

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDYAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, February 5, 2024, 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 Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 2, 2024 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, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY JAN. 2, 2024 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, Mettille, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 22, 2024 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, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JAN. 22, 2024 TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 5,
2024**

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, Tambling, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston and Clubb

Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FEBRUARY 5,
2024 TIF I ONLY**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb 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

**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 carried by the following vote:

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

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 December be accepted and placed on file. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown recognized the Home for the Holiday House Walk and the funds that were raised with over 450 participants that purchased tickets for a view of 4 homes that were showcased. Recognition tonight included Tim and Tracy Anderson's home located at 129 E. Chapin Street. Mayor Brown swore in two new police officers, James Bell, and Tyler Bordner, Chief Alicia Steffes announced the 2023 Officer of the year award to Sarah Markusic.

The City of Morris has been awarded a \$50,000.00 Illinois EPA Grant to fund the creation of a completed lead service line inventory. Reminder that the City of Morris offices will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024, in recognition of President's Day.

**MAYOR
APPOINTMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth to accept Mayor Brown's recommendation to Council to appoint Dalton Gordon as the Superintendent of the Water Department effective February 20, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Al Siron. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Tambling that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the Airport Insurance through Northern Insurance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the rental contract for the courtesy car at the Airport with D'Arcy Chevrolet. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4606** authorizing and providing for execution of a Promissory Note in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for the purpose of implementing its Long-Term Control Plan Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3B for the Financing of the Long-Term Control Plan Phase 3B. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **RES #R-23-13** authorizing Administrative Authority for the Community Block Grant Program with NCICG. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**HEALTH &
SANITATION
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for Four Quarters of Groundwater and Leachate Sampling at the Morris Community Landfill and IEPA Correspondence Concerning the Morris Community Landfill. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**HEALTH &
SANITATION
COMMITTEE
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from APTIM for 2024 Monthly/Quarterly Landfill Gas Monitoring and Annual Reporting, Green House Gas Reporting for the Morris Community Landfill, Annual Landfill Cover and SWPPP Inspections and Project Management Activities. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council adopt **ORD #4607** Approving and Establishing a Policy for the Discharging of Passengers of Unscheduled Buses Within the City of Morris, Grundy County. It was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Tambling reported the following business license granted by the city; Jimmy Poole, DBA Jimmy D's Towing and Recovery, located at 1400 Park Boulevard to operate a towing service business, Julio Cornejo, DBA GTO Barber Studio, located at 1540 Creek Drive to operate a barber shop business, and Larry Cappos, DBA Vinyl Revival, located at 113 W. Washington Street to operate a vinyl records and music business.

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Board Chairman Houston and seconded by Alderman Tambling that council adopt **Ord #4608** approving a Variance Request by Aby Groups, Inc., and Net 3 (Morris II) LLC from the Lot Width Requirements of Section 48-1066 of the Morris Municipal Code for the Property Commonly known as 1837 N. Division Street in the City of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Board Chairman Houston informed the council that there would not be Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting February 28, 2024.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4609** approving a Conditional Permitted Use per the Requirements of Section 48-1248(2) to Allow Green Card Veterans of McHenry /Redemption Botanicals Group, LLC to operate and 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: Aldermen Wyeth, Duvick, Houston, Tambling, Hall, Clubb, Black, and Mettille.
Nays: None.

PLANNING
COMMISSION
CONT'D

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4610** granting the Conditional Permitted Use Request of Aby Groups, Inc., and Net 3 (Morris II) LLC to operate a Drive -Through at 1837 N. Division Street, in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4611** approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Chapter Section 42-22(a) and (b) of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Cell Towers. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4612** approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 48-1064(2) of the Morris Municipal Code Regarding Cannabis Dispensaries. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that commission recommendation that council adopt **Ord #4613** approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 5, Chapter 6 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding Body Art and Microblading. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Commission Chairman Tambling reported the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

PUBLIC COMMENT Retired Pastor Rick Barnhardt residing at 725 E. Illinois Ave., voiced his concerns with respect to the Cannabis Grower and Dispensary. He opposes both the Growing and selling of cannabis, he feels that it is addictive, and not good for our youth.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK