

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

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

**APPROVE BILLS**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe and Mettillie.  
Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Brown reconized MCHS graduate Robert Osborn for bringing home the title of Skills USA Illinois State Champion for Criminal Justice 2022

The downtown retailers will have a Sidewalk Sales on Saturday, August 6, 2022

Morris Beer Fest will be held in Goold Park on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 3-7pm

Morris Public Library will be hosting a Zydeco Band at the Goold Park Band Shell on Friday, August 12, 2022, from 6-8pm

Cruise Night will take place Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 3-9pm

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Duvick reported a new business license was approved for JC Lawson, dba Three Rivers Title Company, Inc., located at 523 Liberty Street to operate a title insurance/escrow service business.

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve **Ordinance #4533** amending Chapter 5.08.060 of the Morris Municipal Code to modify the Class K-2 Liquor License. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &  
ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille updated the council on the Comprehensive Parks Plan with almost 900 surveys conducted, and compiling that information along with conducting a meeting with 25 community leaders within the City, getting good feedback to use in the next steps of the process. Future dates will be presented when available.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wolfe made the recommendation seconded by Alderman Houston that council approve repairs by DPS to the Clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the sum of \$83,400.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4534** to approve a conditional permitted use for Morris Fire and Ambulance District located at 200 Armstrong Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4535** to authorize a rezoning request for MFAD from R2 Traditional Residence District, to B2 Central Shopping District for the following properties; 116 E. Benton Street; 204 E. Benton Street; 206 E. Benton Street; 208 E. Benton Street and 200 Armstrong Street. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4536** authorizing a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 17.68 and 17.57 of the municipal code regarding parking improvement standards for Site Plan Review. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wolfe and seconded by Alderman Wren that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4537** to amend the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Morris and surrounding territory. This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Wren, Clubb, Wolfe, Mettille and Mayor Brown.

Nays: None.

**AUDIENCE**

Alderman Wren extended his congrats to Bobby Osborn for his accomplishments and looking forward to seeing where he goes in life. Alderman Houston mentioned that the new audio sound system in the council chambers sounds great.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling, the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

*Rori Worden*

CITY CLERK