

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

Alderman Sarah Mettille
Alderman Jim Black
Alderman Dean Tambling
Alderman Alex Clubb

Alderman Jake Duvick
Alderman Herb Wyeth
Alderman Julian Houston
Alderman Carrie Hall

**APPROVE MINUTES-
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Wyeth, the reading of minutes of August 5, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS FOR AUGUST
19, 2024** It was moved by Alderman Duvick 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 Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF
BILLS AUGUST 19,
2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Duvick, 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, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, 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 July be accepted and placed in the proper accounts. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final Rock the Block will be held Sunday, August 25, 2024. Food trucks begin at 11am, the opening act features Donna Mueller's School of Dance, followed by music by Libido Funk Circus from 2-5pm. City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. With school back in session, please be watchful for school speed zones, crossing guards, buses, and those walking to and from school to ensure a safe school year. Mayor also announced that the City of Morris has been awarded some additional grant funds; one for the Transportation Study at east Route 6 for \$320,000.00, and a SPR Grant (State Planning & Research Grant) for \$220,000.00 for a Downtown Parking and Bike/Walk Path Study.

**JUDICIARY &
LICENSE
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4639** amending Section 4-31, Subsection 8 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the Class H liquor licenses. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREET & ALLEY
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Hall and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the 2024 MFT Street Maintenance Program to D Construction in the amount of \$1,194,197.72. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid for the Hidden Lake & Walmart Lift Station Valve Vault Improvements submitted by G.A. Rich & Sons, in the amount of \$69,919.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick that committee recommendation that council approve the proposal from DPS Equipment Services, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the circular clarifier at the WWTP in the amount of \$99,900.00. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the Master Service Agreement with Utility Service Company, Inc., for the painting of the Route 80 Water Tower. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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Alderman Houston advised the council that there will be no meeting on August 28, 2024.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling advised the council that there will be no meeting August 28, 2024.

**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth advised the council that the next meeting will be August 27, 2024, at 10am.

AUDIENCE

Alderman Duvick recognized the Morris Cruise Night with a record of 1000 cars, and thanked Public Works for all their help.

Mayor Brown reported that the Liberty Arts Festival was a huge success and has continued to grow, and thanked Julie Wilkinson for all the hard work she dedicated to this event.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb; the meeting be adjourned at 6:11pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until September 3, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

Lori Werden