

## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting January 5, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Chuck Krenik, Treasurer; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker, Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator, Larry Dahle, Loren Dahle, David Melchert, Don Nordmeier, Darrel Hopman and Jim Hermel. Council member Dale Dulas was absent.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 1, 1997, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held December 22, 1997, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$8,234.34 in the Checking Account and \$695,388.14 in the Investment Account for the month ending December 31, 1997.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of December, 1997, as printed.

Five bids were presented for the purchase of a police car. The bids were:

Demil Ford Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor \$20,950.00 R.C. Bliss Inc. Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor \$20,443.00 Superior Ford Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor \$20,202.00 Grossman Chev. 1998 Lumina Police Car \$18,695.35 Nordmeier Bros 1998 Lumina Police Car \$18,814.33 Motion by Melchert to purchase a 1998 Lumina from Nordmeier Bros.

Motion by Melchert to purchase a 1998 Lumina from Nordmeier Bros. Chevrolet. The motion died for lack of a second.

Notion by Wenker to table the matter. The motion died for lack of a second.

David Melchert expressed interest in becoming a reserve office with the Morristown Police Department. There would be no financial expense to the City in supporting the sponsorship. Motion by Wordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to sponsor David Melchert as requested pending receipt of his psychological and physical evaluations.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of December, 1997, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve a governmental request to the Morristown Firemen's Relief Association totaling \$15,000 for fire equipment and two portable radios for the Maintenance Department. The governmental request approved at the December 22, 1997, meeting was canceled.

Kevin Lemm reported that he submitted an application and received approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to amend the city's water appropriation permit. The permit allows the city to pump 40 million gallons of water per year instead of 19 million gallons.

Kevin Lemm reported that the Wellhead Protection committee will meet in January.

Discussion was held with regard to hiring a full time maintenance worker. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to have a work session/special meeting Tuesday, January 20, 1998, and to table the discussion until that meeting. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to advertise for a full time maintenance worker and to accept applications until January 20, 1998.

Russ Morsching requested permission to work on his own vehicles and equipment at the maintenance garage while off duty. He was denied permission to do so.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Doreen Lietzau as Zoning Board Chairman and Diane O'Hara-Pitan as Vice Chairman.

Jeff Wenker volunteered to investigate a concern that fill from a construction site at 200 Sidney Street South was pushed back and onto the banks of the drainage ditch.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to issue a Zoning permit to the State of Minnesota to remove a three season porch and add two bedrooms to a house they own at 400 2nd Street S.W.

Other issues addressed at the Zoning Board meetings held December 18 and December 29, 1997, were as follows:

 Doreen Lietzau reported on the League of Minnesota's meeting regarding mobil home issues and on a meeting regarding community based planning.

- 2. It was decided to have the Zoning Administrator do two inspections after a zoning application is approved, one before the footings are poured and one after construction has been completed. It was also decided to have the Zoning Administration sign and date both inspections.
- 3. It was reported that Malcolm Davis is operating a commercial sand blasting business in his garage at 104 2nd Street N.E. There was also discussion as to whether he is allowed to have a propane gas tank by the garage. It was decided to have Richard Sammon investigate the matter and to discuss it at the January 15, 1998, meeting.
- 4. Virginia Schmidtke was instructed to obtain a sample copy of an ordinance establishing a time limit for zoning permits. The ordinance will be discussed at the next Zoning meeting.
- It was questioned whether a zoning application was received for a storage shed that was built at 404 2nd Street S.W. It was decided to contact Richard Sammon to see if he received an application and if not to have him look into the situation.
- 6. Larry Dahle questioned where silt is draining into the drainage ditch from his property. He stated there is 30 feet of grass between the ditch and his construction site. It was decided that Larry does not need to install a silt fence.
- 7. Doreen reported that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approved a variance request from Dennis and Kim Halvorson for a variance from the feedlot setback requirements.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the report of the Zoning Board meeting held December 29, 1997, as presented.

A letter was received from the Morristown Fire Relief Association informing the Council the members voted to decline the request for \$1,675 to purchase pagers for the Morristown Skywarn Committee but they will purchase three new pagers for the Fire Department and will make five of their used pagers available to Skywarn. They also requested an inventory of the pagers the Skywarn has and a record of who has them.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried to approve the recommendation by the Morristown Fire Relief Association.

