

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Brown, on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were:

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

**APPROVE MINUTES-  
LAST MEETING** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black, the reading of minutes of September 3, 2024, meeting be dispensed with and approved as written. This motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 16,  
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 Mettille, Tambling, Black, Clubb, Hall, Houston, Duvick, and Wyeth  
Nays: None

**APPROVE LIST OF  
BILLS SEPTEMBER  
16, 2024, TIF I ONLY** It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Clubb, 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 Black, the report of fines for the month of August 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 Houston, and seconded by Alderman Clubb, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 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** Morris Watercolor Guild, celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary addressed the Council to present two watercolor paintings from the Liberty Arts Festival to Julie Wilkinson and Mayor Brown as a token of their appreciation for the community involvement. Movies in the park continue Friday, September 20, 2024, featuring Encanto. There will be a screening of the short film “Run Boy Run” by Andrew Bennet before the movie. Shot in Downtown Morris in the summer of 2023, the feel-good show features many known Morris establishments and faces, including a guest appearance by Morris Police Officer Justin Martin. The Grundy County Festival begins Wednesday, September 25, 2024, and runs through Sunday, September 29, 2024. There will not be a City Council meeting on October 7, 2024. A special meeting will be called on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6pm. Proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week.

**MAYOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(C) (1) OF THE OMA** Mayor Brown requested a motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the City of Morris. This motion was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick at 6:13pm. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mayor Brown requested a motion to reconvene to regular session. This motion was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick. This motion was carried by the following vote.

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

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Wyeth and seconded by Alderman Black that council approve the Standard Agreement for Consultant Services at Illinois Airports for Architectural/Engineering (A/E), Planning, and Special Services with Chamlin & Associates. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4640** amending City of Morris 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-6** regarding the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant. 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve a proposal for Professional Design Engineering Services with Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) for the Ashley Road Storm Sewer Preliminary Design and Funding Application Assistance to the BRIC Grant. 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council adopt **Ordinance #4641** approving Change Order #1 Associated with Material Hauling within the City of Morris. 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-7** regarding the Surface Transportation Program (STU) for Ashton Road. 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council pass **Resolution #R-24-8** regarding the Motor Fuel Tax Project (MFT) for Brisbin Road. 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 Duvick and seconded by Alderman Wyeth that committee recommendation that council approve the Studio Production Authorization with Viewpoint. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE  
CONTINUED**

It was moved by Alderman Duvick and seconded by Alderman Houston that committee recommendation that council approve an Employment Retirement and Release Agreement. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**JUDICIARY &  
LICENSE  
COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairman Alderman Tambling reported the following license approved by the City of Morris as follows; Nosir Turaboev, dba NNT Express, Inc., located at 1386 Roberts Road to operate a trucking business, Jim Boswell, dba Grease Monkey #141, located at 1821 N. Division Street, to operate an automotive oil change and lubrication shop business, Nathan Bailey, dba Culinary Creations, located at 617 Liberty Street, #2R to operate a catering business, Christian Fischer, dba Crosstown Realtors, Inc., located at 519 Franklin Street, Unit 101 & 106 to operate a real estate business, and Susan Hook, Let's Party, dba Hook's II, located at 802 Liberty Street to operate an event center/gaming/bar business.

It was moved by Alderman Tambling and seconded by Alderman Clubb that committee recommendation that council approve a Class D Liquor License transfer from Steve Martin, dba Let's Party LLC, to Susan Hook, Let's Party LLC, dba Hook's II, located at 802 Liberty Street. 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 Tambling and seconded by Alderman Black that council approve a Class H Liquor License requested by Father Jason Stone on behalf of Immaculate Conception Parish, for their annual Oktoberfest on October 5, 2024. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**STREETS & ALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Hall reported the MFT street construction starts tomorrow, September 17, 2024.

**WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Black that committee recommendation that council accept the low bid received by R.B. Crowther for the re-roofing project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA**

Alderman Houston advised the council that there will be a meeting on September 25, 2024, at 4:30pm.

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Alderman Tambling advised the council that there will be no meeting September 25, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wyeth advised the council that the next meeting will be September 24, 2024, at 10am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alderman Houston and seconded by Alderman Duvick; the meeting be adjourned at 6:35pm. This motion was carried out by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned until October 1, 2024, at 6pm.

ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK

*Aroni Werden*