

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

APPROVE MINUTES It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of March 4, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR MARCH 4, 2024 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, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Houston

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS MARCH 4, 2024, TIF I ONLY It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the 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 Mettille, Duvick, Black, Clubb, Hall and Wyeth
Nays: None
Abstain: Alderman Tambling
Absent: Alderman Houston

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown recognized the Morris Community High School Competitive Dance Team for their accomplishment finishing 9th in the nation. Bone-ified Care will be hosting their annual "Doggie Easter Egg Hunt" in Goid Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, beginning at 9:45am. City Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday. Yard waste pick up will begin the week of April 1, 2024. Yard waste totes and approved brown yard waste bags can be placed at the curb on your regular garbage pickup day. Park reservations for City parks will begin April 1, 2024, at the City Clerk's office. Mayor Brown concluded with the city receiving notification from Congressman LaHood's office that we will be receiving an additional \$1.8MM federal funding that was part of an appropriation bill. This will put the City of Morris receiving \$23MM in grants over the past three years.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4620** approving and authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement between Bill Smith and the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from Stenstrom for the installation of self-service fueling at the Airport. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution #R-23-14 for the use of Motor Fuel Tax Dollars for the Brisbin Road Improvement Project. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Tambling reporting the following business license granted by the City of Morris; Meidi Castelluccio, dba Spring Nails, LLC located at 1715 N. Division Street to operate a nail care service and waxing business, Taryn Muraro, dba Roots Hair Studio I, LLC, located at 224 W. Washington Street to operate a beauty salon business, and Abbie Shoemaker, dba Bone-ified Care, LLC located at 433 Price Street to operate a dog walking/pet sitting business.

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettillie reported that West Side Park is officially closed for the park renovation project.

ZBA

Alderman Houston reported that there will NO Zoning Board of Appeals meeting March 27, 2024.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling reported that there will NO Planning Commission Meeting March 27, 2024.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth reported the next Business Development Committee Meeting will be March 26, 2024.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Arthur Hornsby addressed and thanked the council for all the work that has been going on within the community, but wanted to further address the council regarding the residents having to look at the Papermill property looking the same as it has since the battery fire three years ago, along with his safety concerns related to the height of the new fencing for Goodwill park and the potential safety hazard it poses.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:16pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until April 1, 2024, 6:00 pm.

ATTEST: *Rori Werden*
CITY CLERK