Larry Dahle inquired as to whether there is a written description of the power and duties of the Zoning Board. He was informed that the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning By-laws address these issues.

Woody Schrader was present and discussion was held concerning use of the Community Hall. It was decided that he could use the Hall four days for an auction but that he would have to pay another day's rent if he sets up any earlier. It was agreed that he did not have to clean either before or after the auctions. Chuck Pettipiece was present and reviewed the City's application to the Minnesota Public Facility Authority for funding for improvements to the wastewater plant. Discussion was held concerning rate increases and whether to bill on usage rather than a flat rate. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing the mayor to sign the necessary documents needed to The documents include a fair complete the application. statement, certification that the city has a sanitary sewer ordinance, a project schedule and certification that the city has addressed individual sewage treatment systems.

Kelly Yahnke was present and reviewed thet plans and specifications for the wastewater improvements. Kevin Lemm expressed concerns relating to the project. It was decided that Darin Feist will meet with Kevin to address these issues. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-1 approving the plans and specifications.

### Resolution 1998-1 RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to a motion passed by the City Council March 3, 1997, whereby the Council retained Bolton and Menk, architect and engineers, to prepare plans and specifications for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, the plans have been submitted and reviewed by the council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA: to approve the final plans and specifications as submitted.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1998.
All members present voted yes to the question.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-2 approving the advertisement of bids.

## Resolution 1998-2 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1998, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment as prepared by Bolton and Menk Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA: to advertise for bids with the bids to be opened Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1998.
All members present voted yes to the question.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,338.36 from the General Fund, \$266.37 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$60.59 from the Water Fund, \$15.14 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$1,628 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$213.94 from the General Fund, \$28.65 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$278 from the Sanitary Sewer Debt Fund, \$319.61 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$1,273.31 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay \$9,622 to the firemen for their 1997 earnings.

It was decided to table the discussion regarding remodeling and/or rebuilding the Community Hall until the January 20, 1998, meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 157, an ordinance relating to the Sale of Tobacco Products. A copy of the Ordinance is on file with the city clerk. Council members voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker, yes; absent, Dulas; voting no, none.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the 1998 appointments. The appointments are as follows: The appointments were as follows:

Official Depositor Public Health Official Newspaper Police Officer City Clerk City Treasurer Acting Mayor Animal Control Officer Community Education Community Hall Fire Commissioner Police Commissioner Street Commissioner Park Commissioner Water Commissioner Sanitary Sewer/Solid Waste Weeds/Trees Zoning Board Members

State Bank of Morristown Rice County Environmental Services Faribault Daily News Randy Baumgard Virginia Schmidtke Charles Krenik Dale Dulas Harlan Melchert Jeff Wenker Harlan Melchert Steve Felix Steve Felix Steve Nordmeier Dale Dulas Jeff Wenker Jeff Wenker Dale Dulas Richard Sammon, Commissioner Arnell Anderson George Leppert Doreen Lietzau, Chairman Diane O'Hara-Pitan, Vice-Chairman Lawrence Wille Virginia Schmidtke, Secretary

Revolving Loan Fund

Jim Buscho George Leppert Reuben Krause Phil Wegner. Alterna

Fire Wardens

Phil Wegner, Alternate Ernest Nordmeier John Schlie Steve Nordmeier

Virginia Schmidtke reported that, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Council will need to adopt an ordinance governing individual sewage treatment systems before January 1, 1999, or the Rice County ordinance will regulate the City. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to table the discussion until next Fall.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement for yard waste composting with Rice County.

An estimate of \$2,000 lump sum or \$100 per dump truck load was received from Dahle Construction for removal and disposal of the brush pile.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-3 approving an application from the American Legion Post 149 to renew their gambling license.

#### Resolution 1998-3

WHEREAS, The American Legion Post 149 has submitted an application to renew their Class A Gambling Permit License,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA, to approve the application as submitted and on file.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1998.
All members present voted yes to the question.

Discussion was held concerning whether it is the homeowner's responsibility or the city's to replace a lead water service line. The ordinance was researched and it was determined that since it is a new line it is the homeowner's responsibility.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Impound Agreement with the Rice County Humane Society, Inc. for the purpose of impounding stray animals from the City of Morristown.

An invitation was received from the Morristown Fire Department inviting the Mayor and Council to the annual firemen's meeting to be held January 12, 1998.

A letter was received from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding the Newly Elected Officials Conference to be held February 6 & 7, 1998.

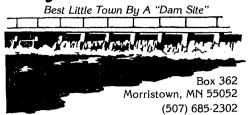
Virginia Schmidtke announced that the City received a property/casualty dividend check of \$7.529 from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Program. The City's premium this year was \$11,474 less the dividend.

A work session/special meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 8, 1998

A special meeting was called to order Thursday, January 8, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Dale Dulas and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk. Council members Harlan Melchert and Steve Nordmeier were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the hiring of a full time maintenance person.

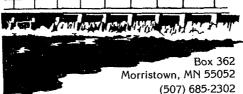
The city's personnel policy was reviewed and discussed. It was discussed to grant a \$300 clothing allowance after six months probation.

Motion by Dulas, seconded Wenker and carried unanimously to establish the salary of the full-time maintenance person to be \$9 - \$12 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting January 20, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russell Morsching, Larry Dahle and Don Nordmeier. Dale Dulas arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning remodeling/rebuilding of the Community Hall. The council discussed square footage of offices, storage areas, dance floor, bathrooms, kitchen and mix room that may be needed and whether there is enough property to house all the proposed rooms at the current Community Hall location. The council discussed alternate building sites. Jeff Wenker was appointed to prepare a rough draft of the proposed building. It was also decided to discuss the options and drawings with members of a soon to be appointed building committee.

Dale Dulas arrived at this point of the meeting.

Thirteen applications were received for that full-time maintenance position. After reviewing the applications a motion was made by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to hire Russell Morsching as full-time maintenance person for the city.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay Russell Morsching \$12 per hour with the starting March 1, 1998 and to give him a \$300 per year clothing allowance.

Jeff Wenker volunteered to notify Dave Shafer that he only needs to operate the water and wastewater plants on the weekends.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried to purchase a police car. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix and Wenker voted yes, Melchert and Nordmeier voted no.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried to purchase a Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from R.C. Bliss Inc. for \$20,443 as per the recommendation from Randy Baumgard that a full size car be purchased. The low bid of \$20,202 for a Ford Crown Victoria Police

Interceptor from Superior Ford was not accepted because three items totaling \$219 were not included in the bid plus a delivery fee of \$105 making the bid higher than the one from R.C. Bliss Inc. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix and Wenker voted yes, Melchert voted no and Nordmeier abstained from voting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried to become a member of the Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) Program and pay the annual fee of \$350. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes, Nordmeier voted no.

Motion Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously that a group that requested to walk in the Community Hall in the evenings be allowed to do so as long as they are out of the Community Hall by 7:00 p.m.

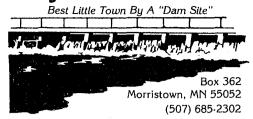
Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay \$350 to the Trail of Lakes committee for the one-fifth of the registration fees and expenses to send representatives to two major regional tourism conventions.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow Virginia Schmidtke vacation leave as requested.

Virginia Schmidtke distributed a model sewer ordinance, a resolution establishing a sewer service charge system and an analysis of a sewer rate increase options to be reviewed and discussed at the February meeting.

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

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### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting February 2, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, February 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ernie Nordmeier, Fire Chief; Larry Dahle, Don and Maxine Nordmeier and Gerald Kokoschke. Council member Dale Dulas was absent.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 1998, the minutes of the special meeting held January 8, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held January 20, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$7,258.14 in the Checking Account and \$695,388.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending January 31, 1998.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of January, 1998, as printed.

A letter of resignation effective January 31, 1998, was received from Harold Nielsen, part time police officer. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept Harold Nielsen's resignation as requested.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to grant Randy Baumgard's request to be paid for ten vacation days.

Randy Baumgard reported that Dave Osborne will test for his peace officer's license February 10th.

