

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 TAX LEVY

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

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

Nays: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

Nays: Alderman Black

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

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

Nays: None.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

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

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

Nays: None.

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

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

Nays: None.

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

Nays: None.

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

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

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Lori Werden