

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

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

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

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

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

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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

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

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

AUDIENCE

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK