



CITY OF MORRIS

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

DUE TO THE EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND FURNACE ISSUES IN THE BUILDING THE JANUARY 21, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CANCELLED.

THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of the December 16, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JANUARY 21, 2025 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston, Tambling and Clubb
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY JANUARY 21, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FEBRUARY 3, 2025 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 was carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FEBRUARY 3,
2025 TIF I ONLY**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb 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 was carried by the following:

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

**ACCEPT REPORT OF
FINES**

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

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown recognized Greg Cailey for over 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Morris and congratulated him on his retirement. Morris Retail Association will host a Galentines, Day Sip 'N Shop Event on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 10am until 4pm. City offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025, in observance of President's Day.

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth updated the council on the Electrical Vault Project at the Airport, the expansion of the Crosswind Runway, along with the progress of the self-service fueling project. The Crosswind Runway bid letting will take place in March.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council accept the low bid received by Crown Concepts for the Huber Press Rail Hoist at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council reject bids received for the South Brisbin Road Improvement Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
CONT'D**

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council pass Resolution #R-25-1 for the Motor Fuel Tax portion of the Ashton Road Improvement Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4660 Approving the Change Order #1 for CB&I Storage Tank Solutions, LLC, associated with the Lisbon Road Water Tower within the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

it was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council pass Resolution #R-25-2 Authorizing an Objection for a Request by Gore Road Community Energy Initiative LLC, for a Special Use Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Solar Farm in Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported the following license granted by the City; Mihail Bragoi, dba Premier Truck & Trailer Repair LLC, located at 1393 Leah Road, Unit B to operate a semi-truck and trailer repair shop, Anitra Brase, dba Advantage Realty, Inc., located at 900 W. Route 6 to operate a real estate business, Ella Sandeno, dba Ella Christiana Beauty, located at 113 E. Jefferson St. to operate a beauty, esthetics and personal care business, Brianna Alcantar, dba Tacos Before Vatos Cantina located at 721 Liberty St., to operate a restaurant business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4661 Amending Chapter 4, Section 4-26 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the Liquor License Concept Review Process. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4662 Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles Owned by the City of Morris.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Houston reported that there will be NO meeting on February 26, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that commission recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4663 Approving a Conditional Permitted Use per the Requirements of Section 48-1248-(6) to allow GVD/RBG Transport Inc., to operate as a Transporting Organization of an Adult -Use Cannabis Craft Grower at the property commonly known as 3707 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Alderman Tambling reported that there will NO meeting on February 26, 2025.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be a Business Development Committee meeting, February 25, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

Jeff Wynn, one of four travel liaisons from Senator Balkema's office introduced himself, along with providing his contact information for any future needs that the City may need.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FEBRUARY 18, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY FEBRUARY 18, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the list of TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor Brown and Business Development Director Julie Wilkinson recognized and awarded two Home for the Holidays House Walk participants, Tiffany and Nick Frey along with The Morris Fire & Ambulance Station # 1, a photo book of their home and station along with a gift card from the Grundy County Chamber. This event kicks off the holiday season and stimulates the economy at

Christmas time for the last 30 years.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4664** Abating the Tax hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Waterworks and Sewage Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve a License Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tambling reported the following license granted by the City; Integrated Distribution Systems, Inc., to operate a warehouse third party logistics business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4665** 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: Alderman Duvick, Hall, Houston, Mettille, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, and Clubb
Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License Applications by Brent Stary, dba McBride's Morris, Inc., located at 423 Liberty Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported that there will be NO meeting on February 26, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported that there will NO meeting on February 26, 2025.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be a Business Development Committee meeting, February 25, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

William Meyer, 710 Briar Lane addressed the council regarding a police officer in uniform ringing the bells for Salvation Army on December, 3, 2024, allegedly on duty supporting the local charity, and that this violates the Illinois Constitution.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

Alderman Julian Houston-ABSENT

APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS MARCH 3,
2025**

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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Tambling and Clubb

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Houston

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR TIF I
ONLY MARCH 3,
2025**

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderman Tambling

Absent: Alderman Houston

**ACCEPT FINES
REPORT-JANUARY**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Houston

**ACCEPT FINES
REPORT-FEBRUARY**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morris Restaurant and Retail Association will host an International Women’s Day Shopping Event on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 10am until 4pm.

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the clearing and clean-up of trees and overgrown brush efforts by Public Works at the north end of the Airport is looking great.

**BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Black informed the council that the New Public Works Facility the construction is 85% complete with a scheduled May 1, 2025, completion date.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council approve a proposal from Everon for access control and CCTV at the new public works facility. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4666** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris TIF District I Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis (Tax Year 2023 Payable 2024). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4667** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris Marina TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis (Tax Year 2023 Payable 2024). This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that Council adopt **Ordinance #4668** Declaring Surplus Revenue in the City of Morris Brisbin Road TIF District III Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis (Tax Year 2023 Payable 2024). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Duvick, Hall, Mettelle, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, and Clubb

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Houston

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

There will not be a ZBA meeting on March 26, 2025.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on March 26, 2025, at 5:30pm.

BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on March 25, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

In public comment, Jacob Farmer, 1901 Park Lake Drive, addressed the council inquiring why the City of Morris does not allow comments on their City of Morris FB page, and if this is something that is voted on, and if not who made the call not to allow this feature.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES-
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of March 3, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR MARCH
17, 2025** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS MARCH 17,
2025, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Hall, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS The City of Morris will be sponsoring an electronics recycling event on Friday, March 21, 2025, at First American Recycling, 1001 Armstrong Street, from 9am until 3pm. The Rough Road 100 Bicycle Race will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025. The City Park reservations open April 7, 2025.

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

Alderman Wyeth updated the Council that the bid letting for the Airport Crosswind Construction will take place in June, the Self-Service Pumping Station is being held up due to supply issues, and the Electrical Vault Project has begun.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a contract proposal from Vestis for rental services at the new public works facility. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4669** for Change Order #2 and #3 for Narvick Brothers Associated with the Construction of the Public Works Building within the City of Morris. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4670** Authorizing the Mayor to Approve a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider through NIMEC. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

**STREETS & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that Council accept the low bid received by D Construction for South Brisbin Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$3,012,679.07. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will not be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on March 26, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on March 26, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on March 25, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:10pm. This motion was carried out by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until April 7, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Roni Werden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the March 17, 2025, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS APRIL 7, 2025**

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR TIF I
ONLY APRIL 7, 2025**

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

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

**TENTATIVE
BUDGET FISCAL
YEAR 2025-2026**

Clerk Werden placed the Tentative Budget for Fiscal 2025-2026 on file and reported that the budget will be available for public inspection at City Hall, located at 700 N. Division Street Monday through Friday from 8am until 4:30pm, until the budget is adopted on April 21, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The city proclaimed the week of April 5 through April 11 as the Week of the Young Child, The Morris Women's Club will host their Superhero 5K on Saturday, April 12, 2025, beginning at 9am. The run offers a 5k and a kids' 1k. The Grundy County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Family Fest, at Shabbona School April 12, 2025 from 9am until 1p, and City Hall will be closed April 18 in observation of Good Friday.

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth updated the Council on the Electrical Vault Project, the Self-Service Pumping Station, and the Crosswind Runway Expansion at the Airport.

**BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Black gave an update on the new Public Works Facility, with Com-Ed delaying progress completion date has been extended.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council approve a contract proposal from Axon for body cameras, tasers, digital evidence storage, community video share portal, redaction software and other technical services for the Police Department. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREETS & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that Council pass Resolution #R-25-3 required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Highway Permit Application for the Gun Club Road Reconstruction Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4671 Decreasing the Maximum Speed Limit to 20 mph on Dupont Avenue West of Edgewater Drive and 20 mph on Locust Road from Route 6 to Dupont Avenue in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council approve the low bid received by Utility Dynamic Corporation for the Illinois Route 47 South Lighting Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will be a ZBA meeting on April 30, 2025, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council adopt Ordinance #4672 Approving a Conditional Permitted Use for a two-family unit detached dwelling located at 1203 Kiersted Street, Morris, Illinois.

ZBA CONTINUED

This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on March 26, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on April 22, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

Alderman Houston mentioned the Rough Road Event that took place over the weekend and thanked Public Works for a great job as always.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Aurri Worden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES-
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of April 7, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR APRIL 21,
2025** 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 Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille, and Wyeth
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS APRIL 21,
2025, 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 Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Mettille and Wyeth
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the report of fines for the month of March be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED
ANNUAL BUDGET
ORDINANCE**

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm for public comment, hearing none City Clerk Werden reported our 2025-2026 budget will encompass funding for 11 grants totaling \$37.5 Million and our city local share would be \$3.3 Million. The budget will also include 9 capital improvement projects, some of which are rolled from the previous budget cycle and a balanced General Fund.

**CLOSED PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
PROPOSED ANNUAL
BUDGET**

Mayor Brown recognized Clerk Werden for her dedication and hard work along with many countless hours getting the budget prepared. Following no other comments, It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that the Public Hearing for the proposed budget be closed at 6:06 pm.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderman Clubb

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4673** approving and adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Present: Alderman Clubb

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the City; Stephanie Spanbauer, dba Natural Health Resource Center, Inc., at 115 E. Waverly Street, to operate a naturopathic wellness business, Steve Black, dba Mr. Black's Guitar Lessons, at 1261 Park Blvd, to operate a guitar lesson business, Patrick Keagan, Field Day Sporting, LLC, dba Liberty Barber, 224 Liberty Street, to operate an in-house barber shop, Remington Riccolo, dba Ace Handyman Services of Illinois Valley, 1715 Division Street, Unit 101, to operate a handyman service business, Yvette Bloom, dba The Rabbit Hole of Morris, LLC, 313 Liberty Street, to operate a retail home décor business, Jane Kerr, dba Apple Butter & Shugies, 317 N. Liberty Street, to operate a novelty gift shop business, Muhammad Akhtar, dba Morris Vape LLC, 150 W. Commercial Drive, Suite A, to operate a retail business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that Council adopt **Ordinance #4674** amending the number of mobile food vendor permits and permitted locations for mobile food vendors. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on April 30, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on April 30, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on April 22, 2025, at 10am.

**AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION**

Alderman Houston stated that if more people understood what it takes to balance a budget, they would be more appreciative of what we all do, and thanked Clerk Werden again for everything she does.

Alderman Clubb shared some statistics of Cruise Night and the importance it brings to our community and hopes that City and the members of Cruise Night can find a compromise to continue hosting the event without limiting the number of car entries. Alderman Duvick stated that pre-mature information was disseminated and there will be time for a solution to be met and agrees with not limiting the number of entries. Alderman Duvick also wants to encourage everyone to have patience with the West Side Park outfields, they were seeded, we could not sod them because we don't have irrigation, and it was a very dry fall. Fields can take up to three years to mature, it is just going to take a while.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned until May 1, 2025, at 10am.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Aori Werden

**MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

The last regular meeting of Fiscal Year 2024-25 of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Herb Wyeth	Alderman Carrie Hall
Alderman Jake Duvick	Alderman Alex Clubb-Absent at roll call only
Alderman Julian Houston	Alderman Jim Black
Alderman Dean Tambling	Alderman Sarah Mettille

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS, APRIL 30,
2025**

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS, APRIL 30,
2025-TIF ONLY**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morris Restaurant and Retail Association will be hosting a "Girls Night Out" event on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 4pm-10pm, the City of Morris will be hosting a shredding event on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 9am-11am at City Hall, Three French Hens will host their first market of the season on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8am-2pm., the Grundy County Law Enforcement Managers Police and Fire Memorial will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10am, at Chapin Park, and the City of Morris will host a blood drive on Friday, May 16, 2025, from 10am-3pm, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 a.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10:15 A.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

INVOCATION Pastor Steve Larson, First Baptist Church

OATH OF OFFICE Justice Lance R. Peterson
Chris Brown – Mayor
Lori Werden – City Clerk
Terri Kief – City Treasurer
Herb Wyeth, 1st Ward Alderman
Julian Houston 2nd Ward Alderman
Carrie Hall 3rd Ward Alderman
Sarah Mettille 4th Ward Alderman

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS MAY 1, 2025** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS MAY 1, 2025,
TIF 1 ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the list of TIF 1 bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committee. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**ORDINANCE
AMENDING FEE
SCHEDULE** Ayes: Alderman Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Clubb, Black and Mettille
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick to approve **Ordinance #4675** amending chapter 47 of the Morris Municipal Code concerning the City Fee Schedule recommended by Mayor Brown. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, Clubb, Black and Mettillie
Nayes: None

ORDINANCE
AMENDING
LIQUOR LICENSE

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick to approve **Ordinance #4676** amending chapter 4, Section 4-33 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the number of liquor licenses recommended by Mayor Brown. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, Clubb, Black and Mettillie
Nayes: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda and approved with one motion:

Personnel Appointments
Appointments to Council Standing Committees
Appointments to Public Boards and Commissions
Appointment of Council Liaison Members
Approval of regularly scheduled meeting dates as listed for the following committees: City Council, DRC, Fire & Police Commissions, Planning Commissions, Police Pension Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
Presentation of list of liquor licenses for approval
Presentation of miscellaneous licenses for approval: Bowling Alley, Theatre, Taxicab, Amusement Devices, Cigarette and Video Gaming Devices

Motion by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Tambling to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Mayor Brown addressed the council and audience, giving his deepest gratitude to serve as your mayor for the next four years, and looking forward to this new year that holds promise, opportunity and new beginnings, while reflecting on the accomplishments of the year behind us.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: *Kori Werden*

CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, May 19, 2025, 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-ABSENT

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

**APPROVE MINUTES-
OPEN OF FISCAL
YEAR 2025-2026** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of May 1, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR MAY 19,
2025** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS MAY 19, 2025,
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 Black, Clubb, Houston, Duvick, Mettille and Wyeth
Absent: Alderman Hall
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the report of fines for the month of April be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

REPORT

the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Hall

Nays: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaim the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Opening day at the City of Morris Pool will be Saturday, May 24, 2025, The Morris V.F.W. will host their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025, beginning at 9:30am, City of Morris offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day, don't miss the Wayne Messmer Combo as our Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn kick-off on Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 6:30pm until 8pm., Fforest Fest returns to Goold Park on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 12pm until 8pm., Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue on Thursday, June 12, 2025, featuring The Neverly Brothers from 6:30pm until 8pm., Dulcimer Fest will be held in Goold Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025, and Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 9am until 6pm., the next Three French Hens Market is Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 8am until 2pm., and Cruise Night rolls in with the first cruise of the season on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 6pm until 9pm.

**MAYOR BROWN
APPOINTMENT-
PARKS &
RECREATION
SUPERINTENDENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling that Council accept Mayor Brown's recommendation to appoint Adam Steffes as Parks and Recreation Superintendent. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Alderman Clubb

Absent: Alderman Hall

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council pass Resolution #R-25-4 required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Highway Permit Application for the Illinois 47 Highway Lighting Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Hall

Nays: None

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following license granted by the city; Doug and Patricia Grunnet, dba Acument Motorsport, LLC, 902 Liberty Street, to operate a do-it-yourself and auto storage membership business, and Stephen Stonehocker, dba Stephen L. Stonehocker, 1831 Village Court, to operate a book sales business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that Council *table* a Class D Liquor License Transfer from Javier Ramirez Florez, dba La Hacienda Del Patron Mexican Kitchen, Inc., 1840 N. Division Street to Elizabeth Gomez Mireles, dba La Hacienda Del Patron Mexican Kitchen, Inc., 1804 N. Division Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class K-1 Liquor License application by Heidi Kindelspire, dba Gigi at 124 & 126 E. Washington Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Morris Police Department and Grundy County Sheriff's Department for Safekeeping of Firearms, Firearm Parts and Ammunition (Public Act 103-1065) a/k/a Karina's Law. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Mettille and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council award the Park and Trail Study Project to Antero Group. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve a Contract for Legal Services AFFF PFAS Litigation with Stage Liuzza, LLC and Gardner Koch Weisberg & Wrona. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4677 Approving a Variance Request from the Set Back Requirements of Chapter 48, Section 48-454(1), (2) and (3) of the Morris Municipal Code for Stephen and Lauren Vandever for the property commonly known as 705 Spruce Street, Morris, IL. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

There will not be a meeting on May 28, 2025, for Zoning Board of Appeals.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

There will be a meeting on May 28, 2025, for Planning Commission at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on May 27, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned until June 16, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Aori Werden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES- MAY 19, 2025, MEETING It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the reading of minutes of May 19, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR JUNE 16, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JUNE 16, 2025, 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 Black, Houston, Duvick, Hall and Wyeth
Absent: Alderman Mettille, and Alderman Clubb
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

Alderman Clubb is added to roll call at 6:02pm

ACCEPT MONTHLY FINES It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, that the report of fines for the month of May be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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 May be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Mettillie

Nays: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor swore in two new police officers, Kolton Stockwell and Jacob MacLean. Trevor Hodge was awarded Police Officer of the Year, and Officer Markusic, Officer Border, and Officer Pena were recognized for the A.A.I.M. Award. The State of the City address will be held at Morris Country Clubb on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5-7pm, Rhythm & BBQ Fest returns to Goold Park on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10am until 6pm., Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue on Thursday, June 26, 2025, featuring Cadillac Groove from 6:30pm until 8pm., City of Morris is again partnering with the Morris Library to bring Movies in the Park to Goold Park beginning Friday, June 27, 2025, featuring Mary Poppins, movies begin at dusk, the Rock the Park, the City's Saturday Summer Concert Series in Goold Park, begins June 28, 2025, from 2pm. Until 5pm. Featuring music by High Anxiety, don't miss the fireworks extravaganza at the Grundy County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 3, 2025, beginning at dusk, and the City of Morris offices will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025, in observances of Independence Day.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the City of Morris medical insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettillie

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass an IDOT Resolution #R-25-5 utilizing Rebuild Illinois Funds toward the South Brisbin Road Improvements. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettillie

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass an IDOT Resolution #R-25-6 utilizing MFT Funds toward the Ashton Road Improvements. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettillie

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4678 approving a Change Order for G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc., associated with the Hidden Lakes and Walmart Lift Station Improvements. This motion was carried by the following vote:

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
CONTINUED**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4679 Change Order #1 associated with the South Brisbin Road Water & Sewer Extension Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4680 approving and authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Morris, McBride's Morris, Inc., and Brent Stary Individually. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the recommendations for contributions from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for 2025/2026. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council award the U.S. Rt 6 Phase A Gun Club Road Improvements Project to the low bidder D Construction, Inc. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass Resolution #R-25-7 authorizing an objection for a request by Brisbin Solar LLC for a Special Use Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Solar Farm in Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business licenses granted by the City; Rमितkumar Patel, dba Dhunpal Hospitality, LLC, 80 Hampton Road, to operate a hospitality business, Amy Pilz-Mannoja, dba rock Soul Love Luminary Foundation, 216 W. Washington Street, to operate a resale shop and enrichment center business, Elizabeth Gomez Mireles, dba La Hacienda Del Patron Mexican Kitchen, Inc., 1840 N. Division Street, to operate a Mexican restaurant business, and Charlie Martin, dba Chuck's Grab 'n Go, 104 W. Washington Street, to operate a vending and micro pantry business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License Transfer from Javier Ramirez Florez, dba La Hacienda Del Patron Mexican Kitchen, Inc., 1840 N. Division Street, to Elizabeth Gomez Mireles, dba La Hacienda Del Patron Mexican Kitchen, Inc., at 1840 N. Division Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettill

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will not be a meeting on June 25, 2025, for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4681 *denying*** the application for Final Plat for Roberts Road Subdivision by Megatrans Express, Inc., in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettill

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4682 *denying*** the application for a Conditional Permitted Use by Vanner Repair Services, Inc., to operate an automotive wrecking yard and junkyard in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Tambling, Black, Houston, Duvick, Hall, and Wyeth

Nays: Alderman Clubb

Absent: Alderman Mettill

There will not be a meeting on June 25, 2025, for Planning Commission.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on June 24, 2025, at 10am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Antonioli, SpaceCo Engineering addressed the council with some context prior to the Planning Commission voting on the Ordinance to adopt the Final Plat for Roberts Road explaining that it is to clean up some lot lines and combining Lot 13&14 into one and Lot 15&16 into one and Lot 23&24 for future development. Sam Alimov, manager of Vanner Repair, also addressed the council seeking a CPU to operate an automotive wrecking yard and junkyard.

Chris Franklin, 2321 Lynwood Street addressed her concerns for safety with the speed and traffic that is taking place in her neighborhood and requesting flashing traffic signs and speed bumps.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:30pm. This motion was carried out by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until July 7, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Lori Werden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the reading of minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS JULY 7, 2025**

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR TIF I
ONLY JULY 7, 2025**

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

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

**MAYOR BROWN
APPOINTMENT-
AIRPORT
MANAGER**

It was recommended by Mayor Brown that the council approve the appointment of Ryan Cryder for the Airport Manager. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue Thursday, July 10, 2025, featuring Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band from 6:30pm until 8pm., The Morris City Pool will have a free swim day on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 12pm until 6pm., Three French Hens Market is Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 8am until 2pm., along with Cruise Night from 6pm, until 9pm.,

the City of Morris will be sponsoring an electronic recycling event on Friday, July 18, 2025, at First American Recycling, 1000 Armstrong Street, from 9am until 3pm., and the Movies in the Park will be Friday, July 18, 2025, featuring The Jungle Book. Movies will begin at dusk.

