

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDYAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, April 1, 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 Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS APRIL 1, 2024 It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, 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 APRIL 1, 2024 It was moved by Alderman Black 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

BUDGET OFFICER- LORI WERDEN PLACED TENTATIVE BUDGET ON FILE Budget Officer, Lori Werden placed the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 on file and reminded the council that the numbers will change prior to adopting the budget on April 15, 2024. Clerk Werden updated the Council that the summary of all funds were projected to end much higher than what we placed on file for the current year, due to projects not materializing during the budget year. The City budget was anticipated to end fiscal year 2023-2024 with approximately 3MM in the general fund and it is trending to end with over 6MM, putting the City in a good financial position moving into the next fiscal budget year 2024-2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown thanked Clerk Werden and her team for all the hard work on the budget, knowing how much time that is dedicated to creating the budget and the amount of stress that is felt to make sure everything is accounted for.

Mayor Brown announced April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Morris Women’s Club planted a “Pinwheel Garden” at the Municipal Services Building to help raise awareness, the City of Morris will be hosting an e-cycle event on Friday, April 5, from 9am until 3pm at First American Recycling, 1000 E. Armstrong Street, the Rough Road 100 Gravel Bike Race will be held Saturday, April 6, and the Morris Women’s Club will have their Superhero 5K Run on Saturday, April 13. Mayor also updated the Council that Public Works will be recycling fencing to move to Kiwanis Park to help while Goodwill and West Side Park are under construction.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a contract with HR Green for Environmental Services for the former Superior Battery Site. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal from Layne for repairs to the Well 3 cable/motor assembly. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4621** approving and authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles at the Morris Airport. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

JUDICIARY & LICENSE COMMITTEE

Chairman Tambling reported business licenses granted by the City as follows; Fidencio Castro, dba 4 Elements Contracting, located at 1802 N. Division Street, Suite 800 to operate a roofing/siding/exterior business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4622** amending Chapter 12, Article III, Division 9 of the Morris Municipal Code Related to the Possession of Tobacco Products, Electronic Cigarettes or Alternative Nicotine Products in the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE Alderman Houston reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

PLANNING COMMISSION Commission Chairman Tambling reported there will be no meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Alderman Wyeth reported the next meeting for the Business Development Committee will be Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 10am.

AUDIENCE Alderman Houston acknowledged the hard work that Clerk Werden does on the budget every year and noted that not everyone could do what she does and thanked her for it.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth the meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Next scheduled City Council Meeting, Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK