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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting January 5, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmembers Verdis Flaten, Matt

Valeyntine and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Jeff Lang

Others Present:

Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Kristalyn Morris, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Troy Dahle, Fire Chief; Tim Minske, Maintenance; John Byers, Zoning Administrator; Richard Revering & Mark Kasma, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Danny Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Felix, Julie Stenzel, Tom Bokman, Sandy Ackmann, Adam Uittenbogaard

and Steve Nordmeier.

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 1, 2008, and the work session/special meeting held December 15, 2008 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2008 which showed a balance -\$13,832.07 in the checking account and \$605,393.48 in the investment accounts.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

Motion by Flaten seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to approve the police report for December, 2008 and the schedule for January, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Karsten and carried to accept the Fire Department report for the month of November, 2008 as presented with the end of year pay for \$18,438.00.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

### Maintenance Report:

1. Tim mentioned that he reads the water meters

Dave Sanderson with PeopleService is in charge of fixing and replacing water meters.

3. There was a discussion to see if Timm's Trucking could not help with the plowing and sanding unless they are called upon.

4. Ask a representative from Timm's Trucking to come to the next city council meeting on January 20, 2009.

5. Tim has been sanding with the new truck and he has been buying the sand from the county. He would have to sand the streets every night just to keep up with the ice on the roads.

6. Tim reported that his pressure washer is not working and a new one would cost about \$2,000.00-\$2,200.00. Matt Valeyntine offered to come and look at it.

Zoning Board did not meet for the month of December.

The Economic Development Authority did not meet this month.

### Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

1. Danny Morris – The Cannon Valley Players with perform on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The players practice on Wednesday and Sunday night and was wondering if they could practice in the council room if it is not being used. Motion by Flaten seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to allow the Cannon Valley Players to practice in the council room with no charge.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None

Absent: Lang

2. Steve Felix – Wanted to report that he thought the roads are too slippery and that they need more sand/salt. He was wondering if he could either tell Tim or Timm's Trucking to put more sand/salt down.

3. Sandy Ackmann - Discussed her August bill being too high. She claims that she did not use any water (her heat and electricity were off). She did not shower or do her laundry at home. Her laundry was done at work. Dave Sanderson is to look inside at her meter before January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Her shut-off is postponed tell Dave looks at her meter. She is to pay the current amount.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$7,364.22 from the General Fund, \$445.66 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,315.04 from the Water Operations Fund and \$2,087.92 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

# **Unfinished Business:**

1. None

### **New Business:**

- 1. Bolton & Menk, Inc.
  - a. Propose why they should be our City Engineers
    - i. Have done work for us in the past
    - They cover 100 cities, have 8 offices and have been around since 1949.
    - iii. One of the things they do is when a problem is discussed they will always try to leave the discussion with a possible solution.
    - iv. Propose rates if interested. They will not charge for City Council Meetings.
    - v. Help us look for stimulus packages.
    - vi. We will get billed as needed. (No work=no bill)

### 2. Rick Ranslow

- a. The seconded garage does not have a permit for a driveway.
- b. Ordinance requires that any driveway must be hard surfaced. For any 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway you need a conditional use permit.
- c. His permit covers the building of the garage but not a driveway to the garage.
- d. Motion by Karsten seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to send Rick Ranslow a letter, letting him know that there is a public hearing about his driveway to the garage.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

e. Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to not pay the extra fees that were encountered from Timm's Trucking during the excavating.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

- 3. Handbook for Minnesota Cities
  - a. I am to order 2 handbooks
- 4. 2008 Property/Casualty Dividend was received.
- 5. Advertise in the Yellow Book
  - a. \$62.00 a month for an ad plus they said for an extra \$30.00 a month they would put us on the Yellow book website. If we were to take the website offer it would take them up to 45 days to get us up and running.
  - b. Motion by Karsten seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to not put our ad in the Yellow pages.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

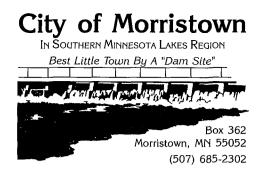
Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valeyntine and carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valeyntine and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Lang

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City Clerk/Treasurer



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting January 20, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmembers Jeff Lang, Matt Valeytine

and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Verdis Flaten. Verdis Flaten arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; Minske. City Tim Maintenance Worker; David Osborne, Police Chief; Dave Schwichtenberg. Sanderson. Jack Danny Morris. Adam Uittenbogaard, Dave Schlie, Steve Nordmeier, John Byers, Danny

Timm and Rich Revering, Bolt & Menk representative.

Others Absent:

None

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of December, 2008. Notice was received that an apartment located at 25 Washington Street flooded, the city was not aware that there were two lines and two meters at the house and they only shut-off one of the lines. Dave suggests that the city should cap one of the lines before the house is used again. Tim Minske reported that Julie Nordmeier's water was frozen. Tim had spent all day on the phone. Dennis Merritt came down because people were complaining that they did not have power. When the plumber was trying to heat the pipe he ended up melting some wires. Dave was there for a while and then left even though Julie still had no water. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report for the month ending December 31, 2008 as printed. The report showed the revenues and expenses, hours spent managing and listed the events

that were held in December, 2008. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### Skywarn Report:

1. They have advanced training in March

- 2. After March it is possible that the Weather Station will be put in.
- 3. Wanted to thank the fireman the pagers and radios.
- 4. They are talking with Mankato- Bruce Morris is taking a class in Mankato and Skywarn is seeing if they could maybe get with Mankato on some equipment.
- 5. They were wondering what is going on with the generator. Steve Nordmeier was looking at used ones. Used generators are about half the price of a new one.
- 6. Generator donations
  - a. Morristown Township \$5,000.00
  - b. Skywarn

\$5,000.00

c. Commercial Club

\$2,000.00

d. Fire Dept.

\$5,000.00

- 7. Tim is to get current price quotes on a generator for the next meeting
- 8. Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to accept the Skywarn report as given for the month ending December 31, 2008.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim Reported
  - a. Tim Minske asked that the jeep behind the bank be moved. Dave Osborne is going to take care of.
  - b. Tim Minske reported that some of the sidewalks are not being taken care of. Dave Osborne is going to take care of.
  - c. Steve Nordmeier reported that the county snowplow plowed snow on the freshly cleaned sidewalks.
  - d. The county did call Tim about 3 weeks ago and asked if the got some snow on the sidewalks could he help and clean them off. Tim said that if a little snow gets on the clean sidewalks he would clear it off for them.
  - e. The sidewalks are county right-of- ways.
  - f. The Mayor Kurt Wolf is to get a hold of the county and see what can be done.
  - g. Tim reported that 2/3 of the skating rink is done and the other 1/3 of the rink Tim is working on.
  - h. Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given for the month ending December 31, 2008

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

2. Tim's comp time was discussed. He has a total of 121.69 total hours. The council asked him to use that time up instead of the council paying him that time.

# **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Timm's Trucking
  - a. Tim Minske will plow the streets and then Timm's Trucking comes into town and just goes over what Tim just did.
  - b. Timm's does have a contract with the City of Morristown
  - c. Timm's have to cover their routes they cannot just do part of a route.
  - d. Sand salt is over \$100.00 a ton
  - e. John (Is this Dave or John?) Schlie brought up that when Timm's and Tim plow they dig up his yard. The city right-of-way is 33 ft from the center of the road out.
  - f. Lisa Karsten suggests that Timm's Trucking and Tim Minske meet to come up with a written agreement.
  - g. Bolton & Menk offered to send a copy of a written agreement that one of their other clients have.
  - h. Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to have Timm's Trucking meet with Tim and then report to the council with what they came up with.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

# 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing for Rick Ranslow

- 1. A letter was sent
- 2. Rick Ranslow was not present
- 3. The City of Morristown is to remove the gravel and assess it to his taxes.
- 4. Rick did not want to get a conditional use permit to make it 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway. It is just a temporary driveway to get the building supplies to the garage.
- 5. The city is to get bids from Timm's Trucking and Dahle Enterprise for the next meeting.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to get bids from Timm's Trucking and Dahle Enterprise on removing Rick Ranslow's temporary driveway.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

6. Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to close Rick Ranslow's hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### **Unfinished Business - Continued**

- 2. Sandy Ackmann
  - a. Dave Sanderson has tried to get a hold of Sandy to look at her water inside but she has not returned his phone calls.

b. Kristalyn Morris is to look on the Rice County web site and see if she has hot water heat or not.

### **New Business:**

1. Resolution 2009-1

RESOLUTION 2009-1
Authorizing submission of a
Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Application
with the City of Faribault

WHEREAS, the Cities of Faribault and Morristown have agreed to submit a joint Small Cities Development Program Application for funds to rehabilitate owner occupied single family homes and commercial buildings.

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault will act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Small Cities Development Program Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Morristown and Faribault have agreed to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with stipulated how the Minnesota Small Cities Development Program funds will be distributed and administered.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Morristown:

- 1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute agreements as necessary to apply for Minnesota Small Cities Development Program funds jointly with the City of Faribault.
- 2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Faribault.

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Rice County, Minnesota.

Adopted by the City Council on January 20, 2009.

2. Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to change the ordinance.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten 3. 2009 Appointments

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009**

Official Depositor
 Public Health
 Official Newspaper
 City Clerk/Treasurer
 Assistant Mayor
 Lake Country Community Bank
 Rice Country Environmental Services
 Lake Region Life
 Kristalyn Morris
 Jeff Lang

Animal Control Officer Matt Valeyntine

•	Community Education	Lisa Karsten
•	Community Center	Verdis Flaten
•	Fire Commissioner	Kurt Wolf
•	Police Commissioner	Kurt Wolf
•	Street Commissioner	Jeff Lang
•	Park Commissioner	Verdis Flaten
•	Water Commissioner	Jeff Lang
•	Sanitary Sewer/Solid Waste	Jeff Lang
•	Weeds and Trees	Matt Valeyntine

Matt Valeyntine

John Byers, Administrator Zoning Board Members

> Jim Lonergan Arlen Krause

Jack Schwichtenberg Adam Uittenbogaard

Mike O'Rourke

Kristalyn Morris, Secretary

Fire Wardens Randy Meschke

Steve Nordmeier Ryan Culhane

Economic Development Authority Edward Schmidtke

Chuck Larsen Steve Nordmeier Lisa Karsten Matt Valeyntine

City Engineer

Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the

Committee Appointments for 2009 as listed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

> 4. Mayor Wolf administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Clerk, Kristalyn Morris.

> 5. Discussion was held with the rates of Bolton & Menk. The 1<sup>st</sup> 16 hours a month with me \$70.00 an hour, no charge for meetings, meals and millage and also no fee for the City information Structure training. The hourly charge is \$130.00 per hour past the 16 hours.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with Bolton & Menk, Consulting Engineers and Surveyors.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

6. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve of the Lake Country Community Bank lot split.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 7. Emergency Management Plan- Set Meeting Date
  - a. No date was set.
- 8. Retirement Party
  - a. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously that the City of Morristown help pay for Virginia's retirement party by purchasing the cake and sandwiches.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$16,140.67 from the General Fund, \$1,258.38 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,082.00 from the Water Operations Fund and \$8,328.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to not pay the \$700.00 to Gerald Kokuske for the coffee maker.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

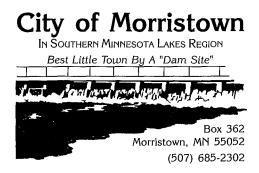
Motion by Lang seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valeyntine

Voting No: None Absent: None

Kristalyn Morris City Clerk

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting February 2, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmembers Verdis Flaten, Matt

Valentyn, Jeff Lang and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Felix, Julie Stenzel, Helen Newman, Betty Schwartz, Richard Augustine, Danny and

Randy Timm and Rick and Connie Ranslow.

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2009, and the work session/special meeting held January 20, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the financial report for the month ending December 31, 2008 which showed a balance \$201,668.03 in the checking account and \$595,755.04 in the investment accounts.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the police report for January, 2009 and the schedule for February, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

It was brought to the council's attention that officer Tom Bokman had put in resignation. It was discussed to see how we could handle to loss of hours do to Tom leaving. Officer Peltier has offered to go full time. It was suggested that Dave see if Officer Peltier would take more hours until they get a replacement for Officer Bokman.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valeyntine and carried unanimously to accept Office Tom Bokman's letter of resignation.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to advertise for a part-time opening for the Morristown Police Department.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: Flaten Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried to accept the Fire Department report for the month of January, 2008 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### Maintenance Report:

1. Tim mentioned that Julie Nordmeier is still out of water and that he had to hook up a hose to her neighbors to get her water. Tim had a city employee of Hastings come and try to thaw out her pipe.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to not charge Julie Nordmeier or Charles Borth for water until this is all resolved.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

2. Tim had paid the guy from Hastings \$20.00 out of his pocket for the work/help that he did.

Motion by Valeyntine, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to reimburse Tim \$20.00.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None City of St. James

3. City of St. James-

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to give Tim a blank check to go pick up the duct lining from the City of St. James.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 4. Tim had mentioned that he had taken apart the street sweeper and it will cost about \$2,000.00 in parts to fix the sweeper.
- 5. Tim is to take the Morristown Fire Truck up to the cities on Thursday.
- 6. Tim mentioned that it is going to be hard to use up all the comp time that he has accumulated. It was mentioned by the council that we did budget \$2,000.00 for a part time maintenance worker.
- 7. Tim had mentioned that he would like the city to purchase a safety vest so he can climb to the top of the water tower to make sure all is going well. The vest costs about \$300.00-\$400.00. Bolton & Menk had mentioned that they have not heard of any water towers freezing and maybe Tim could just ask the City of Faribault and see if he could borrow one from them.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report as give.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Zoning Board**

1. It was brought to the council's attention that at the last Zoning Board meeting it was voted on that the City of Morristown should look into getting a city attorney.

2. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning report as printed for the month of January, 2009.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

The Economic Development Authority did not meet this month.

### Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Kristalyn Morris mentioned that the Cannon Valley Players had purchased a spot light and that they were going to donate it to the Community Center and anybody is welcome to use it.
- 2. Richard Augustine (MN Department of Transportation) Discussed the road bridge construction that will be starting May 11, 2009 and it will take about 4 months. There will be a meeting February 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. open to the public to go over the detour. They are not going to do a bike trail. It was questioned as to why the Minnesota Department of Transportation does not do one bridge this year and the other bridge the next year. MNDOT's response was that it is easier to complete both bridges at the same time. This avoids the highway traffic being disrupted 2 summers. The Mayor brought up that Dam Days is at the end of May and was wondering if the construction could be delayed until after Dam Days but it is not possible because all the biddings are out to start May 11, 2009. In 2011 Hwy 60 is getting an overlay.
- Steve Felix Mentioned that over the summer the feed mill will be getting worked on and he is hoping that the council support them and maybe volunteer to help.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$5,963.07 from the General Fund, \$799.87 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$749.01 from the Water Operations Fund and \$38,591.41 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Rick & Connie Ranslow

a. The hearing letter was sent certified mail and was never picked up.

- b. Rick & Connie Ranslow stated they were not aware of the issue and are willing to get a permit for the driveway. They also stated that they were not aware that their driveway needed a permit.
- c. John Byers' approved of the garage not the driveway

d. The driveway does not have a culvert

- e. The city is worried about the snow melting and the spring rain causing damage to the properties downhill from the Ranslow's property.
- f. The city asked Timm's Trucking and Dahle's Enterprise to bid on taking out the driveway.

i. Timm's Trucking

\$880.00 now

\$390.00 spring

ii. Dahle's

No Bid

- g. If they were to dig now they would have to be careful of the utilities.
- h. Ranslow's could put up the proper barriers for the water and they will be responsible for any water damage that may occur to their neighbors.
- i. John Byers had stated at a previous meeting that the driveway has to come out no matter what and a culvert needs to be put in.
- j. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously that Rick Ranslow has until April 15, 2009 to take the driveway out or the City of Morristown will do it for him. The postponement is due to not wanting to damage the utilities. Ranslow's have to put in the proper water erosion barriers and they are responsible for any water damage that may occur to their neighbors.

Voting Yes: Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: Wolf Absent: None

- 2. Sandy Ackmann
  - a. She does not have hot water heat
  - b. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to send a shut-off with the full amount of \$262.15.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

# 3. Tim & Timm's Trucking

- a. They have not gotten together to deal with a current contract establishing snow plow guidelines.
- b. Tim & Timm's Truck are to work with each other for the rest of the year and a new contract will be figures out for next winter.
- c. Suggestions were made:
- d. The sand/salt Tim can do and if he needs help he is to call Timm's Trucking.
  - i. Timm's suggested that any snow 2 inches or less Tim can plow.
  - ii. Bolton & Menk Tim could plow the main parts of town and Timm's the rest.
  - iii. Tim can only plow for 8 hours and then the rest will be done later.

### 4. Fish Truck

- a. There are 3-4 different fish trucks that come to town and want us to fill them up.
- b. We charge \$15.00 to fill.
- c. They always either come at the beginning of school or the end and the water over flows and spills on the sidewalk. The spillage freezes on the sidewalk, creating ice that Tim has to address to ensure the safety of everyone waling to and from the school.
- d. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to no longer fill up the fish trucks.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

## **New Business:**

### Generator

- a. Beginning of 2009 EPA, changed the specifications for generator
- b. Kato Light is currently out of generators
- c. We have a total of \$17,000.00 in donations to go towards the generator.
- d. Tim stated that the generator will not have enough power to run the siren.
- e. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn to purchase a generator as long as the Skywarn knows that they will not be able to hook the siren to the generator.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 2. Meschke addition- snow removal
  - a. Meschke addition is not complete. Typically the developer assumes responsibility for the removal of snow until the project is completed. The city has been paying for snow removal in the Meschke addition.
  - b. Bolton & Menk will check on what the original development plans states regarding snow removal and report back to the city.
  - c. Tabled until the next meeting.

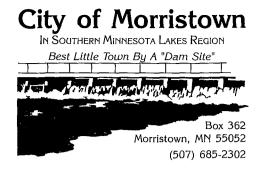
Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

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Kristalyn Morris

City Clerk/Treasurer



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting February 17, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmembers Jeff Lang and Matt

Valeytine.

Members Absent:

Lisa Karsten and Verdis Flaten. Verdis Flaten arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, Jack Schwichtenberg, Danny Morris, Nancy Morris, Bruce Morris, Steve Nordmeier, Loren Dahle, Chad Hoepner, Dillon Hoepner and Rich Revering, Bolt &

Menk representative.

Others Absent:

Dave Osborne, Police Chief

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of January, 2009. Julie Nordmeier's water is still frozen but is using a hose that is hooked up to her neighbor's house. The council wanted to know why Dave is not handling the matter and Tim is. Dave said he was going to look into it but Tim new who to talk to. Dave was unaware that Tim had gotten something accomplished until he arrived at the last City Council Meeting. Tim mentioned that Julie had received a bill from Faribo Pluming and Heating for \$740.00 for steaming the pipes, Dave had told them to do it and Dennis Merritt is still working on trying to fix all the cables that got melted but is having a hard time because the ground is still frozen.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

Kurt Wolf brought up that he had smelly water and other people were saying they had smelly water also. Dave was not sure was caused that but the water at the well house had an odder to it also. Loren Dahle said that sometimes when the frost comes and goes materials get moved around in the pipes causing you to get the smelly colored water.

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### **Skywarn Report:**

- 1. No report was given
- 2. Talked about the generator:
  - a. Nancy Morris, Tim Minske, Northern Lights and Cedar Lake Electric meet last Thursday to figure out the generator.
  - b. The siren will not be able to hook up to the new generator. The building is a 1 phase and the siren is a 3 phrase. It was suggested that it is not a good idea to have a 3 phase siren run off a conversion wires.
  - c. The cost of this generator is:

\$28,565.00 Generator from Northern Lights

\$ 6.625.00 Cedar Lake Electric to install

600.00 for the cement slab

\$ 2,000.00 for the gas hook up \$37,790.00 Total with out tax

- d. We have \$17,000.00 donated at the time.
- e. Have to relook at the budget and see where we can pull some money to help pay for the generator.
- f. It was suggested to ask the banks that we have loans out with to refinance and include the generator.
- g. Bolton and Menk was going to look into any grants for the generator.
- h. Skywarn donated \$5,000.00 but if they can not hook up they might not donate the money. Skywarn is going to have a meeting a discuss what to
- Tim mentioned that if we were to order the generator this week it would probable be another 8-10 weeks before we would get the actual receive the generator.
- j. When this building was built they looked at a generator and at that time the generator was about \$50,000.00.
- k. Nancy Morris brought up the fact that if the city looses power the siren will not work.
- I. If the town does loose power there will be people going around town the PA systems off the fire trucks and police cars notifying the city.
- m. Bulk mailing should be sent out to notify people that once the power goes out the siren will not work and to watch the weather.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to table tell our next meeting (March 2, 2009) and ask a representative from our borrowing banks to come and talk about our options and refinancing.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim Reported
  - a. Tim Minske asked if the council wants the PTO fixed. The council told him to get it fixed.
  - b. Tim Minske also mentioned that Loren Dahle had trimmed the trees along the sidewalk and the trees need to be trimmed again is it ok it Loren Dahle does it. The council gave permission to Loren to trim the trees along the sidewalk.

- c. Tim mentioned that he had received all the parts for the street sweeper and he should have it put back together soon.
- d. Tim has had help the last couple of days because some community service hours had to be worked off.
- e. Siebel did not want Tim and his help to clean out the ditch behind his house. When Tim looked at it the ditch was filled with springs and oil cans. Matt Valentyn will talk to him. All that trash is a environmental hazard and the cop could be sent out.
- f. Tim also mentioned that the sidewalks are still not being cleaned off and the Jeep that is parked behind the bank is still there. Dave Osborne was to handle those situations.
- g. Tim brought up that Ranslow's did not put up any restrictions for the water and now the water is running down into the neighbor's garage. Tim had talked to Timm's to see what was going to be worked out with Ranslow's and Timm's. Timm's have not been contacted by Ranslow's. Mayor Kurt Wolf is going to contact the Ranslow's.
- h. Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given for the month ending January 31, 2009.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

Water shut-offs:

1. No one showed up

2. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to shut-off the water on Monday, February 23, 2009 for those who have not paid.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Meschke Addition:
  - a. The council never approved anything for Meschke addition so then Dave still owns the streets in the Meschke addition.
  - b. Snow removal is not mentioned in the contract.
  - c. Jeff Lang is going to talk to Dave and see what his plans are for finishing the Meschke 3<sup>rd</sup> addition.

# New Business:

- 1. Part-Time Clerk
  - a. Kristalyn Morris will be going on maternity leave around July 9, 2009, and was asking to have someone here while she is gone.
  - b. The council wants to talk to Virginia Schmidtke first.
  - c. Kristalyn Morris would also like help on the weekends when we get busy with the wedding season. As of know we are booked almost every Saturday from end of April to October.
- 2. City Attorney
  - a. Kristalyn Morris posted a question on the clerks e-mail asking how other cities hired their city attorney.

- b. Bolton and Menk is going to contact the City of Eagan.
- c. Ask the League of Minnesota Small Cities where we should post that we are looking for a city attorney.
- 3. Internet Use Policy
  - a. For the computer in the council room that is open to the public.
  - b. Kurt Wolf cleaned it out the best he could. He said there were signs of music down loading and improper sight seeing.
  - c. Kristalyn Morris is to see if she can get a copy of someone else's internet use policy.
  - d. Policy:
    - i. Have to sign in before you use the computer
    - ii. No porn sights
    - iii. No downloading music
- 4. Space Heater
  - In the winter the office gets cold with the window open. So the heat in the office does not get turned up anymore.
  - b. Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to let Kristalyn Morris purchase a space heater for the office.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

- 5. Bar Freezer
  - a. The Morristown Commercial Club was wondering if the city council minded that they put the freezer that is in the bar back to the original space in the back room by the pop.
  - b. The council told them they can move it back.
- 6. Open Burning
  - a. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to open the open burning from April 15 - May 15, 2009 with permit only.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

7. Approve Fire Dept. Officers

# Fire Department Selection of Officers 2009

Chief

Troy Dahle

Asst. Chief

Steve Nordmeier

Training Officer

Adam Uittenbogaard

Secretary

Jackie Saemrow

Captain

Dave Schlie

Captain

Randy Meschke

Captain Captain

Tim Minske Mike O'Rourke

Safety Officer

Appointed by Chief at each fire

**Board of Directors** 

Steve Marsh

John Krenik

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Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the Morristown Fire Department Selection of Officers for 2009.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

The Morristown Fire Department asked if the City of Morristown would mind if they use their bulk mailing number to send out invitations for the Fireman's Dance. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to let the Morristown

Fire Department use the City of Morristown's bulk mailing number.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$34,136.89 from the General Fund, \$555.13 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,082.00 from the Water Operations Fund and \$8,328.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten and Karsten

### Correspondence and Announcements:

- 1. Seal Coating the roads, Rice County does but Jeff Lang was wondering if we could get by with out doing it this year due to the budget.
- 2. Skywarn is having a training February 26, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3. EDA- was notified that a new business is looking to start in Morristown
- 4. NIMS Training Find out the dates and locations.

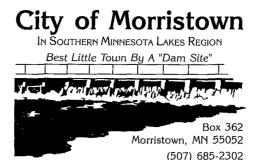
Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Karsten

Kristalyn Morris City Clerk

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting March 2, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Jeff Lang

and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Verdis Flaten

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton &

Menk, Inc.; Herb Krueger, PeopleService; Terry Meschke, Mark Neu, Loren Dahle, Danny Morris, Dennis Schmidtke, and Troy

Dahle.

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 2, 2009, and the work session/special meeting held February 17, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

No Financial Report for the month of February.

Herb Krueger from PeopleService was present to clear up some issues that had occurred with Julie Nordmeier's water. It was discussed:

- 1. Why did Tim Minske take care of the pipe when Dave from PeopleService should of? That is PeopleServices responsibility.
- 2. Jeff Lang was wondering who is going to pay for Tim's time. Herb said send them a bill and they will pay for Tim's time.
- 3. Herb was not notified of the situation tell Wednesday and the situation occurred on Monday of that week.
- 4. All the melted wires will be covered by PeopleService's insurance.

- 5. Dave went home that Monday night knowing that Julie still did not have any running water.
- 6. Julie is currently getting her water out of a hose that is hooked up to her neighbor's house.
- 7. Herb asked the council if there is an issue if we could contact him ASAP.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the police report for February, 2009 and the schedule for March, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of February, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay Kate Aase

\$1,000.00 for writing a grant for the Morristown Fire Department.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim reported;
  - a. The street sweeper budget is about \$2,000.00 and that he might run a little over the budget.
  - b. Tim mentioned that the street sweeper needs 2 new tires and at Wholesale Tire the tires are about \$200.00 each.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to put 2 new tires on the street sweeper.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

- c. Fish Trucks
  - i. They are now pumping water out of the river.
  - ii. We will not longer fill the trucks.
- d. Community Center Boiler
  - i. One of the connectors was leaking.
  - ii. It is so hot in the building because of the boilers not working correctly and all the thermometers were all down to the normal temperature.
  - iii. Boiler is old school and inefficient.
  - iv. It would cost about \$2,600.00 for a new boiler motor.
  - v. The motor will try to be rebuilt after the winter.
- e. Water Tower/Safety Vest;
  - i. Tim wants to know why he is not allowed to climb the water tower.

- ii. Jeff Wenker was the last person to climb the water tower.
- iii. The safety vest is NFBA and OSIA certified.
- iv. Tim took a class on winterizing your water towers that is why he wants to climb the tower.
- v. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to allow Tim to climb the water tower with the proper safety equipment.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

vi. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to pay for the vest that was already ordered and to keep the safety vest down at the fire hall so that the fire department can use it as well.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Troy Dahle mentioned that no one from the Fire Department will be using that safety vest until they take a high angle training class.

### f. Rick Ranslow's

- i. At the last meeting (February 17, 2009), the water was getting into the neighbors properties.
- ii. The mayor was unable to get a hold of Ranslow's
- iii. The neighbors are to keep track of any water damage that they may occur due to the Ranslow's. Ranslow's are responsible for any water damage that may occur to the neighbors.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report as give.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### **Zoning Board**

1. No meeting

### The Economic Development Authority

1. There is a new business that is looking at coming into town.

2. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the report as given for the month of March.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

### Cleaning Report

- 1. Mary reported:
  - a. She is to clean, set-up and tare down and do general cleaning around the community center.
  - b. She has 3 jobs and works the schedules around all 3.
  - c. She would like to be notified if the renters decide to set-up themselves then she can go to her other jobs.
  - d. She has a system when it comes to putting away all the chairs and tables.
  - e. What is expected of Mary?
  - f. Monday before the play the players had set up the chairs.
  - g. Mary was gone over the play and Tim helped cover while she was gone.
  - h. Tim had cleaned the hall Monday morning after the play and Mary said that she would be back on Sunday.
  - i. Mary is the only person who is hired to clean.
  - j. In the community center contract it tells the people that they have to let us know at least 2 weeks in advance how they want the hall set-up.
  - k. We are not giving the renters the option to set-up or take down the tables and chairs.
  - I. Kristalyn is to type up a set-up and take down portion to the community center contract.

## Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- 1. Danny Morris for the Cannon Valley Players
  - a. Thank you for allowing them to use the community center.
  - b. There was about a 1000 people that came to the play.
  - c. They took in about \$5,700.00 (\$300.00 in change).
  - d. Cannon Valley PTL took in about \$913.00
  - e. The bar took in about \$666,00
  - f. The carpet on the stage was donated by Floor to Ceiling
  - g. They are planning on donating money to the 3 Sunday schools, Cannon Valley & W.E.M. after prom party, the reading program, and maybe donate something else to the community center besides the spot light.
  - h. They did set-up and take down their own chairs.
  - i. They also cleaned the entry way and the bathrooms before the play.
- 2. Loren Dahle
  - a. What did we find out about refinancing?
    - i. We can not refinance tell December 1, 2010.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$11,368.74 from the General Fund, \$905.84 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$982.64 from the Water Operations Fund and \$1694.16 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Meschke Addition
  - a. Table tell next meeting
- 2. City Attorney
  - a. Kristalyn Morris mentioned that there is too much detail and information to put together on her own.

### **New Business:**

- 1. Audit
- 2. Paid Holidays
  - a. It was brought to the council's attention that the city office is open on government holidays.
  - b. Jeff Lang wants to keep the holidays the way they are.
  - c. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten to not change to paid holidays.

Voting Yes: Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: Wolf

Absent: Flaten

- 3. Water Tower
  - a. Was discussed above
- 4. Dennis Schmidtke Morristown Baseball
  - a. The City of Morristown owns the baseball park but the baseball committee runs it.
  - b. They built a new concession stand
  - c. Ed Schmidtke has donated evergreen trees to the baseball committee all they have to pay for is the moving of the trees.
  - d. It would cost about \$100.00 per tree.
  - e. The baseball committee was wondering if the City of Morristown would either share the cost with them or take the cost to move the trees.
  - f. They would like to move about 20-30 trees.
  - g. The baseball committee has already spent about \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 in new bleachers for the baseball park.
  - h. Tim Minske wants to get a committee together to go around town and see where else we might want some trees.
  - Table tell the next meeting (March 16, 2009)
- 5. Holiday Hall rental
  - a. Good idea
  - b. Charge the weekend rate no matter the day of the week
  - c. Kristalyn is the only one that opens for events.
  - d. The Council, Mary, Tim and Danny Morris offered to help open on holidays.
  - e. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to have the hall be open on holidays and charge the weekend rate.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten

- 6. Sale of Trucks (Fire and City)
  - a. Tim has the old city truck at his house
  - b. Danny Morris has the fire truck at his house.

c. Bid opening will be April 6, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

d. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to post the sale of the fire truck and city truck on channel 7 and at the post office and to also put the city truck on Craig's list.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The

meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Kristalyn Morris City Clerk/Treasurer

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# City of Morristown IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA LAKES REGION Best Little Town By A "Dam Site" Box 362 Morristown, MN 55052 (507) 685-2302

# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting March 16, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmembers Jeff Lang, Verdis Flaten,

Lisa Karsten and Matt Valeytine.

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, and Rich Revering, Bolt &

Menk representative.

Others Absent:

None

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of February, 2009. The question was brought up when Dave will start flushing hydrants again. Last year it was in the middle of April but it all depends on the weather. Tim Minske asked if there was something new that could be done with the flushing of hydrants. He was wondering if we could get a hose so the water pressure does not cause any more holes that Tim has to fill. Dave was going to look into how much a hose would cost.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### Skywarn Report:

1. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Skywarn report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim Reported
  - a. He was unable to get with Matt Valentyn and go around town and see where trees are needed.
  - b. Morristown Fire Dept. donated a \$1,000.00 to move the trees.
  - c. Looking at moving 15-20 trees.
  - d. Matt Valentyn asked the council if it is a problem that Tim picks up his son from school in the city truck.
    - i. Jeff Lang mentioned it is not a problem with him because Tim donates a lot of his time and tools.
  - e. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Meschke Addition:
  - a. Jeff Lang has not had time to sit down and talk to Dave Meschke.
- 2. City Attorney
  - a. Lisa is going to type up the information packet that is needed.
- 3. Trees
  - a. Morristown Fire Dept. is donating a \$1,000.00 to the moving of the trees.
  - b. Looking at moving 15-20 trees.
- 4. Ranslow's neighbor
  - a. Water is running into his neighbor's garden and washing away his dirt.
  - b. Ranslow's have an appointment with Timm's Trucking April 1<sup>st</sup> about taking out the driveway.
  - c. Council discussed that the City of Morristown will probable have to fix the neighbors garden and then send the bill to Ranslow's. If the Ranslow's do not pay the city will assess it to their taxes.
  - d. There are cutters on his side of the shed but no gutters on the side facing his neighbors.
- 5. Community Center rental contract
  - a. Made the corrections that were brought up at the last council meeting
  - b. Lisa Karsten is going to look over a copy of the contract that was given to her.

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### **New Business:**

- 1. Tim's 1 year evaluation
  - a. Lisa put an evaluation together according to what Tim's job description is.
  - b. Lisa wants the council's evaluation back to her by April so she can compute it before the next meeting.
  - c. Next meeting we will have 10 minutes closed, to do Tim's evaluation.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$9,919.28 from the General Fund, \$4,372.18 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,148.62 from the Water Operations Fund, \$8,328.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Correspondence and Announcements:**

1. Dog Clinic is April 4, 2009 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Morristown Fire Hall.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Mustif Mewis Kristalyn Morris City Clerk

# City of Morristown In SOUTHERN MINNESOTA LAKES REGION Best Little Town By A "Dam Site" Box 362 Morristown, MN 55052 (507) 685-2302

# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting April 6, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Council members, Matt Valentyn, Jeff Lang,

Verdis Flaten and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim Minske, Maintenance;

Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Danny Morris, Susan

Pilcher, Jack Schwichtenberg, Dale Dulas and Troy Dahle.

Others Absent:

David Osborne, Police Chief

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2009, and the work session/special meeting held March 16, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2009 which showed a balance \$217,548.00 in the checking account and \$596,067.64 in the investment accounts and February 28, 2009 which showed a balance \$179,665.26 in the checking account and \$596,351.99 in the investment accounts.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Dave Osborne was gone at a Police Chiefs conference. Dave had interview for the part-time police officer position and narrowed it down to the top 3 that he likes. Karsten was wondering if it would be a problem if one of the cops works full time in Faribault and then works for the City of Morristown part time. Flaten wondered if we really need 3 cops in Morristown. There was already a motion at a previous meeting to allow Dave to post for the job opening. Some council members want to know why they did not do the interviewing. Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the police report for March, 2009 and the schedule for April, 2009 as printed minus the hiring of a police officer, table tell the next meeting.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of March, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

# Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim reported;
  - a. Dennis, from the county shop, said that the road by the shop is all tom up and was wondering if the city could fix that.
    - i. Gave variance in return that the county would pave the road.
    - ii. Lang is going to talk to Steve Nordmeier and then get back to Dennis.
  - b. Storm Sewer in front of Rutz Pipe Organ Company is higher then what it is supposed to be. This causes it to flood in front. Tim is supposed to fix it.
  - c. Light out on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bloomer
  - d. Stop signs and other signs around town are damaged and need to be replaced. Lang and Tim are to get together and look at what signs need to be replaced.
  - e. Dog running loose
    - i. Rice County will hold the dog for 5 days
    - ii. Do to the hard times people are just letting there dogs run and hope they will find a nice home.
  - f. South of the school near the football field is that the cities responsibility?
    - i. Needs new gravel.
    - ii. Tim is to put gravel on the location as a nice gesture from the city.
  - g. East of the football field there was a hidden drain that Tim was unaware of.
  - h. Brush pile
    - i. Last Wednesday it was out to the road
    - ii. There were logs and stumps dumped there
    - iii. While pushing the pile back, the power steering on the tractor was torn.

- iv. Dahle is to finish pushing the pile.
- i. Dam Days
  - i. Last year
    - 1. Dave asked for a raise for his officers due to Dam Days help getting paid more.
    - 2. Tim was wondering why he has to volunteer all his time
- j. Julie's water came on last Thursday
  - i. The way to prevent Julie's water from freezing next year is to dig a new line this summer.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report as give.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### Zoning Board

1. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting of the Zoning Board as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### The Economic Development Authority

1. No meeting was held

# Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- 1. Danny Morris
  - a. Skywarn
    - i. The current siren does not have a battery back-up
    - ii. Looking at a new siren with battery back-up cost about \$10,000.00
    - iii. Siren is 3 phase
    - b. Dam Days
      - i. Cops
        - 1. Friday
          - a. Had our cops, county cops and sheriff on duty all night
          - b. Cops just sat around
        - 2. Saturday
          - a. Had a speed sting
          - b. Thought that was uncalled for
        - 3. Sunday
          - a. Whole afternoon had 4 cops sit around
- 2. Tim Minske
  - a. Took the generator to get fixed

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$3,000.14 from the General Fund, \$612.94 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$335.07 from the Water Operations Fund and \$1,709.96 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and the late claims totaling \$5,303.59 from the General Fund, \$99.45 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Open Bids at 8:00 p.m.
  - a. Fire Truck
    - i. \$2,602.00
    - ii. \$300.00
  - b. City Truck
    - i. \$3,875.00
    - ii. \$710.00
    - iii. \$1,115.00
    - iv. \$1,700.00
  - c. Unknown Truck
    - i. \$500.00
    - ii. \$2,500.00
  - d. Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to sell the city truck for \$3,875.00 and to sell the fire truck for \$2,602.00.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to put the money from the trucks back into the general account and the fire dept. account.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 2. Meschke Addition
  - a. Nothing
- 3. City Attorney
  - a. Karsten is still working on
- 4. Trees
  - a. Peterson is coming next week and looking at getting pricing
  - b. Fire Dept. donated \$1,000.00
- 5. Ranslow's
  - a. John Byers still has to sign off on the building permit

### **New Business:**

1. Tim's Evaluation – moved to the end of the meeting. Closed to the public

- 2. Wastewater Account
  - a. Options either:
    - i. Raise each account \$25.00 per month
    - ii. Decrease expenses
  - b. Rate study
    - i. E-mail the last one to Rich (Bolton & Menk)
- 3. Bridge work
  - a. Not starting until after Dam Day's
  - b. Start 1st week in June
  - c. Overlay next year
- 4. City wide clean-up day
  - a. Kristalyn is to call Archambault Brothers Disposal for a current pricing list
  - b. Table until next meeting
- 5. Golf carts
  - a. Citizen reported
    - i. Was not enforced for a couple of years
    - ii. This year it is being enforced
    - iii. There about 5 cart in town
    - iv. Wants the ordinance rescinded
    - v. Why do you not have to have a permit for:
      - 1. Garden Tractor
      - 2. 4-Wheelers
      - 3. Mini-crotch rockets
    - vi. To get a golf cart permit:
      - 1. Show proof of insurance
      - 2. Letter from doctor saying you are ok to drive the golf cart
      - 3. pay the city \$10.00
    - vii. 4-Wheelers do not need a permit because you have to get a license for them
    - viii. Lang said in Faribault it is around \$80.00-\$90.00 for a permit for a golf cart.
    - ix. Discuss it more at the next meeting

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to close the meeting for Tim's evaluation. The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to give Tim a \$0.75 raise.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to close Tim's evaluation.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to re-open the regular

meeting.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to give Lisa Karsten a key to the office.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

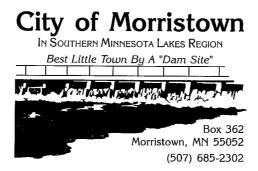
Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang, Flaten and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: None

> Kristalyn Morris City Clerk/Treasurer

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### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting April 20, 2009

Members Present: Mavo

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Council members Jeff Lang, Verdis Flaten,

Lisa Karsten and Matt Valentyn.

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Nancy Morris, Virginia Schmidtke, Randy Archambault, and Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk

representative.

Others Absent:

None

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of March, 2009.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### Skywarn Report:

### 1. Generator

- a. Due to not getting a generator this year Skywarn is working with Dave's Electric to get a battery pack for the current siren.
- b. Current siren does not have a battery pack
- c. To get a battery for the siren it cost about \$140.00 each and 4 are needed, they are each to last 4 years.
- d. Looking at a cost of \$10,000.00 to do it all
- e. Will the city help pay for some of the cost about \$3,000.00-\$4,000.00
- f. Ask the current donators if there donation could go towards the project

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s. Motion Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Meschke Addition:
  - a. Jeff Lang is talking with Dave Meschke.
- 2. City Attorney
  - a. Lisa wants permission to meet with Virginia
  - b. Waiting for input from council and have it done by next meeting
- 3. Golf carts
  - a. Add to next meeting
  - b. Over Dam Day's golf cart permits are not enforced
- 4. Ranslow's neighbor
  - a. John Byers has signed off on the completion
- 5. Wastewater
  - a. Bolton & Menk are working on
- 6. City Wide Clean-up Day
  - a. The city will not be doing a clean-up day this year
  - b. It you have something that needs to be thrown call Archambault Brothers and the can pick it up along with the garbage with an extra fee:
  - c. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to not have a city wide clean-up day but put on channel 7 that if people have things that need to be thrown call Archambault Brothers for a pricing on picking it up.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 7. Morristown Fire Dept.
  - a. Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to request \$1,000.00 from the Fire Dept. for the trees at the baseball field.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### New Business:

- 1. Community Center contract
  - a. Make the changes that were discussed
- 2. Maternity Leave
  - a. Virginia does not want to come back full time
  - b. Lang asked if she would come back to do utility billing because we might not be able to train someone in time. Virginia was undecided
  - c. Lang would like all the applicants that were looked at the same time Kristalyn Morris was hired.
  - d. Maternity leave is at least 6 weeks
  - e. Kristalyn would like to plan on coming back the beginning of September

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- 3. Police Hiring
  - a. The council would like to at least meet the candidate that Dave is recommending.
  - b. Dave mentioned that if a decision is not made at this meeting it is possible that we will not have them for Dam Day's
  - c. Dave and Larry at this point have put in more hours then legally possible and more then they want
  - d. Dave's #1 pick is already familiar with all the equipment and procedures. Less training time is needed.
  - e. Karsten asked that question again, "Do you think that due to working full time with Rice County and then working with the City of Morristown part time he might get burned out. Dave said it all depends on the person.
  - f. For Dam Day's the City of Morristown pays for only 8 cops.
  - g. Motion by Karsten, seconded by Wolf and carried to give Chief Dave Osborne authority to over Matthew Long the 80 hrs a month position.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: Flaten Absent: None

- 4. Water shut-offs
  - a. No one was present
- 5. Gerald Kokoschke coffee pot
  - a. Linda Murphy asked to borrow the coffee pot
  - b. Linda offered to drop if off when she was done using it and Gerald said no. she left it outside the community center and Gerald never got it back.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$5,958.81 from the General Fund, \$5,142.05 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,739.60 from the Water Operations Fund, \$8,328.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

> Kristalyn Morris City Clerk

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# City of Morristown IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA LAKES REGION Best Little Town By A "Dam Site" Box 362 Morristown, MN 55052 (507) 685-2302

## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting May 4, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Jeff Lang,

and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Verdis Flaten

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim Minske, Maintenance;

Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dave Osborne, Police Chief; Danny Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Felix, Mary Livingston, Matthew Long, Steve Nordmeier and Troy Dahle.

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2009, and the work session/special meeting held April 20, 2009 as printed with some wording corrections.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2009 which showed a balance \$78,216.42 in the checking account and \$696,747.35 in the investment accounts.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten Morristown City Council Minutes May 4, 2009 Page 2

Dave Osborne introduced Matthew Long to the City Council. Matthew will be starting May 13, 2009.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the police report for April, 2009 and the schedule for May, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of April, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

#### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim reported;
  - a. Rice County Shop wanted to know who is responsible for the road by their shop.
  - b. Tim wanted to see if a thank you was sent to Ed Schmidtke
    - i. Morris, City Clerk did send a thank you
  - c. Nuisance properties on Franklin discussed. Dave O. is going to talk to the owner
  - d. A load of dirt was hauled in and grading done in the alley behind Archie's Bar
  - e. Discussed the car being stored in the fenced area at the water tower. Dave O. said that the owner is to come and get it.
  - f. The drain ditch behind 302 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S.E. is clean
  - g. People Service issues discussed;
    - i. Tractor
      - Brings it back with no gas even though he started with a full tank
      - 2. The tractor is dirty
      - 3. Appropriate care of city equipment was discussed
    - ii. Flushing
      - 1. Shooting the water into the air
      - 2. Still flushing water into yards
      - 3. not using diffuser
    - iii. Flow Rates
      - Bruce Morris has been asking for current flow rates since last year. Dave gave him a map with rates but it turns out that is the same map that Bruce made back in 2007 with the rates from then.
  - h. Tim is locating all the storm sewers and man holes (about 140) and making a map of their locations.
  - i. Got an estimate from Morsching's to remove a couple of trees
    - i. Park \$250.00 to cut or \$400.00 to cut and clean up
    - ii. Feed Mill \$900.00 to cut and clean up

- j. Tim and Jeff have not had time to go around town and see what signs need to be replaced.
- k. A load of gravel was placed by the school football field
- I. Jeff Mentioned
  - i. Compost site
    - 1. Fire department receives repeated calls to the compost site because people set it on fire
    - 2. Would like to see it closed for good
    - 3. The Morristown Township is in charge of the ditches by the site
    - 4. Faribault is talking about closing their site
    - 5. Motion by Lang, no one seconded to close the compost site for good.
    - 6. The property belongs to L. Dahle
    - 7. Tabled until the next meeting
  - ii. City Truck
    - 1. The individual that bought the city truck would like to return it.
    - 2. He went about 160 miles and claims that he went through 13 quarts of oil.
    - 3. The council determined that he bought it as is.

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report as given.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

#### **Zoning Board**

1. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Zoning Board as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### The Economic Development Authority

- 1. Next meeting will be held on July 6, 2009
- 2. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as given for May 4, 2009.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- 1. Steve Nordmeier
  - a. Sentenced to Serve inmates do work around town. Will give Tim the number
  - b. County wide project new signs
    - i. The city signs have to be more reflective

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- ii. When ordering the new signs you have to request the new reflectivity
- iii. It will cost about \$300.00 a sign
- iv. The signs will be blue instead of green
- 2. Danny Morris
  - a. All Hazard Mitigation Plan
    - i. No FEMA money if not in
  - b. The township has put down some crushed tar on W Franklin to get ready for the construction
- 3. Tim Minske
  - a. The Morristown Fire Dept. dance attendance was down
  - b. Waterville fire dept. was the only one to show up
  - c. Discussion was held regarding why attendance is down

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$5,112.71 from the General Fund, \$46.82 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2400.21 from the Water Operations Fund and \$10,037.96 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and the late claims totaling \$942.54 from the General Fund, \$641.65 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,220.08 from the Water Operations Fund, \$0.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$0.00 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Wastewater Account
  - a. Bolton & Menk
    - i. Look at debt service account
    - ii. PeopleService are new and they are paid every month
    - iii. Questioned whether or not all meters in the mobile home park are being accounted for
    - iv. Suggestions on how to fix will be presented at the next meeting, May 18, 2009
    - v. One possible option is to raise the rates \$15.00-\$18.00 per month on top of the current rate
- 2. Golf Carts
  - a. Valentyn offered to look at ordinance and make suggestions at the next meeting, May 18, 2009
- 3. Maternity Leave / Part-Time Help
  - a. Interviews will be at the next special meeting, May 18, 2009

### **New Business:**

- 1. Personal Days
  - a. The office will be closed May 13, 2009
  - b. The office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on May 27, 2009 and will re-open June 2, 2009.

### 2. School House

- a. Wanting to move school house in behind the feed mill
- b. 2 Trees will have to be taken down
- c. The Historical Society will manage the building
- d. The City of Morristown owns the property
- e. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to allow the Historical society to move the school house on to city property behind the feed mill and waive the fees.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 3. Skywarn
  - a. Estimated Cost
    - i. Old siren \$10,000,00
    - ii. New siren w/no pole \$6,000.00-\$8,000.00
- 4. Park Bathrooms
  - a. Discussed replacing permanent bathrooms with rental units
  - b. Decided to continue with current, permanent bathrooms, for now
- 5. Rice County Sheriff
  - a. Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay \$50.00 to the National Child Safety Council.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 6. Morristown Township
  - a. In 2004, Rice County charged a park fee for developments
  - b. The money was given to that township/county
  - c. The township cannot buy land with it
  - d. Morristown Township is allowed to designated it to the City of Morristown
  - e. Morristown Township has about \$9,500.00 in park fees to be used
  - f. With the money the city can either get new park equipment or upgrade the equipment that they have now.
  - g. Morris, the city clerk will write a letter to Rice County saying that we would be interested in the money to help improve our parks.
  - h. Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to write a letter to Rice County regarding the park fee money from the Morristown Township.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 7. Historical Steve Felix
  - a. The Historical Society would like to do some fixing on the feed mill.
  - b. A suggestion was brought up to get the Sentenced to Serve to help.

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Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The

meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Valentyn, Lang and Karsten Voting No: None

Absent: Flaten

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City Clerk/Treasurer

# City of Morristown In Southern Minnesota Lakes Region Best Little Town By A "Dam Site" Box 362 Morristown, MN 55052 (507) 685-2302

## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting May 18, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten and

Matt Valentyn.

Members Absent:

Verdis Flaten

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, Jack O'Rourke, Steve Nordmeier, and Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk

representative.

Others Absent:

None

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of April, 2009. Dave will be flushing the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after Dam Day's (June 1<sup>st</sup>). Tim Minske asked Dave if he had fixed the 16 hydrants that need to be fixed around town. Dave has the parts and will start fixing them soon.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### Skywarn Report:

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Skywarn report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

#### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Tim Reported
  - a. The light at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Sidney is repaired.
  - b. Light on Hwy 60 and Iona is out. Tim will contact Xcel to find out who is responsible to repair it.
  - c. There was a fire started in the women's bathroom in Riverside Park. Tim locks up the bathrooms at night and reopens them in the morning.
  - d. He is working through his lunch to get things done around town.
  - e. He is making a device to hook up to the hydrants for the carnival people so we do not have hoses running all over.
  - f. The city owned weed whip is currently out of service. Tim is using his personal one.
  - g. It would cost about \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00 to fix patches around town. Jeff Lang is going to look more into it.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report as give.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Meschke Addition:
  - a. Jeff Lang reports no new information.
- 2. City Attorney
  - a. Kurt Fischer is our criminal prosecutor
  - b. We are looking for a civil prosecutor
  - c. Lisa will have a request for services draft ready for the June 1, 2009 mtg
- 3. Golf carts
  - a. Matt Valentyn suggested some changes
    - 1. Remove note from doctor requirement
    - 2. Require permit applicants be at minimum, 18 years old
    - 3. Golf cart should be equipped with a rear view mirror and horn.
    - 4. Proof of insurance will continue to be required

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn to change the wording for the golf cart permit requirements.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 4. Wastewater
  - a. Bolton & Menk discovered
    - 1. We were about \$14,000.00 in the black last year
    - 2. We are about \$60,000.00 in the red for 2009
    - 3. We will be about \$100,000.00 in the red for 2010
    - 4. Currently our rates are \$10.00 base and \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons
    - 5. We should have been raising the wastewater by about 3% each year.

- 6. Bolton & Menk suggest that we charge a base rate of \$16.50 and \$5.90 per 1,000 gallons
- 7. Those numbers are looking at 3-5 years with no growth
- 8. Should re-evaluate the rates every 2-3 years
- 9. PeopleService contract ends September 2010
- 10. The proposed rate increase would increase the monthly bill of a family of four from \$34.00 to about \$52.00
- 11. There will be an open house June 15, 2009 to discuss the need for a rate increase
- 12. Rate increase could start as soon as July 1, 2009

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to let Bolton and Menk draft a letter to the public informing them about the possible rate increase and to also inform the public of the open house that will be held on June 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent; Flaten

- 5. Brush site
  - a. There is expressed interested in favor of keeping it open
  - b. Compost needs to be carried away
  - c. Where would the city dump if it was to close
  - d. If the brush site were to close, open burning would have to be extended
  - e. The brush part of the site is fine it is the compost part that is causing all the trouble
  - f. Tim will talk to Dahle Enterprises for quotes on removing the compost
  - g. Table tell the next meeting

### **New Business:**

- 1. Interviews
  - a. New clerk will be voted on at the June 1st, 2009 regular meeting
- 2. Dam Days Donations
  - a. It cost about \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00 to put on the parade
  - b. \$500.00 is budgeted for advertising of Dam Day's
  - c. \$100.00 was donated last year for parade sponsorship

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to have Dam Day's this year (May 29-31, 2009).

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- d. People are to park in the football field first and then if more parking is needed the streets will be used.
- e. If it happens to rain there will be no parking on the football field
- f. Chuck Larsen is in charge of the parking

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to give \$100.00 from the community center to the Dam Day's parade sponsorship.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 3. Shut-off letters
  - a. No one present to dispute
- 4. Resolution

### **RESOLUTION 2009-2**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE REDUCTION OF FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES IN RICE COUNTY THROUGH THE EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF ALL RICE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO MODIFY UNSAFE DRIVING HABITS

WHEREAS, the leading cause of death and serious injuries (life altering) of the young, aged 18 months to 34 years and the leading cause of preventable death for people of all ages is that of a traffic crash; and

WHEREAS, the leading causation factors in fatal and serious injury crashes is speed and distracted driving, driving while impaired and the greatest reason why people are killed is because they were not restricted by a safety belt during the crash; and

WHEREAS, during the period of 2005 through 2007, 1,212 motorists were killed and 4,103 received life altering injuries in Minnesota at an economic cost of 1.6 Billion dollars and during the same period of time in Rice County alone, 34 people dies and 82 people suffered life altering injuries at an economic cost to the Rice County residents \$34,571,000.00; and

WHEREAS, through a grant to the Rice County Law Enforcement agencies from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), all law enforcement agencies in Rice County, including; The Rice County Sheriff's Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Faribault Police Department, Northfield Police Department, Dundas Police Department, Lonsdale Police Department and Morristown Police Department along with the Rice County Safe Communities Coalition have teamed up to form a partnership with a mission to reduce the number of citizens and motorists in Rice County who are killed and injured in traffic crashes to work Towards Zero Deaths; and

WHEREAS, this team of traffic safety partners together, named the "Rice County MOD Squad" to signify their mission of MOD-ifying dangerous driving behaviors in Rice County by seeking voluntary compliance of the most dangerous violations of speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving and failure to wear a seat belt through outreach, education and enforcement; and

### NOWTHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA:

- The Morristown City Council encourages the Rice County MOD Squad and their efforts of MODifying unsafe driving behaviors, specifically impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving and failure to wear a seat belt.
- 2. The Morristown City Council urges the residents of Morristown to help this effort of reducing fatalities and injuries by their compliance of the most dangerous driving behaviors.
- 3. The Morristown City Council urges all residents of Morristown to drive safe, specifically plan ahead to not drink and drive, obey speed limits, and wear your seat belt.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Morristown, Minnesota this 18th day of May, 2009.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to accept the resolution 2009-2 as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

- 5. Community Center Cleaning
  - a. Mary Livingston was injured and unable to work for a while
  - b. Danny Morris and Marc Morris put the tables and chairs away from the last wedding
  - c. The cleaning of the hall and the set-up for the next wedding still needs to be done.
  - d. Mary will need a written note from the doctor with details of what she can and cannot do before she can return to work.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$25,570.92 from the General Fund, \$1,027.93 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$0.00 from the Water Operations Fund, \$0.00 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: Flaten

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Kristalyn Morris
City Clerk

### City of Morristown

Best Little Town By A "Dam Site"

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Morristown, MN 55052

# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL AMENDING MINUTES Regular Meeting June 1, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Jeff Lang, Verdis Flaten and Lisa

Karsten

Members Absent:

Kristalyn Morris

Others Present:

Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dave Osborne, Police

Chief; Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Kyle Lake; Project Engineer, Troy Dahle;

Fire Chief, Jill Strobel, Becky Kuball, Adam Uittenbogaard

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, une 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4, 2009 and the work session/special meeting held on May 18, 2009 with corrections.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

Abstained:

Flaten

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report as written.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

Kyle Lake gave a Hwy 60 construction update. Construction started June 1, 2009, projected competition date September 9, 2009. Meeting was held with business owners to discuss signage for business in town. Speed is a concern on Franklin Street. Franklin is a 4 ton road, and it needs signage for truck drivers, so that they know this before the drivers get to Franklin Street.

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report. Dam Days was relatively quiet had a few medical calls. Chief Osborne suggested lowering speed limits in Meschke addition and on West Main. State statute does not allow city speed limit to go below 30 mph. Suggested a speed trailer, hat lets drivers know how fast they are going. These can be rented.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

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Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Report as

written.
Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve a request from Troy Dahle for \$5,000 from Fire Department equipment fund for SCBA if grant application is approved.

Voting Yes:

Lang, Flaten, Karsten, Wolf and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

No Zoning Report

No EDA Report

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Maintenance report. Minske thanked a list of volunteers that have helped out in the past week. Karsten will draft a letter from the mayor on behalf of the city to be sent to each one. Minske suggested that money be budgeted in 2010 to give to the "volunteer thank you" dinner. Minske brought to council's attention that he worked extra hours himself, but does not wish to be paid for these hours.

Comments from citizen are present:

Troy Dahle asked for clarification on "4 ton road"

Steve Nordmeier informed the council that the electricity in the pole that was knocked down has been disconnected, for safety reasons. Pole has been moved out of the way and is on private property. The property owner has been notified and is o.k. with it being on his property. Nordmeier stated that Randy Meschke would like the pole. Kristalyn Morris needs to call Jim Warnemunde about the pole and a citizen that fell on May 30, 2009 on Main Street.

Motioned by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to give the light pole that was knocked down on Franklin and Division to Randy Meschke.

Voting Yes:

Lang, Valentyn, Karsten, Wolf and Flaten

Voting No:

None

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Claims and accounts.

Voting Yes:

Lang, Karsten, Wolf, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Late Claims.

Voting Yes:

Lang, Karsten, Wolf, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No:

None

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Valentyn to offer Full Time/Temp position from June 15, 2009 to September 5, 2009 to Applicant #1

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn

Voting No:

Lang

Wastewater Report from Rich Revering; Bolton and Menk, letter to citizens is done. The letter can go out to citizens on June 2, 2009. Kristalyn Morris has the letter. Rich did a comparison with surrounding communities. Currently we are the cheapest. A proposed increase would put us in the middle. Information needs to be posted on the website immediately. Send out short letter and meeting invitations. Inform citizens that more extensive information is available at the community center.

City price list; all water meters are \$90 and all price lists should be reviewed.

Road by Rice Co shop; Lang stated that he had talked to Dennis Lubbe. Dennis stated that the city does not need to fix the road; the county will take care of it. The county will also trim trees on Hwy #15.

City Attorney; a draft of request for services was distributed. Will vote on request for services at June 15, 2009 meeting, please review.

All Hazard and Mitigation Plan; no resolution available to vote on.

2010 Budget was distributed for review.

Resolution 2009-3 Motioned by Lang approved by Resolution

oting Yes: Lang, Karsten, Wolf, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None

Rich Revering gave information on street signs. Federal standards went into effect on January 1, 2008. State Standards (MN manual on uniform traffic control) updated to incorporate federal standard. January 22, 2012 is deadline to have an assessment and plan to replace our noncompliant signs. January 22, 2015 is deadline to replace noncompliant warning and regulatory signs. January 22, 2018 is deadline to replace guidance and street signs. Parking/pedestrian/adopt-a-highway/bike lane and similar signs are exempt. Revering offered a few suggestions about how to do our inventory. All signs being manufactured now meet specifications. Revering continues to gather information.

Community Center Maintenance; Mary Livingston continues to be unable to work; Karsten and Flaten will meet with the Commercial Club on June 15, 2009. The Commercial Club would like to renegotiate their contract and possibly take over community center duties. Karsten will call Dan Morris for June 6, 2009 event. Lang will clean and put away tables and chairs. Lang will clean bathrooms. Flaten will run the floor scrubber. Karsten and Wolf will set up for the event.

Kristalyn Morris One year review; performance evaluation forms were distributed. Karsten will need them back at the June 15, 2009 meeting. Review will be at July 6, 2009 meeting.

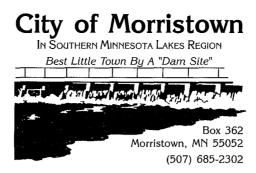
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Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting notes taken by Lisa Karsten Minutes completed by Becky Kuball

Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk



## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting June 15, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten,

Matt Valentyn, and Verdis Flaten

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kristalyn Morris, City Clerk/Treasurer; Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, and Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk

representative.

Others Absent:

None

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Under New Business was added

- H. Community Center Maintenance
- I. Water shutoffs

The PeopleService water/wastewater report was presented. The report showed the monthly performance records, the operation and maintenance done at each site and expenditures for the month of May, 2009. Dave did do the first flushing June 1st. Locates are to be done by PeopleServices. Minske is trying to find the water main on Franklin Street. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Skywarn Report:

No report

### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Minske Reported
  - a. More mail boxes getting put up in town.
  - b. 9 yards crushed rock to repair road due to mail boxes
  - c. Bathrooms at park doors are bad; they close, but they do not lock from the inside.
  - d. Murphy Construction estimated it would cost \$750-\$800 for two new doors
  - e. Need to remove the wooden slide at park due to it being a safety hazard
  - f. Troy Dahle's rental behind Plum House
    - i. Water line is plastic, can't trace it
    - ii. Loren Dahle said old well feeds house and Plum house

### 2. Signs

- a. Straightened out
- b. Need 12 of each of Stop, Truck Sign and 4 ton
- c. Minske will get prices
- d. City has till 2018 to replace signs
- e. Need plan in place by 2012
- f. Lang will talk to City of Faribault to see if they can make some signs and what the cost would be.
- g. Danny Morris put up 30 MPH on township road off of Hwy 60
- h. Osborn reported lots of speeders on CR 15

Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. City Attorney
  - a. Kurt Fischer is our criminal prosecutor
  - b. Karsten had request for services draft ready and approved
  - c. Discussed a way to advertise for a new Civil Attorney
    - 1. Web site, Kristalyn Morris will contact Del Voegele to put on
    - 2. Faribault Daily News Kristalyn Morris will contact
    - 3. Lake Region Life, Kristalyn Morris will Contact Jay to put in paper

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the proposal as written

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 2. Wastewater Increase meeting
  - a. Bolton & Menk, people were not aware of rate increase
  - b. \$10 to \$16.50 base
  - c. \$3.35 to \$5.90 per 1000 gallons
  - d. Rich Revering will gather more information for the Wastewater increase
- 3. Maternity leave for Kristalyn Morris
  - a. Kristalyn Morris stated she should be out 6 weeks minimum
  - b. Willing to come and help if needed
  - c. Council decided to add Becky Kuball as a signer on the checking account
- 4. Closed review for Kristalyn Morris
  - a. Will be done by Wolf and Karsten
  - b. Date to be determined
- 5. Light proposal for corner on Main
  - a. \$3,453.62 estimate from Park Electric
  - b. Motioned by Lang and seconded by Karsten to put up light pole for safety issues
  - c. It has been turned into insurance
  - d. Motion rescinded

Motioned by Valentyn and Seconded by Wolf to get two more bids and authorized Minske to go ahead with the lowest bid

Voting Yes: Karsten, Flaten, Valentyn and Wolf

Voting No: Lang Absent: None

- 6. Liquor license renewal
  - a. Old Town Tavern
  - b. Archie's Bar
  - c. American Legion post 149
  - d. Commercial Club
  - e. Last Call liquor
  - f. Morristown Baseball Association

Motion by Lang and Seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve all Liquor License renewals

Voting Yes: Karsten, Flaten, Valentyn, Wolf and Lang

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 7. Cigarette renewal
  - a. Archie's
  - b. Old town
  - c. Morris Mart

Motioned by Lang and seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the cigarette renewal license

Voting Yes: Lang, Valentyn, Karsten, Wolf and Flaten

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 8. Gaming renewal
  - a. Archie's
  - b. Old Town Tavern
  - c. American Legion post 149

Motioned by Wolf and seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the gaming renewal

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

- 9. Commercial Club contract
  - a. Flaten and Karsten attended 6/15/09 6pm meeting
  - b. Contract would cover Cleaning, set up and take down, event area's including bathroom and hall
  - c. Would not include non event areas. The city would have to take care of these areas
  - d. Karsten will draft agreement to be voted on at the 7/6/09 regular meeting

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with the commercial club

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

### **New Business:**

- 1. Water shut offs
  - i. No one present to dispute
- 2. North Morristown parade
  - i. will attend, Kristalyn Morris will send back invitation

Motioned by Karsten and seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to attend the parade.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims totaling \$5,42.61 from the General Fund, \$1,904.69 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$0.00 from the Water Operations Fund, \$0.00 from the Wastewater

Operations Fund and \$3,645.68 from the Refuse Fund Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Lang, Karsten, Flaten and Valentyn

Voting No: None Absent: None

Becky Kubali

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

### City of Morristown

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL AMENDING MINUTES Regular Meeting July 6, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Jeff Lang, Verdis Flaten and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Matt Valentyn

Others Present:

Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dave Osborne, Police Chief; Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Tim Minske; Maintenance, Troy Dahle; Fire Chief, Becky Kuball; Deputy City Clerk, Lee Baumgarten, Jack

Schwichtenberg, Leon Gregor, Virginia Schmidtke.

Others Absent:

None

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 1, 2009 and the work session/special meeting held on June 15, 2009 as printed.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Flaten

Voting No:

None

Absent:

Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report as written.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten and Flaten

Voting No:

None

Absent:

Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report and schedule for the police department for July.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Karsten, and Flaten

Voting No:

None

Absent:

Valentyn

Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Report.

Voting Yes:

Wolf, Lang, Flaten, and Karsten

Voting No:

None

Absent:

Valentyn

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Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to apply for an AARA grant to construct a new fire hall. Fire Department would put in \$60,000, if the grant is passed to receive \$2 million dollars for the grant. One possible site would be off the side of the Community Center. No decisions on the site need to be made to apply for the grant.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve a request from Troy Dahle to attend the Rice County Fair to be on hand for Fire and Emergencies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Demolition Derby any fire extinguishers used will be refilled by the Rice County Fair.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept a bid from Dahle' Enterprises to haul away the compost pile at the compost site.

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to add a budget in 2010 to take care of the compost site.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to hire Dahles at their hourly rate to dig up pipes by 103 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N.W. to find the pipe that keeps freezing. A pipe detector located the pipe at only 3.9-4.5 feet deep. Minske and Dahles believe this is where it keeps freezing.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Minske climbed the water tower, did an inspection, and found a screen inside that has a big hole in it. The cover also has no washers on it and some of the bolts have broken off. Minske suggested fixing the screen and replacing the washers and bolts. Minske will get a price on fixing both.

Minske received some quotes for a new 9 foot plow. The plow broke three times last winter. The blade is a Fisher 9 foot, trip cutting edge and the bid was \$4,500. The city could sell the old blade. If the city is going to do more plowing this year, Minske suggested getting a new blade. Dennis Lubbe is wants to hire out more county roads to be plowed.

Minske looked into the prices of uniforms. G & K came in at \$12 a week, but they have a \$25 minimum. Lynn Miller from Wholesale Tire, said that they would work something out with Minske and have them dropped there, that way there wouldn't be the \$25 weekly minimum. Minske will look into it some more.

Minske called Dave Sanders about shutting down the Main, and Dave did not get back to him. It was suggested that he call Herb about this issue.

July 6, 2009 Page 3 Minske checked with the Post Office about the set backs for mail boxes. There is no real set back. Home owners need to maintain there mail boxes, so they will have to fill in the holes by the mail boxes themselves.

Minske asked about the cleaning of the Community Center. Karsten stated that there is a contract with the Commercial Club in the works.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the Maintenance Report.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Report.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Flaten seconded by Lang carried unanimously to accept the EDA report.

Steve Nordmeier and Karsten met with Deanna Kuennen from Rice County's Economic Development Department. Kuennen will get listing for property for sale in Morristown, grants for commercial upgrades and will send that out. Virginia Schmidtke stated Steve Gresser never got back to the city about the small cities grant that we applied for, last year Schmidtke believes it was thrown out. Karsten will e-mail Kuennen and ask about this grant.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: NoneAbsent: Valentyn

Comments from citizen are present:

Steve Nordmeier wondering about minutes being approved and posted on the web site. Are we waiting until the next meeting or can we put "pending approval" on them.

Also, questioning putting the Zoning minutes on the Web site.

Motioned by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to approve the July 6, 2009 claims as printed.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Flaten and motion carried unanimously to present contract to the Commercial club to take over the cleaning of the Community Center.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Park Electric for \$3,050 to fix the light pole on Franklin and Division.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn July 6, 2009 Page 4

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Flaten motion failed to go with the wastewater rate increase of \$13.25 Flat rate and \$6.60 usage rate. Rich Revering estimated the sewer bill may be a little off, depending on usage. Suggested staying with the proposed rate of \$16.50 and \$5.90 and the return to black date would be 2013.

Voting Yes:

Flaten and Karsten

Voting No:

Wolf and Lang

Absent:

Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Wolf and motion carries to accept the proposed increase of wastewater at a rate of \$16.50 and \$5.90 to increase with the August 1, 2009 water billing. Revering suggested looking at the rate again in January of 2010.

Voting Yes:

Flaten, Wolf and Lang

Voting No: Absent:

Karsten Valentyn

Maternity leave for Kristalyn Morris, Karsten is looking into whether or not Morris can come back and work while on her maternity leave, due to being out on a Family Medical Leave Act, to help Becky Kuball on things that she had not been taught yet. Karsten has calls into the league of Minnesota and to an

employment lawyer. Morris will need a Doctors note that says that she is to only work half days.

Lee Baumgarten requested use of the brush site for non city residents. Baumgarten stated that she has been taken brush there for years. Baumgarten stated they do not have a place to burn this in the addition that she lives in. Baumgarten is wondering about a fare share permit that would allow Baumgarten and other non city residents to use the brush site, for brush, tree pruning and storms. Karsten will research it and report back at the next meeting, as what would be a possible cost for a fare share permit.

Leon Gregor is working on the State Audit; the City of Morristown has always giving the Fire Relief fund \$5,000 there will be a mandatory contribution of \$22,428 required by the City of Morristown in 2010. Gregor stated that the investment funds have dropped considerably in the past year. The Fire Relief Fund has always been funded at about 106% with the way the market has been they are now at about 72% funded. Gregor invited the City Council or City Clerk to their meeting.

Motioned by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to let the City Clerk or Deputy Clerk sign mandatory contribution form for the Fire Relief Fund.

Voting Yes:

Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No:

None

Absent:

Valentyn

Motioned by Lang seconded by Karsten to put \$5,000 into property tax increase. Motion rescinded.

Pam Golombeski requested the use of the Community Center for a Belgian Waffle Fundraiser for the Dam Days kids activities. City Council would like Golombeski to come to the next meeting and discuss this.

Water meter inspection, Valentyn should call Dave Sanders and talk to him about having this done.

Kristalyn Morris request for a merit raise was not approved.

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Water Shutoffs City needs to write a policy change. Kuball will look at the League of MN website and see if there are any policy change samples for water shutoffs.

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Flaten motion carries to send Kuball to City Clerk training on Aug 10,

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Voting Yes: Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: Lang
Absent: Valentyn

Motioned by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to hire Virginia Schmidtke back as a Clerk Consultant not to exceed 10 hours a week at a rate of \$20 per hour.

Voting Yes: Lang, Flaten, Karsten, and Wolf

Voting No: None Absent: Valentyn

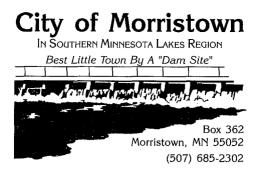
Correspondence and announcements: None

Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk



### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting July 20, 2009

Members Present:

Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, Matt Valentyn, and Verdis Flaten

Members Absent:

Mayor Kurt Wolf

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Dave Sanderson, PeopleServices, Jack Schwichtenberg, Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk representative, Tim Schmite, Jim Hilpipre, Phil Wegner,

Jared Taylor, John Krenik, Jack O'Rourke, Adam Schlie

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Jeff Lang.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Under New Business was added

D. Adam Schlie, sidewalk removal

PeopleServices, Sanderson reported a complaint by Kuball's to flush 302 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE longer, Kuball's water is rusty and has a bad odor. Flushing longer seemed to remedy the issue. Sanderson used a new adapter and it seemed to go well. Karsten questioned toilets in the Community Center were brown. It was mentioned that when the softener runs it take a little while for the color to run out of the pipes. Sanderson will monitor the issue. Phil Wegner stated that he has the same issue with water turning brown and has a bad odor also. Sanderson will run the flushes longer on 4<sup>th</sup> and Main when flushing.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

#### Skywarn Report:

Skywarn had a busy month went out 3 times in the Month of June. There was a tornado warning for Rice and Waseca Counties. Siren was sounded on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Rotating wall clouds were spotted by Waterville. Five Skywarn members are taking First responders classes through July. Received siren information, and will bring to the August meeting.

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Skywarn report as written.

### Community Center Report

Discussed dropping Owatonna's advertisement of Community Center and picking up Waseca instead for advertisement.

Motion by Karsten, Seconded by Valentyn carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report as written.

#### Maintenance Report:

Minske stated that the brush pile was taken care of and all finished. Revering could not find the shut off at 103 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW. Revering suggest continuing with the go ahead with Dahles to dig and find the shut off. Sealing cost was brought up; cost is based on how much you would like to do. Minske will get some prices for the cost of sealing.

Minske brought up there is a grant available for water and waste water. Revering has a work sheet and will fill out and bring to the next meeting. Revering will run the numbers and get back to the council.

A salesman from Neptune water meters approached Minske, about updating meters; Neptune stated the Badger meters we use now will be out of date in the next couple of years.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given

### **Unfinished Business:**

City Attorney was tabled until August 3, 2009 meeting Wolf has information on this.

Street maintenance contract 2009-2010, Lang and Minske will meet with Timm's to clarify a few things with the contract.

2010 budget meeting set for Monday July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Community Government room. It is open to the public.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to let the Morristown Day Cares use the Community Center for a Belgian Waffle fundraiser for the cost of setup, clean-up and estimated cost of electricity.

#### **New Business:**

Karsten handed out information that is on the MN League Website referring to email correspondence and whether or not it violates the open meeting law. Karsten advised all council members to read it before the next meeting.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to grant Philip Wegner a variance meeting to be held on August 3, 2009 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber office to have discussion on whether or not to approve the variance on his property so that it is 3 ½ feet instead of 5 feet, to add a lean to, on to his garage.

John Krenik would like a variance meeting so that he can keep the deck that he has put up. Zoning board has requested that there be no charge to Krenik. It was stated that John Byers approved deck, by Krenik. In Zoning meeting Byers said he did not approve a deck, instead he approved a patio.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to table request until John Byers can come to a meeting to defend position about John Krenik's deck.

Adam Schlie requests permission to take out the broken sidewalk in front of his house at 207 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE. He is in the process of paving his driveway and would like it removed. Schlie will take care of the removal. Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to allow Schlie to take out 10 feet of the sidewalk, and replace it with asphalt, with the stipulation that if the city wants the sidewalk put back in then Schlie would let them cut out part of the driveway.

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Karsten to accept the claims and accounts presented on July 20<sup>,</sup> 2009 for \$4,037.27 General Fund, \$2,508.56 Fire Department Fund, \$37,098.63 Water Operations Fund, \$100.00 Wastewater Operations Fund, and \$3,645.68 Refuse Fund.

### Correspondence and Announcements

Karsten distributed a draft of an updated utility disconnection procedure. Will discuss this draft at the next meeting.

Kyle Lake will be having a construction update on July 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the government room for anyone interested in attending.

Commercial Club Bar contract was signed on July 21, 2009. Coordination of all event areas are now the responsibility of the Commercial Club Bar, effective immediately. Rate of pay is \$10.50 per hour. Contract will be reviewed in 30 days to assess for administrative costs

"Fair share" permit for using the brush site; Rice County does not charge to take brush to their site. Karsten will have a procedure draft available for review at the next council meeting, August 3, 2009

Jack O'Rourke asked about checking into painting the treated lumber bridge in the park, wonder when that was going to be done. Flaten and Minske will look into it and contact the DNR to see what can be done with getting it painted. City had issues before, with the DNR about painting over a water site.