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

The mayor reported that the bid open took place for the Airport Runway Expansion, and it came in \$4.5M under engineers estimated costs.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4683** Maintaining a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the city; Gregory Geil, dba Advanced Materials Center, Inc., 1802 N. Division, Suites 503-504, to operate an environmental packaging analysis business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve entering in an IGA between the Grundy County Sheriff's Office and the Morris Police Department regarding Participation in the Grundy County Rapid Entry and Containment Team. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**STREETS & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4684** approving a Change Order for D Construction, Inc., associated with the Street Maintenance Program within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Clubb

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that council accept the proposal by Cuttin Edge Lawn for downtown snow removal. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Clubb

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4685** Amending Chapter 46, Article IV, Sections 46-278 and 46-281 Regulating Water/Sewer Accounts in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council accept the proposal by USG Water Solutions for the West Route 6 Water Tower Maintenance and Painting. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be no meeting on July 30, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Houston reported that there will be a meeting on July 30, 2025, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported there will be a Business Development Committee meeting on July 22, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 21, 2025, 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-
JULY 7, 2025,
MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of July 7, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR JULY 21,
2025** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS JULY 21, 2025,
TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston, that the report of fines for the month of June be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor recognized Jeff Vogen (not in attendance) for his 25 years of dedicated service as Morris Airport Manager. Mackenzie Enger was recognized on her Skills USA National 2nd Place achievement in Advanced Teaching Methods. Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn continue Thursday, July 24, 2025, featuring The Sting Rays, playing 50's, 60's and 70's favorites from 6:30pm until 8pm. Morris Restaurant and Retail Association will hold "sidewalk Sales" on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10am until 4pm. Rock the Park returns to Goold Park on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 2pm until 5pm featuring music by LiveStream playing 80's and 90's favorites.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-25-8** to authorize the addition of the NPPFA Deferred Compensation Plan as an Employee Benefit. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-25-9** of the Corporate Authority Relating to a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass a **Resolution #R-25-10** Authorizing a Public Fireworks Display for 2025 Grundy County Corn Festival. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4686** approving a Change Order for All Service Contracting Corp., associated with the Water Treatment Plant Softener Media Replacement Project within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will not be a meeting on July 30, 2025, for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

There will be a meeting on July 30, 2025, at 5:30pm for Planning Commission.

BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on July 22, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned until August 4, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Aurli Werden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**

The meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS AUGUST 4,
2025**

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

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

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR TIF I
ONLY AUGUST 4,
2025**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown recognized Jeff Vogen on his retirement as Morris Airport Manager after 25 years of dedicated service, along with Aniston Caputo on her three-time IESA Track and Field, MCHS Hydrogen Car Club won the Hydrogen Grand Prix Midwest Competition – Midwest Division and is qualifying for the World Finals in Germany. Morris Police will host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, in Goold Park from 5-8pm, Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn wrap up on Thursday, August 7, 2025, featuring the big band sounds of the Del Bergeson Orchestra from 6:30-8pm, The City of Morris will host a blood drive Friday, August 8, 2025, from 9am until 3pm, Three French Hens Market is Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 8am until 2pm, Cruise Night is Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 6-9pm, Movies in the Park will be Friday, August 15, 2025, featuring Frozen Singalong, movies begin at dusk, and

Liberty Arts Festival returns to downtown Morris on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 10am until 4pm., promising fun for all ages.

MAYOR BROWN
APPOINTMENT-
DERRICK WREN,
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

It was recommended by Mayor Brown that the council approve the appointment of Derrick Wren for Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE

Chairman Tambling reported the following business licenses granted by the City; Karim Elaiwi, dba Vapor Vape Smoke Shop, Inc., 1824 N. Division Street, to operate a tobacco store business, David Johnson, dba Main Street CPA's, P.C., 809 Liberty Street, to operate a certified public accountant business, Michael Venegas, dba Locals Only Tattoo, LLC, 1489 Division Street, to operate a tattoo shop, and Hani Hizam, dba Morris Mart, Inc., 309 Liberty Street, to operate a convenience store.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve a Class H Liquor License Application by John Sparrow, on behalf of Grundy County Corn Festival to operate a beer garden on September 24, 25, 26, and 27th. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

There will not be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on August 27, 2025, at 4:30pm.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4687 approving a request from the City of Morris Planning Commission for a Zoning Map Amendment from the M-2 Manufacturing District to the LM Light Manufacturing District for property located on Mission Parkway (Part of PIN 02-34-126-006) within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4688 Amending the City of Morris Municipal Code Establishing and Amending Regulations for Solar Energy Systems, Signage, Parking, and Manufacturing Uses within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Alderman Mettillie

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on August 27, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on August 26, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES-
AUGUST 4, 2025,
MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Houston, the reading of minutes of August 4, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR AUGUST
18, 2025** 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 Tambling, Black, Hall, Houston, Duvick, Clubb, and Wyeth
Absent: Alderman Mettille
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS AUGUST 18,
2025, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston, that the report of fines for the month of July be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**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 July be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Mettille

**OPEN PUBLIC
HEARING –
AMENDMENT OF
TWO ANNEXATION
AGREEMENTS –
SOUTH RT6 AND
EAST & WEST OF
GUN CLUB ROAD**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston to open the public hearing at 6:03pm. Attorney David Silverman presented a quick synopsis regarding the two annexations, and Aindree Hogan, VP of GEDC spoke in support of a Data Center, highlighting a few key points; well compensated paying jobs, provides meaningful revenue streams for the financial health in the communities they operate in, and minimal impact on infrastructures, and identifying this project as a once in a generation windfall for our local community. After hearing no further questions from the audience, Alderman Houston moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:08pm seconded by Alderman Wyeth. This motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morris City Pool open swimming hours and are now weekends only from Noon to 6pm (weather permitting) through August 31, 2025. The Last day to enjoy a day at the pool will be September 1 (Labor Day) from Noon to 4pm, Rock the Park wraps up the series in Goold park on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 2-5pm, featuring music by the Tim Gleason Band with Alexandra Lee covering today's hottest country, the City Hall parking lot will be closed Monday, August 25, 2025, for sealing and striping, Don't miss the Morris Beer Festival in Goold Park on September 6, 2025, from 2-6pm, the City of Morris in partnership with the Morris Public Library, will host the last movie in the park for the season on Friday, September 12, 2025, featuring Elemental. Movie begins at dusk, Three French Hens Market is Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 8am until 2pm, and ending with Cruise Night is Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 6-9pm.

**MAYOR BROWN
APPOINTMENT –
PLUMBING
INSPECTOR**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that council approve Mayor Brown's recommendation to appoint Tom Barry as the Plumbing Inspector for the City of Morris. This motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4689 approving and authorizing a First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement (+/- 158 Acres Southeast of U.S. Route 6 and Gun Club Road, Morris, Illinois). This motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Alderman Tambling, Black, Houston, Duvick, Hall, Wyeth and Mayor Brown

Nays: Alderman Clubb

Absent: Alderman Mettille

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4690 approving and authorizing First Amendment to Annexation Agreement (Parcels A, B, and C located South of U.S. Route 6 and West of Brisbin Road, Morris, Illinois). This motion was carried by the following vote:

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
CONTINUED**

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4691 approving First Amendment to Agreement Providing for the Redevelopment and Financing of Certain Property and Improvements. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4692 approving a Utility Infrastructure and Service Agreement. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4693 Permitting the use of Low-Speed Electric Scooters for the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

There will not be a meeting on August 27, 2025, for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

There will be a meeting on August 27, 2025, at 5:30pm for Planning Commission.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on August 26, 2025, at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting is adjourned until September 15, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, September 15, 2025, 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-
AUGUST 18, 2025,
MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the reading of minutes of August 18, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR
SEPTEMBER 15,
2025** 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 Black, Wyeth, Tambling, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Mettille, and Clubb
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS SEPTEMBER
15, 2025, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the report of fines for the month of August be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Morris BBQ Association addressed the Council to extend their gratitude for the city support of the festival, and to present Illinois Valley Industries with the proceeds from the event. The Grundy County Corn Festival kicks off on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, and runs through Sunday, September 28, 2025. The Morris Hospital is hosting their Corn Fest 5K on Saturday, September 27, 2025, and the Morris Lions Club will hold their annual car show on October 4 and October 5, 2025, at the Grundy County Fairgrounds.

OPEN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – DETERMINATION OF A BUSINESS LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE OF MORRIS MART, INC. The Administrative Hearing was opened at 6:06pm. City Attorney Garret Wheeler explained that this Administrative Hearing was with respect to the determination of a business license suspension or revocation of Morris Mart. He called on Bill Martin, City of Morris Building & Zoning Officer, to testify. Bill Martin stated that he had taken pictures at the address, 309 Liberty Street, Morris, of products inside the business for sale, that pursuant to our Morris Municipal Code, are not allowed in the B-2 Zoning District. He also stated that Morris Mart did not file a sign permit application or pay the fee which is required prior to the installation of a sign. The owner of the business, Hani Hizam, had questions directed to Bill Martin related to our code requirements for signs and what was allowed to be sold in our downtown B-2 Zoning District. Mr. Hizam stated that he contacted the city and was told he could sell tobacco products at 309 Liberty Street. City Attorney Wheeler responded that electric cigarettes as defined in our municipal codes are not allowed in the district where his business is located. Caroline Cummings, 830 E. Southmor Road, Morris, a representative from the Executive Board of the Morris Restaurant and Retail Association spoke to the council strongly urging that the business license of the Morris Mart be revoked stating that this business does not reflect what the MRRRA works tirelessly to preserve and foster in our quaint and family-friendly historic district. Lena Wickens, 909 Liberty Street, Morris, representing the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, stated that a store carrying substantial vaping and tobacco inventory in the heart of downtown, is not appropriate and respectfully asked that the council reconsider not approving this business license. It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black to Revoke the business license of Morris Mart, Inc. This motion was carried by following vote:

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

The Administrative Hearing was closed at 6:16pm.

MAYOR BROWN It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Duvick that Council pass Resolution #R-25-11 supporting the City of Morris' application for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the Fields of Saratoga Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**BUILDING &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Black reported that the new Public Works Building has been operating for almost two weeks. He spoke with workers, and their morale is high, and they feel very safe and secure in their new building. Alderman Black complimented Narvick Brothers on the quality of work and how happy he is with the final product. Mayor Brown agreed with those comments as well.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4694** amending the City of Morris 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4695** approving a Change Order for Narvick Brothers associated with the construction of the Public Works Building. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Resolution #R-25-12** authorizing City of Morris objections for requests associated with Special Use Permit toward the construction and operation of Large-Scale Solar Developments within Grundy County. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business licenses granted by the city; Micayla Post-Chow, dba Morris Hometown Vets, 608 Bedford Road, to operate a veterinarian business, and to Hailey Likar, dba Aesthetics by Hailey, 113 E. Jefferson Stret, to operate a beauty business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class "H" Liquor License request by Father Jason Stone on behalf of Immaculate Conception Parish, for their annual Oktoberfest on October 4, 2025. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille updated the council on the public meeting held on September 10, 2025, regarding the OSLAD Grant for Fields of Saratoga. Approximately thirty-five people were in attendance, a majority from the Fields of Saratoga Subdivision, and were very excited about the plans they were shown. Alderman Mettille also reported this grant will be like the West Side Park OSLAD Grant, which is a matching grant.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be no meeting on September 24, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUED

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4696** granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of Mission Bible Church to operate a church in the B-3 Zoning District located at 515 W. Gore Road in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Eric Swanson, 2200 Locust Road, Morris, Pastor of the Mission Bible Church in Morris, spoke on behalf of the church, thanking the city council. They have been meeting in Saratoga Grade School for almost 5 years and are excited to get into their new building, renovate it and make it a great place to serve our city.

