

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

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

JUDICIARY & LICENSE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

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

**STREETS & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

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

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Attested: 

CITY CLERK