

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

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, July 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 Black and seconded by Alderman Clubb, the reading of minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting be dispensed with, and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS JUNE 17, 2024 It was moved by Alderman Houston 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, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston, Tambling and Clubb
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY JUNE 17, 2024 It was moved by Alderman Black 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 FOR JULY 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, Wyeth, Black, Hall, Houston, Tambling and Clubb
Nays: None

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS FOR TIF I ONLY, JULY 1, 2024 It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, 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 May be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

ACCEPT MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Nays: None

CLERK WERDEN

City Clerk, Werden reported the final payout and completion of Goodwill Park Renovation came under bid by \$11,134.04.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brown started with sharing an email from a traveler, traveling through from Portland Maine who experienced mechanical issues, but with the help of many local citizens his unplanned trip in Morris was one of the highlights of the couples' trip, and wanted to express his deepest appreciation of our residents who took the time to help, and note how very friendly our small town is.

Aubry McConnell and Sophia Day from Saratoga District 60C were recognized for their Track and Field achievements with ISHA. Jace Carpenter was sworn in as the newest City of Morris police officer. July 3, 2024, City of Morris in partnership with Grundy Bank will host a Fireworks Extravaganza at the Grundy County Fair Grounds beginning at 9pm. City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The next concert on the Courthouse Lawn will be Thursday, July 11, 2024, with music by Cadillac Groove from 6:30pm until 8pm. Three French Hens Market will hold their next market on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 8am until 2pm, and Morris Cruise Night later that evening from 6pm until 9pm.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Alderman Wyeth announced that the final property has been purchased for the Crosswind Runway Project at the Airport, hopefully digging up some dirt this fall.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-1** to enter into an Agreement for Application Services for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Grant on Behalf of the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

**FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-2** Supporting Dresden Clean Energy Center License Renewal through 2051. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the contributions from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for 2024/2025, in the amount of \$113,500.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve the renewal of the City's life and casualty insurance. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman reported the following business license granted by the City; Cara Wiechen, dba Browlogic by Cara located at 1360 N. Division Street to operate a brow are-microblading, powder/ombre' brows business, Jason Hainline, dba In Detail JJ's Auto Spa located at 1421 Pinewood Court to operate an auto detailing business, Jodi Pollack, dba Rhythm Music located at 304 Robinson Drive to operate a music center, music lessons, youth music groups business, and Mirrakhim Mahsudov, dba Vanner Repair Services Inc., located at 1391 Roberts Road to operate a truck and trailer repair shop business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that council pass **Resolution #R-24-3** authorizing Public Fireworks Display for 2024 Grundy County Corn Festival. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**PARKS &
ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Mettille updated the council that on the heels of Goodwill Park being completed with some finalizing of the drainage of the fields, Westside skate park is complete, and everything looks awesome.

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from Joliet Electric Motors for a replacement motor for a pump at the Water Plant in the amount of \$12,600.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE
CONT'D**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4631** approving and authorizing Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Compliance Commitment Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Morris. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Chairman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4632** granting variance request by James Sharp for property located at 834 Fremont, Morris, IL. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Chairman Houston reported there will no meeting on July 31, 2024

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

It was moved by Commission Chairman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that commission recommendation that council adopt Ordinance #4633 approving a Development Agreement and Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Commission Chairman Tambling reported the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 31, 2024, at 5:30pm

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

There will be a meeting Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:30pm.

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

AUDIENCE


Alderman Clubb, a member of the Judiciary and License committee expressed his opinion regarding the motion to table or deny adding an additional liquor license for a current business owner knowing that the process is as easy as adding it to our city ordinance.

Alderman Duvick stated that the city doesn't have a liquor license available and hopefully business owners would do their research before applying to know the city doesn't have one available to give, and that he was not going to be pressured into voting a certain way, and the city didn't deny the license, it just didn't get the second for a motion. Further discussion continued back and forth and was halted by Mayor Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Clubb and seconded by Alderman Houston the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

ATTEST: 
CITY CLERK