Alderman Houston reported that there will be no meeting on September 24, 2025.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There will be a Business Development Committee meeting on September 23, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Jason Easton, 455 Pine Meadow Lane, Morris, addressed the council regarding the data center that is looking into building on the east side of Morris. He stated that he knows that the project is in the initial phases and planning stages but would like the city to share openly with integrity and transparency the many concerns that surround the construction and operation of a Data Center. Questions from Mr. Easton involved water impacts and costs, available power and costs to the residents, along with sustainability of the power, to name a few.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting is adjourned until October 6, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Gail Hussey

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, October 6, 2025, 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- SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, MEETING It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the reading of minutes of September 15, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS OCTOBER 6, 2025, TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Three French Hens will hold their next market on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The next Morris Cruise Night will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The City of Morris will host a Blood Drive on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, at City Hall. The City of Morris final E-Recycling event for 2025 will be Friday, October 17, 2025, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, at the First America Recycling, 1000 Armstrong Street. The Morris Restaurant and Retail Association will host “Wiggin’ Out”, a downtown shopping event supporting breast cancer research and awareness, on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 5:00 pm until 10:00 pm. City of Morris Trick or Treat hours will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm, on Friday, October 31, 2025.

AIRPORT
COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth thanked, City of Morris Airport employees, Ryan Cryder and Mike Edwards, for their hard work cleaning up our city airport and making such a big difference on its appearance.

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

Alderman Wyeth reported there will not be Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on October 29, 2025.

PLANNING
COMMISSION
PLANNING
COMMISSION
CONTINUED

Alderman Houston reported there will be a Planning Commission meeting on October 29, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Alderman Tambling reported there will be a Business Development Committee meeting on October 28, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION

Alderman Wyeth thanked Doug Pfaff and his crew for putting in handicap crosswalks at the Locust Road intersection in Deer Ridge Subdivision. Alderman Houston wanted the girls at City Hall to know that they are appreciated for all their hard work and will do everything we can to help them. Alderman Black congratulated Mayor Brown on being elected as Vice President of the Board of Directors to the Illinois Municipal League and stated what an honor that is. IML supplies education, periodicals and lobbying to 1,296 municipalities throughout Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb the meeting be adjourned at 6:07pm. This motion was carried out by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting is adjourned until October 20, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Gail Hussey

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, October 20, 2025, 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- OCTOBER 6, 2025, MEETING It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of October 6, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black, the list of bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS OCTOBER 20, 2025, TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ACCEPT MONTHLY FINES It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston, that the report of fines for the month of September be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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 September be accepted and placed on file. This motion was carried out by the following vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Alicia Steffes presented a Lifesaving Award to Officer Nick Pampinella and Civilian Jason Knapp for their heroic efforts to save a drowning victim in the Illinois River. Morris Lions Club will host their annual Halloween Costume Contest on Thursday, October 30, 2025, beginning at 4:15pm, in front of the Grundy County Courthouse, Grundy County Chamber of Commerce will host "Trick or Treat Downtown" on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 5-7pm, City of Morris Trick or Treat hours will be from 4-7pm, on Friday, October 31, 2025, and Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2, 2025. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve the payment of the Illinois Risk Management Association for the annual insurance premium. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council accept the RFP for the Downtown Streetscape Design Program submitted by Terra Engineering, Ltd. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be no meeting on October 29, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Alderman Houston reported that there will be a meeting on October 29, 2025, at 5:30pm

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Tambling reported that there will be a Business Development Committee meeting on October 28, 2025, at 10am.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Jan Bogart, 214 Robinson Drive inquired on how much longer the 3B LTCP project has until it is completed, Mayor informed Jan that it should not be too much longer.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting is adjourned until November 3, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Lori Werden

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, November 3, 2025, 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- OCTOBER 20, 2025, MEETING It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of October 20, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2025 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 Clubb, Black, Wyeth, Tambling, Duvick, Houston, Hall, and Mettille
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS NOVEMBER 3, 2025, TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Three French Hens Holiday Market will be held November 7, 2025, from 5-9pm and November 8, 2025, from 9-3pm at Jennifer’s Garden, Morris Cruise Night will hold their Thanksgiving Cruise (Buzz the Gut Event) on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 4-7pm, The City of Morris will host a public workshop for the Downtown Parking and Communitywide Trails Study on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 5-7pm, in the Community Room at City Hall.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE Alderman Wyeth reported that the Electrical Vault project, pre-construction should begin soon, the City should be receiving the Agency Agreement to begin construction on the Crosswind Runway project, and the Self-Service Fueling project is waiting for final approval from the State Fire Marshal to begin offering self service to pilots. Mayor added that GAVC will be offering an aviation program that will be conducted at the Morris Airport.

JUDICIARY & LICENSE COMMITTEE Alderman Tambling reported the following business licenses granted by the city; Sergey Yakovlev, dba European Service at Home, Inc., at 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 12 to operate a non-medical services business, Sadie O’Neal, dba Revive Suites, 100 Commercial Drive, Suite 11

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE
CONTINUED**

to operate a salon-suites business, Traci Tessone, dba Sculpt Pilates Studio at 217 Liberty Street to operate a reformer Pilates studio business, Daneal Christensen, dba Foundry & Fete LLC at 405 Liberty Street to operate a curated retail and even space business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Grundy and the city of Morris to Provide Animal Control Services for 2025-2026. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREETS & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Hall reported that the 3B LTCP project should be nearing the end.

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council accept the bid received from Cahoy Pump Services, Inc., for the Wells 8 & 9 WTP project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council accept the bid received from Vissering Construction Company, for the EWWTP expansion project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Alderman Wyeth reported there will not be a meeting on November 19, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Houston reported there will be a meeting on November 19, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported there will not be a meeting held until January of 2026 due to the upcoming holidays.

**AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION**

Mayor Brown reported that he will be moving January 20, 2026, City Council meeting to January 12, 2026, due to the holiday, but will make another announcement next month. Alderman Houston reported that JJC will be building a site here in Morris, while Mayor Brown included it has been a long process, but it all has finally come together.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting is adjourned until November 17, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST: *Loni Werden*
CITY CLERK



Chris Brown, Mayor
Lori Werden, City Clerk
Terri Kief, City Treasurer

700 N. Division Street
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL IS HEREBY CANCELLED.

THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 1, 2025, 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- NOVEMBER 3, 2025, MEETING It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of November 3, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025 It was moved by Alderman Wyeth 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 Clubb, Black, Wyeth, Tambling, Duvick, Houston, Hall, and Mettille
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS NOVEMBER 17, 2025, TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2025 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 Clubb, Black, Wyeth, Tambling, Duvick, Houston, Hall, and Mettille
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2025 TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

FINES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the report of fines for the month of October be accepted. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

ACCEPT MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

CITY AUDITOR PRESENTATION OF FISCAL 2024-2025 AUDIT

Lauri Pope with MACK & Associates presented the Fiscal Audit for 2024-2025, stating that Mack is proud to announce they issued a clean, unmodified opinion of the City's financial statement for fiscal year ending April 30, 2025, along with no findings to report to the council for this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morris Restaurant and Retail Association will be hosting a Midnight in Morris on Friday, December 12, 2025, from 6pm until midnight. Don't miss Holiday in the Park, held in Goold Park on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 3-6pm. Enjoy ice skating, Santa under the bandshell, cocoa and smores. Three French Hens Winterfest Market will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 9am-3pm, outside of 217 Liberty Street. The Truth and Taxation Hearing will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6pm, in the City Council Chambers. The regular meeting of the Morris City Council scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2026, is cancelled. There will be a special meeting of the Morris City Council held on Monday, January 12, 2026.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth reported that a TIPS meeting held on November 18, 2025, to discuss possible future projects, and the electrical vault project will resume Mid-March according to IDA due to weather, a pre-design meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2025, for the North T-hangar project, and we are waiting for the construction contracts for the Crosswind Runway Project.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that Council accept the low bid for project construction management services for the Water Treatment Facility submitted by D Construction. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license approved by the City; Wallace Eason, dba Wally's Painting, 1224 Kiersted Street, to operate a painting business, pending proof of liability insurance, Meghan Fehr, dba Body and Soul, LLC, 320 W. Illinois Avenue, to operate a health and wellness business, Louis Maffeo, Jr., dba Homestead Refillery, 109 E. Jefferson Street, to operate a sustainable shopping space to refill everyday essentials.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Crossroads Counseling Services, PLLC (C3 Program) and City of Morris Police Department. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Alderman Wyeth reported there will not be a meeting on December 17, 2025.

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Alderman Houston reported there will be a meeting on December 17, 2025, at 5:30pm.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported there will not be a in December.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Clubb thanked Public Works for the snow plowing.

**AUDIENCE
RECOGNITION**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned until December 15, 2025, at 6pm.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, December 15, 2025, 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-
DECEMBER 1, 2025,
MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of December 1, 2025, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR
DECEMBER 15, 2025** 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 Black, Wyeth, Tambling, Duvick, Houston, Hall, Mettille, and Clubb
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS DECEMBER 15,
2025, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick, the TIF I bills be approved and ordered paid, when funds are available and signed by the proper committees. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ACCEPT MONTHLY
FINES** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black, that the report of fines for the month of November be accepted. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

**2025 TAX LEVY
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR TRUTH AND
TAXATION ACT**

The Truth and Taxation Hearing was opened at 6:02 pm. Clerk Werden shared pertinent information regarding the City Tax Levy that included a growth of 18% being realized, and of that 68 million was due to growth in the commercial and industrial areas. The proposed tax levy would be 16.43% higher than the prior year resulting in a tax levy amount of \$3,835,068. Hearing nothing from the audience or the Alderman, it was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick to close the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation recognizing the first anniversary of the YMCA, the city offices will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025, in observance of Christmas Day and Thursday, January 1, 2026, in observance of New Year's Day, the city will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 10-3pm at City Hall, and the regular meeting of the Morris City Council scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, is cancelled. There will be a special meeting of the Morris City Council held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6pm.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4697** approving and authorizing the Acceptance of Dedication for Right of Way Purposes and Easement Agreement with CP Morris Land LLC/ILLCO Grundy County, LLC. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4698** amending the City of Morris Municipal Code regarding Subdivision Regulations, Stormwater Regulations, Site Plan Review, Building Codes and Vape Establishments within the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4699** for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, for the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the Phase I/II Benton Street Shared Use Path Project received from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

Alderman Wyeth reported that there will be no meeting on December 17, 2025.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Houston reported that there will be no meeting on December 17, 2025.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported that there will be no Business Development Committee meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting is adjourned until January 12, 2026, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Avari Worden