. Make sure to visit the many businesses Morris has to offer. Morris Retail Association will be hosting Midnight in Morris on Friday, December 1, from 4pm until Midnight. Mayor Brown recognized Treasurer, Teri Kief for all of her hard work decorating City Hall for the Holidays.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve leasing a new tractor in the amount of \$19,225.46 for the next three years with McCullough Implement Company. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass Res #R-23-11 to enter into an Agreement for Administration and Coordination Services for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Housing Rehabilitation on behalf of the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council enter into a Planned Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Sales and Service for the generator at the Morris Municipal Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston reported the next Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting will be held November 29, 2023, at 4:30pm

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported the next Planning Commission meeting will be held November 29, 2023, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reminded the everyone about the Home for the Holdiays this weekend and the new planter pots will be placed around downtown, just in time for the events. The next Business Development Committee Meeting will be November 28, 2023, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Duvick thanked Julie and everyone for organizing the Home for the Holidays event and Alderman Black wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned until December 4, 2023, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDYAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Jack Duvick	Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Julian Houston-Absent	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 20, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 and Clubb

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Houston

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Clubb 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 and Clubb

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderman Tambling

Absent: Alderman Houston

**AUDIT PRESENTATION FYE APRIL 30, 2023** Lauri Pope of Mack & Associates presented the final audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to the City Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Three French Hens Winterfest Market will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 9am until 3pm in downtown Morris, don't miss Holiday in the Park, Sunday, December 16, 2023 3pm until 6pm in Lower Goold Park. Come out and enjoy cocoa, festive music, and sweet treats around the ice rink. Santa will be waiting in the bandshell ready to hear last minute requests before Christmas!

The Truth and Taxation Hearing will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6pm in the City Council Chambers. The ice-skating rink is open for your enjoyment (weather permitting). There are ice skating and hockey hours, rules are posted at the rink.

**AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4599** approving and authorizing the Execution of Real Estate Contracts and an Easement Agreement between the City of Morris regarding Parcels 02-04-100-004, 02-15-200-005, 02-15-200-003, and 02-15-300-008 within the City of Morris, Grundy County Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Houston**

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve the low Bid Package #1 for Site Work for the new Public Works Facility Project to Conley Excavating & Construction in the amount of \$284,390.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Houston**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4600** approving Change Order #1 as an increase of \$77,441.38 Associated with the Calhoun Street Bridge Replacement within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Houston**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Morris and Deer Creek Estates Homeowners Association. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Houston**

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ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Houston

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille thanked Public Works for all their hard work on getting everything set up for the Home for the Holidays event and prepping the ice-skating rink for another season.

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APPEALS  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4601** approving Variance Requests from the Set Back Requirements of Section 48-1069 (1) and (2) and a Variance Request from the Requirements of Section 48-1962 (1) concerning the Exterior Façade Materials of the Morris Municipal Code for Landx Management, LLC, for the Property Commonly known as 7980 N. Ashley Road, in the City of Morris, Grundy County Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Houston

The next scheduled ZBA meeting will be December 20, 2023, at 4:30pm

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4602** Granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of Nurture You Aesthetics, PLLC, to allow a Medspa Business in the B-2 Zoning District Located at 413 ½ Liberty Street, in the City of Morris, Illinois. Stacy Rivara, a Nurse Practitioner with the Morris Hospital addressed the Council informing that this would be by appointment only, parking would not be a concern and generally 90% of the cliental would be composed of women. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Houston

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be December 20, 2023, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

There will be NO Business Development Meeting in December.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Peterson, 2617 Little Blue Stem gave an update on the bill that she has been working to get passed regarding individuals that are charged with grooming would be prevented from taking a plea deal into law, Florida has now decided to make this their model legislation for the entire country. I am also involved in America's Future, and we will be bringing an Anti-Trafficking Summit to Sheridan Illinois in January. We would like to get as many First Responder and Health Care Providers as possible to the summit to help recognize grooming and trafficking.

Molly LeSueur, Jodie Zitko, Ken Zitko, all from St. Charles took the podium to address the Council as concerned citizens and volunteers with United Sovereign Americans. Each discussed different aspects of Election Vulnerability and its Validity. The group is seeking support for a resolution to audit the process of the Election System to determine the actual error rate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: *Aoni Werden*  
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of December 4, 2023, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS** It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS TIF I** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills be approved for TIF I and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Mettille, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Clubb, Black 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 November be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 TAX LEVY & TRUTH AND TAXATION ACT**

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm. Clerk Werden addressed the group, reiterating that this increase of 22.14% in the tax levy is NOT a property tax increase. The City of Morris is putting the same rate on file as it did last year at .6194, and after the final extension of taxes is completed, the rate will be even lower. Mayor went on to say that this increase is due to commercial/industrial growth within the city limits that has been a big contributing factor for the increase to our EAV.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 TAX LEVY**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, pursuant to the Illinois Truth and Taxation Act, close the public hearing at 6:06 for the 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nancy Norton with the GEDC presented The City of Morris with a commemorative plaque for our investor support for the last 30 years that GEDC has been in existence. Morris Community High School Choir will be caroling in Chapin Park on Saturday, December 23, 2023, from 5-6pm. Mission Bible Church will hold "Carols in the Park" in Chapin Park on Sunday, December 24, 2023, beginning at 4pm. City of Morris offices will be closed Monday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday; Monday, January 1 in observance of the New Year holiday; and Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is not a scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, January 2, 2024. The City of Morris will hold a blood drive on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 10am until 3pm at City Hall.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4603 for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, of the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass Resolution #R-23-12 authorizing Signature Authority for Community Project Funding Grant B-23-CP-0560 with NCICG. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4604 approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and authorizing the Execution of an

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONT'D**

Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4605** regarding the Paid Leave for all Workers Act for the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the POTW (Public Owned Treatment Works) Hauling Permit Renewal Agreement with Nouryon. The charge will be .15/per gallon. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported the following new business license approved by the City of Morris; Jessica Provance, dba Nurture You, located at 413 ½ Liberty Street to operate a med spa, wellness, and aesthetics business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council approve a Class A Liquor License application by Gilbert Goyco, dba Aurelios Pizza, at 701 Liberty Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported the next scheduled meeting will be December 20, 2023, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported the next scheduled meeting will be December 20, 2023, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS**  
**DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported no meeting for the BDC on December 26, 2023.

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:17pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned until January 16, 2024, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Kari Werden*