Jim Hilpipre Voiced his concern over the increase in traffic and speed in the Meschke Addition. Hilpipre has been stopping vehicles in the area and voicing his opinion. Hilpipre is wondering if we can change speed limits to less then 30 MPH it is by law they are not enforceable, speeds are set by the commissioner of transportation. Was informed we need to teach kids to be more respectful of the streets and be careful.

Revering will do a study and see if there is a need for a stop sign and give suggestions. Lang suggested waiting on the study, and trying to put up some signs and see if that helps suggested possibly putting up a "children at play" sign.

. Osborne stated the same problem was brought up about 10 months ago. Osborne did monitor and never had anyone over 30 MPH.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

# City of Morristown In Southern Minnesota Lakes Region Best Little Town By A "Dam Site" Box 362 Morristown, MN 55052

## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting July 27, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, and Verdis Flaten

Members Absent:

Matt Valentyn

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, David Osborne, Police Chief; Tim Minske,

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(507) 685-2302

Maintenance, Virginia Schmidtke

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

Council went over proposed 2010 Budget. Schmidtke and Kuball will look into figures more closely.

A copy of work papers are on file.

Motioned by Flaten, seconded by Lang carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:20.

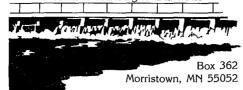
Next Regular Meeting August 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting August 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

### City of Morristown

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 3, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Verdis Flaten and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Jeff Lang

Others Present:

Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dave Osborne, Police Chief; Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Troy Dahle; Fire Chief, Becky Kuball; Deputy City Clerk, Jack Schwichtenberg, Virginia Schmidtke, Philip Wegner,

Angela Taylor, Jared Taylor, Timothy Flaten, John Krenik, Darrel Hopman.

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2009 with corrections and the work session/special meeting held on July 20, 2009 as printed.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report as written.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report and schedule for the police department for August.

Osborne discussed a new administrative fines policy that is going to go into effect about October 1, 2009, where the state gets 1/3, city gets 1/3, and law enforcement agency gets 1/3 of the fine fee. The violation doesn't go onto the person's driving record. Osborne will make a presentation when he gets more information on this new policy and then, the Council can make a decision on whether or not they want to adopt this new policy.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Report.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the Maintenance Report as presented. Minske reported they found the issue with the pipes at 103 Third Street NW. Dahle's Enterprises has fixed the issue with the pipes. Minske stated that the city had paid a lot of money to Bolton and Menk to oversee this project and wondering what can be done about this. Revering, stated he couldn't find all the paperwork on this project before the meeting. Revering would like to see the pictures that were taken of the line before he makes any comments on the project. Revering talked about sending a letter to the company that was hired to do this. Revering was informed the company is no longer in business, the owner had died and the company went bankrupt.

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Minske replaced the screen, mesh and cover to the water tower.

Minske questioned what the policy is for animal control in town. Osborne stated that they need to call the Sheriff or police if they are on duty and they would take care of the issue. As of right now there is no contract with Rice County to take care of animal control. Valentyn will look into the cost of a catch-all animal restraining pole and animal control.

Dahles will hook his locator up to the main by the Plum house and try to follow it back to find where the main comes in.

Minske received some quotes for Crack Sealing from Jim Johnson and Dave LaCanne. Minske is wondering if he can work on getting this done this year. Minske is looking for approval to do this or at least an amount that he could spend to fix this.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board Minutes with changes.

EDA reported they are looking at some foreclosure properties in town to see if they can get some assistance with them. EDA is looking into trying to list properties available in town that are in foreclosure. Minutes will done for next meeting.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Skywarn Report as read. Went out two times in June on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. Had a meeting with Rice County, discussed coverage areas and protocol, and if they could help each other out. Several went to 1<sup>st</sup> responder classes.

### Comments/Suggestions

Nordmeier talked about the Meschke Addition and how it has been set up for organized growth according to the future plans for growth. Nordmeier stated it should go from inter to the outer. Ms Taylor stated the surveyor came in and marked the setbacks and that they want to build where it would not interfere with the future growth plan set up in the Meschke Addition.

Hopman stated that he is being harassed by a neighbor because he is bringing in dirt to fill in where when the sewer and water was not filled back in. He was when it was put in. He is upset that the Zoning board called and told the company that was hauling in some black dirt with manure in it to stop delivering the dirt. Stated when there is a complaint that they should not all be followed to the law. Stated he has a letter from Kurt Fisher stating that there was no foundation to the complaint and he was not doing anything wrong, by hauling in dirt. Stated this is in the minutes from Aug 4, 2003 on page 3.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the Claims and Accounts dated August 3, 2009.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the late claims dated August 3, 2009.

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### Unfinished business

Karsten stated that we need to write a policy on email correspondence to avoid violating the open meeting law. Everyone needs to read the information that was presented at last meeting.

Water shutoff is tabled until the next meeting on August 17, 2009. Everyone should review the information they received at the last meeting.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a variance hearing was called to order to hear reasons for or against a request from Phil Wegner to allow a set back on property line to 3 ½ feet instead of 5 feet to add a lean to onto his garage. No one was present to speak either for or against the request. Mayor Wolf closed the hearing. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Valentyn, to allow Wegner the setback of 3 ½ feet on his property. Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Karsten and Valentyn.

Byers received a call from Krenik asking if he needed a permit to put a wooden patio in front of his house. Byers went to Krenik's and told him if it was level with the sidewalk, he did not need a permit. Krenik then put a deck up, with a railing, instead of a patio, and raised it up 2 to 3 inches from the sidewalk. Byers received a complaint, and when he went to checked on it, the patio was now a deck with a railing and rose up over the sidewalk. At this point the deck didn't meet setbacks for the property. Krenik then purchased a building permit after the deck was built. Krenik was told he needed a variance hearing to get approval of the setbacks. Byers and the Zoning Board told him he had to either lower it or move it. Krenik did not want to pay for a variance hearing. Krenik stated he just wants this whole issue resolved. Krenik decided to lower the deck to be flush with the sidewalk.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to refund Krenik's \$25 permit fee after the deck is lowered to be flush with the sidewalk.

Compost and Brush use permit was discussed. It was discussed of possibility a fee for everyone to use, or just for those that are half mile from City Limits. It was discussed how this would be enforced and who would monitor the compost and brush site. Nordmeier thought that outside residents should pay to use, but not the city residents. No decisions were made on this permit. Compost and Brush use permit was tabled until next meeting.

Karsten checked and there was suppose to be a \$9500 park improvement fund through the Rice County Park fund. Karsten will check with Dan Morris about the specifics on this and where the letter was suppose to be sent.

Revering is looking into the Water and Wastewater grant that is available. Revering will report back on this at the next meeting.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept Resolution 2009-4. Matthew Long is a part time Police officer and PERA requires a Resolution to accept him and allow deductions for the retirement fund.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept Resolution 2009-5 that Morristown Police Department enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for the project entitled Safe and Sober Communities during the period from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

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Complaint forms were reviewed by council. Osborne stated that these could not be used for city employees. Osborne stated that they could not go into an employees file if they were not signed by the person making the complaint and that he would not investigate an unsigned complaint. No one mentioned that they would go into an employees file. Karsten stated that they could go into a general complaint file. Then if someone came in and

asked what ever happened with the complaint that they had made, we could ask them what complaint it was and find it in the file.

Minske stated that this was a small town and people should have the right to make a complaint anonymously and that they all should be looked at, without having to worry that someone will retaliate against them. A policy about complaint forms needs to be developed.

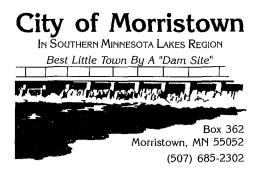
City office will be closed Monday August 10, 2009 thru Wednesday August 12, 2009 while Kuball is gone to the Clerks Orientation Conference. Schmidtke may come in a few hours on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, but Schmidtke was not sure of her schedule for that week.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay for Lodging, mileage, food and expenses for Kuball while at the conference.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Budget August 10, 2009

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, Matt Valentyn and

Verdis Flaten

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Virginia Schmidtke

A budget work session of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

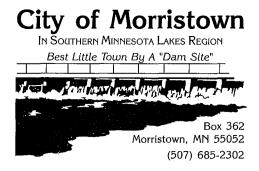
Council reviewed the proposed 2010 Budget.

A copy of work papers are on file.

Motioned by Valentyn, seconded by Lang carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting September 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke Secretary Pro Tem



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting August 17, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, Matt Valentyn, and

Verdis Flaten

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker;

Dave Sanderson, PeopleServices, Jack Schwichtenberg, Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk representative, Nancy Morris, Virgil Pilcher, Jeff Olson, Ernie Companion, Tom

Lutgen, Salam Murtada, Randy Bradt, Kristalyn Morris.

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### PeopleServices Report

Sanderson reported that he will be jet cleaning sewers on the west side of town on Thursday August 20, 2009. Sanderson advertised it on the cable channel. Sanderson will flush the hydrants on September 8, 2009.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the People Service report as printed.

# Skywarn Report:

Ernest Companion made a presentation on a new Siren that the Skywarn would like to purchase for the City of Morristown. Complete install with a five year warranty is \$16,995. Skywarn has about \$7,000 to put toward the new siren. Morris is looking to see if those that contributed to the generator fund would be willing to use that money toward the siren. Skywarn is looking at a fundraiser in October to raise more funds for the siren.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to acquire the funds to purchase the new siren.

#### Community Center Report

Motion by Lang, Seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report as written.

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### Maintenance Report:

Minske is working on curb shut-offs. One is broken so far. West Franklin has man holes that are blowing off from the truck traffic. Minske needs to keep track of time and supplies used to fix the man holes. Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given

### **Unfinished Business:**

Nothing new with the city attorney only one response and proposal was emailed out to the Law firm.

No new questions on the budget. Budget will be on the agenda.

Kuball will get a sample of Email correspondence policies for the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

DNR Flood program. Randy Bradt gave a presentation on why we need this and what the city needs to do so that we can get going on getting this implemented. If the city does not implement this Flood program and we had a Flood, FEMA would not give any help in a disaster.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Flaten voting by Resolution.

Yes Votes: Karsten, Lang, Valentyn, Flaten, Wolf

# RESOLUTION 2009-6 City of Morristown

## RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the County of Rice is participating in a hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a county hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and business; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the county. maps of hazards, an estimate of structures at risk, estimate of potential dollar losses for each hazard, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of plan into other planning documents and how the county will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan will be shared with the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for coordination of state and federal review and comment on the draft; and

WHEREAS, approval of the all hazard mitigation will make the county eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation

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Assistance Program grants and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, approval of the all hazard mitigation plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs grants and other funding sources;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not preclude the city from preparing its own plan sometime in the future should it desire to do so;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Morristown supports the county hazard mitigation planning effort, wishes to join with the county in preparing the plan and recognizes the plan will apply to the City.

Adopted this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.	
Mayor, City of Morristown	
(Signature)	
Attest (City Clerk and/or Administrator):	
	(Signature)

Clarification was made that Morris will not bring her baby to work when she returns on September 1, 2009. Morris will work half days for two weeks and then full time after that.

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Karsten to accept the claims and accounts presented on August 17 2009 for \$8,794.86 General Fund, \$171.76 Fire Department Fund, \$79.70 Water Operations Fund, and \$3.645.68 Refuse Fund.

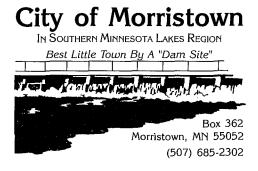
### Correspondence and Announcements

Kuball stated she was at a new Clerk Orientation last week and really learn a lot and would recommend it to anyone that is new.

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting August 28, 2009

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Lisa Karsten, Matt Valentyn,

Members Absent: None: Verdis Flaten, Jeff Lang

Others Present: Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Virgil Pilcher, Kristalyn Morris, and

Virginia Schmidtke

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Friday August 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

Motion by Karsten and seconded by Valentyn motion carries to add City attorney to the agenda

Motion by Karsten and seconded by Valentyn motion carries to Employ Mark Rahrick specifically for the Zoning issues with Taylor's permit. Kuball will call and discuss this with Rahrick and get him all information he needs regarding this issue.

Motion was made to close the meeting for personnel issues at 4:15 p.m.

Schmidtke reviewed a list with Morris. Morris responded, Schmidtke left meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Wolf discussed discrepancies offered Morris the choice listed from attorney

Morris will discuss with her husband tonight and call Wolf with decision

Motion by Valentyn, seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Becky Kuball

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting September 8, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Jeff Lang and Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

Verdis Flaten

Others Present:

Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dave Osborne, Police Chief: Jack Schwichtenberg, Steve Nordmeier, Becky Kuball; Deputy City Clerk, Jack Schwichtenberg, Virginia Schmidtke, Wilmer Schmidtke, Angela Taylor, Jared Taylor, Steven Corson, Albert Wolf, John Blackmer, Herman Schlie, Justin

Corson, Angela Knish and Marsha Tavlor.

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 3, 2009, Special Work Session held on August 10, 2009, and Special Work Session held on August 17, 2009, with one clarification.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report as written.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report and schedule for September.

Motion by Lang and Seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to table the Alcohol compliance check sale to minors until the next meeting.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Report.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve Tim to take the Class D water test to obtain his license.

Minske attended a class on water meters, and then had someone from Badger Water Meters come down and look at some of the meters in town. The Mobile home park needs to be replaced the meter is about 20-25 years old. The city is loosing a lot of income every month from the water and this would also affect the wastewater income.

Motion by Lang Seconded by Karsten and the motion carries to allow Minske to purchase a Backpack Blower, from Nordmeier Bros, Spray for the weeds for the Community Center and the park.

Voting Yes: Lang, Karsten and Wolf

Voting No: Valentyn

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Light pole on Main and Franklin will be put in on September 11, 2009

Have another pole that was hit, Osborne knows who it was and it will be replaced by their insurance company. That pole was also ordered.

Motion by Karsten Seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to send the Owner of the Mobile home Park a letter stating that his meter is extremely old and needs replacing and it will be discussed at the work session on the 21 and they are welcome to attend.

# **Zoning Report**

Special meeting held on September 4, to discuss the Taylor permit. Motion was to rescind to remove the statement on the motion that the sewer and water was to be removed from the motion.

Corson the Taylor's Attorney spoke about allowing the Taylor's to be able to put in a private septic and well. Corson stated that the Taylors should not have to hook up to the City sewer and water until the property is developed.

Corson stated that the road should not have to be developed until the property is developed. Byers stated that the Taylors should blacktop the end of Sidney Street about 25 feet minimum onto the property, and put hard surface at the end of his garage to where Sidney Street would be.

Taylor stated that when the development happens they have no problem hooking up to the city sewer and water.

Revering stated the city needs to set up a development agreement with the Taylors.

Lang stated the city needs to look at putting up another water tower or something that would allow more water pressure throughout the city.

The City needs to make up a development agreement with the Taylors.

Wolf stated he is not comfortable making a decision on the sewer and water, but does not have a problem granting a variance hearing for the driveway surfacing.

Motion by Lang to allow a septic and well with the condition if water and sewer becomes available within 200 feet of the property then the Taylors would need to hook up to sewer and water. Motion fails.

Wolf stated he thought the city should have an elevation study done on this property.

Knish stated if the city doesn't have an IFPS ordinance then the county takes over and has to approve the septic.

Motion by Valentyn to approve the septic and well with the approval from both of the Lawyers. Motion rescinded

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the water and sewer for the Taylor property pending a conversation between Mr. Corson and Mr. Rahrick.

Motion by Lang and seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to approve a variance hearing for the Taylors driveway.

#### EDA

Karsten stated that there are Grants available to help fix up homes in Morristown.

Karsten attended a CVN meeting in August.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Lang to accept the EDA report as stated by Karsten.

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Byers requested putting on the next agenda the removal of second driveways.

Claims and accounts

Motion by Lang and seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the claims and accounts minus the G & K Rental.

Motion by Karsten Seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to pay the late claims minus the G & K rental.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Karsten motion carries to accept the email communication agreement.

Voting Yes: Valentyn, Karsten, Wolf

Voting No: Lang

Utility shut off agreement will be looked at by the attorney.

City Attorney decision will be made on the September 21, 2009 meeting.

Complaint review procedure will have a draft ready for the September 21, 2009 Looking at starting a committee, to review complaints, 2 council members, 2 city members, 1 leadership roll person. This would take over the current complaint procedure.

Dog Kenneling- Kamp K-9 will come to the next meeting on September 21, 2009 to answer any of the questions anyone has.

Water and wastewater grant Revering did a worksheet grant for the city it showed that we may be eligible for a \$40,000 grant. There is no cost to submit a letter to apply for it.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve 2010 budget.

Rice county park fund Kuball looked into it and was told the money was to be used for acquisition of property to build a park. Minske will talk more with Dan Morris and see if he has any more information about this.

Karsten was told my Dan Morris that the money

Flood plan insurance,

Resolution 2009-7 Motion by Lang to have the truth and taxation hearing on December 7, 2009 at 8:00 pm. Voting by resolution Karsten Yes, Lang Yes, Valentyn Yes, and Wolf Yes.

Herman Schlie brought a petition to close Alley by main and second.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously publish and have a meeting to close 3<sup>rd</sup> street alley.

Red cross- Jack Blackmer wants to set up a disaster action team. Red Cross needs an agreement with the city to use a building in an emergency.

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Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously, to sign the agreement with the city to use the community center in an emergency.

Emergency management plan has a lot of work that needs to be done on it. Blackmer is willing to sit down and help someone update this plan. It will take about six months to update. Morristown needs to have their one plan; otherwise we go under the county plan. The base plan is here, but it needs a lot of work.

Baseball field Irrigation System- Steve Nordmeier got some bids on putting in an irrigation system at the baseball field, Nordmeier is wonder what the city can do to help them out to get this installed or if the baseball association would have to pay for it all. Need to get the water to the baseball field. Nordmeier is looking at doing this for future use to add new restrooms, bigger concession stand; also for use with the skating rink the 3 inch line should handle all of the future needs.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carries unanimously to approve having Dahle Enterprises bill and take care of the bituminous.

Legion brunch sign is in the street Kuball will call the Legion and see if they have permission from the county to have it in the street.

Water supply Revering will look into the cost of what it would be to do something with the water supply in the Meschke proposed 4<sup>th</sup> addition.

Community Center advertisement in the church bulletin was denied.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and motion carries unanimously to change Kristalyn Morris employment status from Full Time City Clerk to Part Time Deputy Clerk

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and motion carries to change Becky Kuball's Status from Temporary Full Time Deputy Clerk to Full Time City Clerk/Treasurer.

Voting Yes: Karsten, Valentyn, Wolf

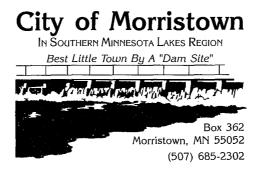
Voting No: Lang

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting September 21, 2009

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, Matt Valentyn, and

Verdis Flaten

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker;

Dave Sanderson, PeopleServices, Rich Revering, Bolton & Menk representative, Mark Rahrick City Attorney, Dave Osborne Police Chief, Nancy Morris, Virgil Pilcher, Kristalyn Morris, Jack Blackmer, DJ Stickler, Jessica Stickler, Jim Warnemunde, Dustin Brakemeier, Steve Nordmeier, Dan Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Darrel

Hopman.

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### PeopleServices Report

Sanderson reported that there is an issue with one of the chlorine suction pumps. A seal and bearing went out. Sanderson is checking on some different styles and pumps to replace it with.

Sanderson did some sewer cleaning on the East side of town in August. It appeared to go well.

There was a complaint from Ms Little about a fishy smelling of water in the Mobile Home Park.

Sanderson stated he needs to flush the East hydrant. Debate is over whether or not the City of Morristown is responsible for the hydrants in the Mobile Home Park, because it is on private property.

Water hydrant will be flushed in the Mobile Home Park on the First Monday in October.

When repairs are being done please tag houses in the area that may be affected, so that homes are aware that there was something done in the area, so that they may run their water longer.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the PeopleService report as printed for the month of August.

## Skywarn Report:

Nancy Morris is looking to see what the city is willing to put toward the new siren. The cost for the siren is \$16995.00. Skywarn capital outlay has about \$5670. Donations toward a new siren now total \$10851 Letters were sent out to all business in town asking for donations. \$9980 in the budget.

Motion by Karsten from the capital outlay account that \$5000 be put toward the new siren. Motion Rescinded.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten carried unanimously to use Skywarn capital outlay to supply what ever is needed following a Commercial Club donation.

# Community Center Report

There are no cleaning hours on the community center report, Vicky Timm is still working on that. Motion by Karsten, Seconded by Valentyn carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report as

written.

### Maintenance Report:

Pam Morgan brought to Minske's attention that the sidewalk that was put in front of her house several years ago is starting to sink. Morgan is wondering who is responsible for taking care of this. Morgan stated she paid for it once when it was assessed to her taxes. Is she or the City responsible if someone falls and gets hurt, it was put in by Crane Creek.

Revering stated it was pretty hard to go back to the company and try and get it fixed. But Revering will look into it and get back to the Council.

Sentence to serve has been down to the park painting, they have gotten the fishing bridge, walking bridge and one pavilion done so far.

Minske has been working on water shut offs, and has found several that are not working.

The gate box near the corner by Valentyns is leaking. There are at least two or three around town for sure that is not working correctly. Lang stated if there are several not working maybe we could get a contract bid to get them fixed, so that we get a better deal.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report as given

### **Unfinished Business:**

Some concern was expressed with the Taylor agreement Mark Rahrick put together. To summarize, the agreement would allow them to have a private sewer and water but only services this property. If any of the property is sold off or developed, the agreement would kick in and the Taylors would have to hook up to the city sewer and water.

Rich Revering commented on some of the things that he foresees as problematic with the contract, like WAC and SAC fees that they should then have to pay when they hook up to the city services.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and the motion carries to accept the Taylor agreement with the addition of WAC and SAC fee hookup to be added to the agreement and clarified, in addition, the motion gives the City Clerk and Mayor the power to execute the agreement and implement it.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Karsten, Valentyn, and Flaten

Voting No: Lang

Camp Canine came in and clarified the fees that would be charged to the city if we were to enter into an agreement with them. On average, an animal is kept 7-8 days and the cost per day is \$16-\$18. After that the animal is given all the vaccinations that are required, and that is an additional cost to the city. On an average, the cost to keep an animal will be about \$126 plus the cost of the vaccinations.

The nice thing about using this kind of service is that the number of pet/owner reunions is high. When they are reunited, the owner is responsible for any fees incurred. Camp Canine can set up an agreement that if there is not an officer on duty, then they could come and pick up the animal up. Council will look over the contract and make a decision at a later date.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten to go with Smith, Tollefson and Rahrick Attorneys at Law for the City Attorney for the City of Morristown for civil services on an as needed basis.

Agenda will go out to Rahrick and Revering before meetings. If there is anything that may need attorney input, Rahrick would attend that meeting.

More information is needed to determine who owns the Mobile Home Park water meter and who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the meter.

Brakemeier was under the assumption that he was responsible from where the meter starts. Minske is questioning who is responsible for flushing the hydrants on the property if it is not owned by the city. Hopman thought that the Mobile Home Park owner(s) were responsible for the water meter. Tabled until the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

Wolf brought up purchasing procedures and stated that purchases over \$300 should have 2 or 3 quotes. With the way the economy is we need to try and get the best deal on purchases.

Karsten had the current purchasing procedure which is old and in need of review.

Table until the next meeting.

Karsten stated that although getting more than one quote is a good practice, and the city should use it's resources wisely, supporting Morristown business is vital for the survival of our community.

Resolution 2009-9 was voted by resolution Karsten Yes, Lang Yes, Wolf Yes, Valentyn Yes, and Flaten Yes. Motion passes.

# City of Morristown Resolution 2009-9

# Electronic Communication between Council Members in the City of Morristown

These guidelines apply to all members of the city council and all members of council and city committees, commissions, sub-committees, etc. in the City of Morristown.

For purposes of these guidelines, reference to Council Members includes members of all other city committees and groups subject to the Open Meeting Law. Reference to the council shall include all such groups and meetings.

For purposes of these guidelines, "electronic means" means email, instant messaging, chat rooms, and related electronic conversation.

For the purposes of these guidelines, "city clerk" means the city clerk, manager, administrator or his/her designee.

These guidelines apply regardless of whether the Council Member is using a city-provided email address and account, his/her personal email address or account, or one provided by his/her employer.

# Meeting materials

Electronic communication of meeting materials should generally be conducted in a one-way communication from the city clerk to the council.

- Council Members may receive agenda materials, background information, and other meeting materials via email attachment or other electronic means (such as file sharing) from the city clerk.
- If a Council member has questions or comments about materials received, s/he should inquire via electronic means directly back to the city clerk. A council member should not copy other committee members on his/her inquiry.

> • If the clarification is one of value to other Council Members, the city clerk may send followup materials or information to the council.

Materials relating to agenda items of a meeting must also be made available to the public at the meeting.

# Communication during council meetings

- Council Members should not communicate with one another via electronic means during a public meeting.
- Council Members should not communicate with any member of city staff via electronic means during a public meeting.
- Council Members are encouraged not to communicate with the public via electronic means during a public meeting.

# Communication outside of council meetings

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- If a council Member wishes to share information with other members, s/he should do so through the city clerk. The Council Member may request the city clerk distribute materials to others. The communication should not invite response to or discussion between any Council Members, including replies to the person making the distribution request. This should be considered a method for providing one-way information to other members of the council. Again remember that materials relating to agenda items for city business must be provided to the public at the meeting.
- If a council Member wishes to address only one other member through electronic means on any topic related to city business, s/he can do so directly, but should be mindful of the following:
  - o One-to-one communication is ideal.
  - The recipient of an electronic message or inquiry should reply only to the sender, should not copy others on the reply and should not forward the original email to other Council Members.
  - o The sender of an electronic message should not forward or copy the recipient's reply to any other Council Member.
- If a Council Member receives an electronic communication from any source related to city business and distributed to multiple council Members (i.e. an email sent to the entire council from a member of the public; or an email sent to three Council Members from a local business), s/he should reply only to the sender. The reply should not be copied to all on the original distribution or forwarded to any other Council Member.

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# Classification and Retention of electronic communications

- Regardless of whether electronic communication by a Council Member is taking place on a city-provided computer, home computer or other computer system, classification of information as public, private or other is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Chapt. 13) and should be treated accordingly.
- Council Members should retain electronic communications in keeping with city policies and procedures, whether such communication takes place on a city-provided computer, home computer or other computer.

Adopted this 21st day of September 2009

Sign at the legion club, Kuball talked with Del Voegele, he had checked on it and there are no permits needed to have it in the street, and it was ok with Rice County.

School House is being moved at 8:00 am on Tuesday September 22, 2009.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously that \$5,000 be used from the Historical Society Capital Outlay fund for moving the School house museum.

Jim Warnemunde went over the renewal of our insurance policy. Mark Rahrick said we should not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statues 466.04.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously that we not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statues 466.04.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> offense fine of \$500 pending written proof that all employees have completed mandatory training. The establishment has 6 months to provide this proof. If they cannot provide this then the fine of \$500 will be imposed.

Osborne stated he would like a new computer. The one the Police Department is using is running out of available memory. This will be tabled until the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, until Wolf has time to look at the computer and decide what the needs of the Police Department are.

Motion by Flaten Seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to have Harley Auto Salvage come and pick up the forfeited vehicle and sell it to them for \$65.

Lang will check with Uittenbogaard and see if he is interested in using the car for fire department training before calling the salvage yard.

Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> driveways at Hopman and Morgan properties.

Byer has discussed this with both parties. They need to either get a conditional use permit or remove the driveways. Hopman stated that when LaCanne put the driveway in, they had extra tar and because they were the last job of the day. LaCanne asked him what he was going to do with the area that he had some gravel on. Hopman stated that it was a parking area for his family and friends. LaCanne put the tar there because it was the last job of the day, and it was free to Hopman. Hopman sees it as a personal, private parking area that is paved, not a driveway.

Lang stated that the Zoning Board views the area as a driveway and is asking is that he purchase a conditional use permit. The cost is \$100. Hopman agreed to pay the \$100 and complete the permit. Morgan driveway is rocked out.

Motion by Valentyn and seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to send a certified letter to Morgan stating that they have 10 days to take action by either getting a conditional use permit and hard surface the driveway or remove the gravel from the city easement.

Minske discussed the possibility of getting a new plow for the truck. Negotiation with Timm's has not been set up yet for the snow removal for 2009/2010 year.

Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carries to allow Minske to purchase a new plow.

Voting Yes: Lang, Wolf, Karsten, Flaten

Voting No: Valentyn

Minske will put the old plow on Craig's list and try and sell the plow.

Motion by Karsten Seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to allow open burning from September 22, 2009 until November 22, 2009, by permit only.

Zoning Board Recommendation, Krause resigned after the last special meeting. Blackmer is recommended by the Zoning Board. Hopman would like to apply.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to advertise on the cable channel for a new zoning board member.

Part time City Clerk Position, Kristalyn Morris requested cutting her hours to only 2 or 3 days a week, it is not that busy most days and when Morris comes in she would work on the financials. We will have an office dynamics meeting to discuss who is responsible for what in the office. Wolf and Karsten will set up a time for and attend this meeting.

Motion by Lang and Seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the claims and accounts for September 21, 2009.

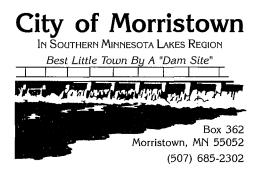
### Correspondence and Announcements

Lang will give Minske information on ice rink that he received.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Special Meeting September 28, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Jeff Lang, Lisa Karsten, and Verdis Flaten

Members Absent:

Matt Valentyn

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Minske, City Maintenance Worker; Kristalyn Morris, Dan Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, Darrel Hopman, Jared Taylor, Angie Taylor, David Manachles, Carthey Albert, Welf, House, October 2016.

Angie Taylor, Dave Meschke, Scott Condon, Albert Wolf, Herman Schlie, Barb

Condon, Mark Morris, and Nick Martin.

A special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

# Closure of 3rd Street from Main Street to the Utility Alley

Schlie stated he would like to close the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Main Street to the Utility Alley. He stated he maintains the area along with Barb Condon and Albert Wolf. Schlie stated the Hopman has buildable lots behind him, but he has another area where he can access this property.

Hopman stated that he has to have an approved road access to his property, if he is going to sell off any of the lots behind this area. Hopman didn't think this was a reasonable thing for the city to do, to close this off, because you can't close a road to an approved city street.

Lang asked what would happen when down the road someone would develop it and they needed to open the road back up.

After much discussion a motion was made.

Motion by Wolf was made to keep the street open. Voting by individual Lang Yes, Karsten Yes, Flaten Yes, and Wolf Yes. Motion Carries.

**Taylor Driveway Variance** 

Mark Morris wanted clarification on what the letter he received stated.

Scott Condon is wondering if it would be enough tar with only 25 feet.

Jared Taylor stated they were going to put in a culvert to help with the mud.

Mark Morris stated that there needs to be respect from both the homeowner and the city about bringing mud onto the streets, it should be cleaned up.

Angie Taylor apologized for the mud on the street.

Minske stated the he thought a study should be done on how the water will flow down the driveway and maybe a divot should be put in to divert the water flow.

There was a letter received from Paul and Nicole Hess because they were going to be out of town the night of the meeting. All concerned parties need to be present or can send council on their behalf. Letters are not an acceptable response to a variance hearing. The letter was not heard.

Jared Taylor stated he wanted to go around the hill and make his driveway, but the planning and Zoning said he had to go straight up the hill.

Jared Taylor's main concern anything put in now will eventually have to be taken out once they develop it. Scott Condon does not want to see a gravel road.

After much discussion, a motion was made.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to blacktop the end of Sidney Street 25 feet minimum onto driveway about 25 feet wide.

Motion by Karsten, seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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# City of Morristown

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Morristown, MN 55052

Regular Meeting November 2, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Verdis Flaten, Jeff Lang and

Lisa Karsten

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Becky Kuball City Clerk, Tim Minske, Maintenance; Richard Revering, Bolton &

Menk, Inc., Dave Osborne, Police Chief, Steve Nordmeier, Jack Schwichtenberg,

Adam Uittenbogaard, Dave Schlie, Troy Dahle, and John Byers.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wolf Moved the New Business before the Old Business and added Dave Schlie's Driveway to the agenda.

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 5, 2009 and Special Work Session held on October 19, 2009.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report as written.

Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report and schedule for November.

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Meter for Mobile Home Park is here and needs to be installed. Dahles will help install the meter.

Skate rink at the school the light needs to be replaced. Wondering if the City wants to replace it or just make the Skate rink at the ball diamond instead. Flatten is wondering what the cost is to continue with the Skate Rink at the ball diamond.

Motion by Flaten and seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to continue with the ice skating rink at the baseball diamond.

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Troy Dahle commented on the skate rink at the school and said that it didn't work out very well there when it was there before.

Claims and accounts

Motion by Karsten and seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to pay the claims and accounts

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Commercial Club Contract was discussed; Karsten has not heard a thing from them as to what needs to be changed.

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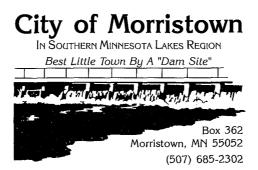
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Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting November 2, 2009

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Karsten

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

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"What's Happening" advertisement; decided it was expensive. Council decided not to go with it at this time.

Zoning board member recommendations were discussed;

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to have the Zoning Board recommend only recommend one person at this time and that the Zoning Board look over the ordinance and let the Council know if they would like changes to the ordinance.

Utility shut off notice has been redone. The city should have a winter utility shut off policy in place. Kuball will look for examples.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Wolf and approved unanimously to accept the Utility Shut Off Policy.

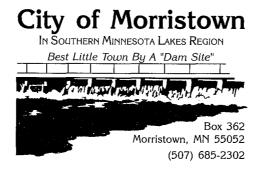
Correspondence and announcements: None

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting November 16, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Matt Valentyn, Verdis Flaten Jeff Lang and Lisa

Karsten

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, City Clerk/Treasurer, Dave Sanderson PeopleServices, Rich Revering,

Bolton & Menk representative, Dave Osborne Police Chief, Troy Dahle Fire Chief, Tim Minske Maintenance, Jack Schwichtenberg, Nancy Morris Skywarn, Dennis

Luebbe, Steve Nordmeier, and Danny Timm

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Added to agenda under new business, Resolution 2009-11 and Southern Minnesota Lakes Region Association.

#### PeopleServices Report

Radioactive chemical sampling was done. There was some extra debris in the lift station, concrete, rocks and gravel not sure where it came from; it could be kids or a broken line somewhere.

Sludge hauling is done. Lang questioned if the work on October 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup> was taken off of our monthly billing. Due to the fact that Dahles had to come in and fix it and found 2 valves that PeopleServices did not even know that the city had. Sanderson said he didn't have time to find someone to help and he didn't know they were working on it. Lang stated that he would like to see a notice go out to the community at least 24 hours before work is done so that the community knows that they will be working on lines.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the PeopleServices report as stated.

Revering looked into a letter the city received about some raden levels were high. The state test every quarter and will continue to monitor the levels. There is no level of concern at this time. The State took another sample of well #1. If levels continue to be high then there would be a letter that would be sent out to the community letting them know this information.

#### Skywarn Report:

Morris reported that the new siren is being installed. They will be testing it on either Tuesday or Wednesday. There is a manual switch if there is an emergency and it needs to be activated. There is a notice on the cable channel about the testing and the school was notified.

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Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Skywarn report as presented.

### Community Center Report

Motion by Karsten, Seconded by Valentyn carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report as written.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to purchase a smaller table for the community center for use at events.

### Maintenance Report:

Minske reported they replaced the meter in the mobile home park. It was a full day event, as the pipes had settled over the years. The new meter has a high and a low reading so it will be an accurate reading of water usage. The new meter will need to be cleaned yearly.

Randy Meschke picked up the 2<sup>nd</sup> generator. Minske is going to have Temple electric take a look at them and see if they can figure out some of the issues they are having with the generator.

Sidewalk snow removal was discussed. Osborne will try and stay on top of it this winter and issue removal notices.

The lights are installed at the skate rink. The plastic has been ordered and some of the dirt has been moved around for the skate rink. Minske is looking at possibly making benches for the rink.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Maintenance report as presented.

#### EDA

Karsten reported that the summit will be held her at the community center on December 9, 2009 from 5-8 and all council members are encouraged to attend.

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to accept the EDA report as written.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Commercial Club Contract they would like an increase in wages from \$12.00 to \$13.50 per hour.

The Commercial Club will clean the bathrooms and hallway on a weekly basis and will monitor the Great Hall and clean it when needed between events.

Motion by Lang Seconded by Karsten to pay the \$13.50 to clean, and pay the 70 hours owed at the \$13.50 rate. Motion Rescinded.

After more discussion from the community, a motion was made.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to pay the 70 hours of cleaning at \$12.00 an hour to clean.

Motion by Karsten and seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to pay the \$13.50 an hour to the Commercial Club for cleaning from here on under the new contract.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to have the Foyer and bathrooms cleaned weekly.

Commercial Club drawing is going to be held on December 19, 2009 starting at 1:00 and drawing at 2:00 admission is canned food or good used winter clothing.

Kenneling was tabled until some of the questions that Karsten had are answered.

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Purchasing Policy is tabled until next meeting so that we can make revisions to the policy.

Credit Card is tabled until the next meeting Kurt is getting information on it.

Dennis Luebbe came and discussed a resolution he needed signed by the city so that they could go ahead with replacing the bridge on County Road 15. Luebbe explained that there was some money left from the stimulus that was given to Minnesota earlier in the year and the bridge was on the list of possible areas to be replaced at no cost to the city.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Valentyn to approve Resolution 2009-11 and voting by resolution Karsten-Yes, Lang-Yes, Valentyn-Yes, Flaten-Yes, Wolf-Yes Motion passes.

### Resolution 2009-11

STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION-Approving County Project within Municipal Corporate Limits

WHEREAS, plans for Project No. 66-615-09 showing proposed alignment, profiles grades and cross-sections for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of County State-Aid Highway No. 15 within the limits of the City as a Federal Aid Project have been prepared and presented to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That said plans be in all things approved.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup>, day of November, 2009

# **CERTIFICATION**

State of Minnesota County of Rice City of

Morristown

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the City Council of Morristown at a meeting therefore held in the City of Morristown, Minnesota, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, as disclosed by the records of said city in my possession

Mayor

TIGGERAL

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Troy Dahle came and talked about upgrading a Tanker truck the cost would be about \$3000 initially and then would need \$5000-\$7000 more for the work that needs to be done on it. It has only 6000 miles on it, and it is from the DNR and they are holding it for the Fire Department.

Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to allow Fire Department to upgrade the tanker truck.

Wolf suggested making a "Know your council" pamphlet. It has been brought to his and other council members, that the community does not know any of the council members. The Pamphlet would have the office the council member's pictures and names on them.

Motion by Wolf seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to create a council pamphlet with name and pictures on it.

Motion by Wolf seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to put the pictures on the Web page/site.

Future Farmers of America wanted a donation from the city for a corn drive.

Motion by Lang and Seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to not donate to the FFA

Water Shutoff Contracts: None

Southern MN Lakes Region Association is a book the city has been involved with for several years. Nordmeier suggested that the city gets involved in it again. It was out of circulation for a while but is back up and running. In the past they have budgeted \$2700 for this.

Karsten is willing to get involved with this project. Someone from the council will attend the next meeting. Karsten is unable to attend due to the Historical Society having an open house here the same night.

## Claims and Accounts

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the claims and accounts as written.

Motion by Wolf seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting December 7, 2009

Members Present: Mayor Kurt Wolf and Councilmember's, Matt Valentyn, Verdis Flaten, Jeff Lang and Lisa

Karsten

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Becky Kuball City Clerk, Richard Revering, Bolton & Menk, Inc., Dave Osborne, Police

Chief, Steve Nordmeier, Troy Dahle, Wilber Sherwin, Steve Felix and Julie Felix

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 2, 2009 and Special Work Session held on November 16, 2009 with corrections to the November 16, 2009 minutes.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Lang carried unanimously to approve the Financial Report for October 31, 2009 as written.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to approve the Police Report and schedule for December.

Dahle reported that the tanker truck has been brought into town, and is in Minske's shed.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department Report as written.

Maintenance report: None

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board report as written.

EDA: Karsten reminded everyone that there is an Economic Summit meeting here on December 9, 2009 from 5-8 pm and all are encouraged to attend.

Comments from citizens present:

Nordmeier questioned if Image Trend was canceled. Kuball stated it had been.

Kuball made a request for Jackie Saemrow. Saemrow was wondering if the Government room would be available during the Christmas break. Saemrow would like to get about 10 kids together and work on some of their school skills during the break, just to keep them refreshed. The council did not have a problem with it as long as the room is as clean as it was when they start.

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Dahle questioned if any more information was available about the bridge repair on 250<sup>th</sup> street. It was stated we had not heard back from the county on this.

Claims and accounts

Motion by Valentyn and seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the claims and accounts

Motion by Lang Seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to pay the late claims.

Motion by Valentyn and seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the end of year claims.

Kenneling services- Contract was discussed it was decided to drop it right now. Osborne encourages community members to take the animal to the human society when possible.

Motion by Karsten seconded by Flaten motion carries to approve the purchasing agreement and add if a local business comes within 10% of the purchase then we would go with the local business and Wolf can sign the policy when that has been added.

Voting Yes: Wolf, Flaten, Valentyn, Karsten

Voting No: Lang

Motion by Lang seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board recommendations of Mark Morris and Jack Blackmer as new Zoning Board Members

Motion by Karsten seconded by Wolf and carried unanimously to approve the credit card policy as written.

Motion by Lang and voting by resolution to accept the Ordinance 2009-1, 2010 Fee schedule Voting Yes, Karsten, Lang, Valentyn, Flaten and Wolf

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten voting by resolution to accept the Ordinance 2009-2 Zoning board recommendations.

Voting Yes: Karsten, Lang, Flaten, Valentyn, and Wolf

Sign for illegal dumping fine, at the brush site. Council will look at in the spring.

Motion by Lange seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to go with Abdo Eick and Meyers for our yearly audit.

Payment agreement contracts one agreement contract was approved.

Paid holidays for city employees was discussed

Motion by Wolf to add 5 holidays to the holiday paid for city employees. Martin Luther King, Presidents Day, Veterans Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Personal Day in place of Good Friday. Motion rescinded.

Motion by Wolf seconded by Lang and carried unanimously to keep the current list of holidays paid to city employees and add 2 additional floating holidays to make 3 floating holidays per year for full time employees.

Correspondence and announcements:

Commercial Club Drawing December 19, 2009 starting at 1:00 drawing at 2:00.

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Truth and Taxation meeting open at 8:00 pm.

Three people were in attendance. Questions were answered. Budget is staying the same, no increase in city taxes.

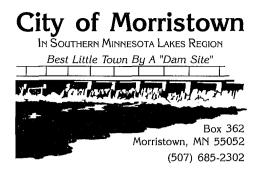
Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-12 Final 2010 Levy. Meeting closed at 8:08 pm.

Felix questioned what the park and recreation budget was. Lang stated it was about the same as last year.

Motion by Lang seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting December 21, 2009

Members Present:

Mayor Kurt Wolf, Council members Matt Valentyn, Verdis Flaten Jeff Lang and Lisa

Karsten

Others Present:

Becky Kuball, City Clerk/Treasurer, Dave Sanderson PeopleServices, Rich Revering,

Bolton & Menk representative, Dave Osborne Police Chief, Jack Schwichtenberg,

Dan Morris, Steve Nordmeier, Loren Dahle, and Marvin Velzke

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Kurt Wolf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was taken for former Mayor Jack O'Rourke who passed away this last week.

Lang gave deepest sympathy to the O'Rourke family and said that O'Rourke was a great asset to the community and will be greatly missed.

### PeopleServices Report

Sanderson stated that the wastewater solids were all done for the year. He did have to replace some gravel on Meschke's driveway due to tearing it up while doing some of the spreading.

Motion by Valentyn seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the PeopleServices report as stated.

### Skywarn Report:

Kuball stated the Nancy Morris would like to get a banner or plaque and put the names of those that conated to the siren on it and display it at the community center.

Motion my Lange and seconded by Valentyn to get some prices on the plaque.

### Community Center Report

Motion by Lang, Seconded by Karsten carried unanimously to accept the Community Center report as written.

Karsten would like to see the numbers on how the community center finished out last year. Kuball will get information on this and get to the council.

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Maintenance Report: None

Karsten would like to have Minske check into prices for handicap signs.

### **EDA**

The Impact summit will be reschedules, due to bad weather.

Motion by Lang seconded by Karsten and carried unanimously to accept the EDA report as written.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:** 

Water shut offs: None

Marvin Velzke discussed the snow removal by the maintenance person. Velzke does not want him to push the snow from the sidewalk at the intersection corner on his yard. Concerned of the effects the snow, salt will have on his lawn and trees. Velzke feels he pays a good amount of money to someone to plow his snow and doesn't want the maintenance man to do anything with his corner.

Felt the maintenance man goes overboard with the snow plowing. Brought up that this summer the maintenance man cut a limb off of a tree at 202 Washington E. without talking to the owner before he did it. Mayor Wolf will talk to the maintenance personnel about these issues.

NIMS Training, training needs to be done by all new council members and city employees. Kuball will call Rice County and see when the next training is.

Well head protection plan, Loren Dahle questioned if this was still in effect and if there was still a committee for this. Dahle stated that well # one was sealed. When the PeopleServices talk about wells they refer to well #1. Dahle was concerned with the fact that if it is a sealed well then the state may get confused and it would send up red flags to the state wondering why there are samples being sent from a closed well.

Dahle would like a committee meeting set up with all of them members.

Would need to get PeopleServices on board with the committee. Kuball will ask Sanderson to check on the pump age of the wells. Kuball will get a copy of the Wellhead protection plan to the council and Revering.

Revering will get a site manager to look at the wells and talk with Sanderson.

# Claims and Accounts

Motion by Karsten seconded by Valentyn and carried unanimously to approve the claims and accounts for December 21, 2009 as written.

Correspondence and Announcements:

Morris stated that the county planning and zoning and attorney are working on writing a proposal to allow the city to get the money from the park fees, it will be possibly available around February 2010.

Evaluation forms were handed out for Kuball's 6 month review.

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Motion by Lang seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Becky Kuball

City Clerk/Treasurer