Randy Baumgard suggested the Council hire the reserve officers as part time officers. The reserve officers need to be supervised either by Randy or a Rice County deputy when they work alone. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously not to hire a part time police officer at this time and that the full time

officer should not use overtime hours when he has court appearances but instead, to incorporate court time, patrol time and office work within his forty hour work week. It was discussed that the reserve officers could ride with Randy but without pay.

Randy Baumgard stated that it is not necessary to order patches for the police uniforms if the Council is not going to hire a part time officer or the reserve officers. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to table the purchase of police patches until they are needed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of January, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Officers as elected at the Firemen's annual meeting January 12, 1998. The officers include Fire Chief Ernest Nordmeier, Assistant Fire Chief John Schlie, Secretary Leon Gregor and, Training Officer Darrel Hopman.

Russ Morsching requested funds to purchase a floor jack and bottle jacks. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously authorizing Russ to spend up to \$500 for jacks and other needed tools.

Kevin Lemm reported the following regarding water and waste water activities:

- 1. The submersible pumps at the waste water plant had to be pulled and repaired.
- 2. McCarthy Well Company inspected the pump at the water plant
- 3. He has been having difficulty meeting the NPDES permit requirements because of mechanical troubles at the wastewater plant.
- 4. He reviewed the plans and specifications for the proposed wastewater improvements with Darin Fiest, Project Engineer.
- 5. The next wellhead protection meeting will be held Saturday, February 21, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.

Items addressed at the Zoning Board meetings held January 20, 1998, were as follows:

1. It was decided to send a letter to Jon Velishek notifying him that he is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance by installing a utility shed without a permit.

- It was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the 2. council that Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.3 E. be amended read "For construction or uses not completed within 12 months the city council may extend or reissue the zoning certificate and assess additional fees for such extension or reissuance the opinion of the city council, conditions so warrant. permit may be issued for six (6) months upon payment of 100% of the original fees. Unless the time is extended as provided herein, there shall be a civil penalty of \$25.00 per day until the project is complete for failure to complete a project within the time period of the permit, and any extensions.
- It was moved, seconded and carried to approve a sign application from the State Bank of Morristown to install two new signs as per application on file.
- 4. Richard Sammon submitted his resignation as Zoning Board Administrator to be effective March 1, 1998. It was decided to ask George Leppert to accept position.
- 5. It was decided to discuss zoning permit fees at the February meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report as presented.

There was no emergency management/skywarn report.

Gerald Kokoschke was present and requested permission to burn leaves and brush along a line fence. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-4 granting Gerald permission to burn as requested.

#### Resolution 1998-4

WHEREAS, Gerald Kokoschke as requested permission to burn leaves and brush along a line fence, and,

WHEREAS, the City Burning Ordinance Number 154 allows open burning by permit only, and,

WHEREAS, the line fence is located on land zoned Agricultural, and,

WHEREAS, there is snow cover on the ground of at least two inches,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, to issue Gerald Kokoschke a burning permit as requested.

Adopted this 2nd day of February, 1998.
All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Maxine Nordmeier was present and voiced her concern about the Council taking Randy Baumgard's recommendation to purchase a full size police car from an out of town dealer.

A letter was received from Don Nordmeier asking the council to provide him with the number of times and the number of people that are transported in the rear seat of the police car to locations outside of the city limits. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously that Randy Baumgard provide the information to Don Nordmeier as requested.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed and late claims totaling \$10,876.59 from the General Fund, \$368.35 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$20,354.91 from the Water Fund, \$2,291.56 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$981.74 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund.

Discussion was held concerning remodeling and/or rebuilding the Community Hall. Jeff Wenker volunteered to prepare a rough draft of the proposed building for the next meeting.

It was decided to table discussion of adopting a new wastewater ordinance and a resolution establishing a sewer service charge until a later meeting.

Discussion was held concerning a proposal from the Rice County Auditor's office to place a computer in the city clerk's office for the public to transact County business. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the donation of a computer and install another telephone line. It was decided to use the telephone line for the computer and for a fax machine.

Discussion was held concerning whether or not a semi-truck could be driven on west Bloomer Street from County Road 16 to 2nd Street to deliver materials to a warehouse. It was decided that the road could be driven on with a semi and that, if necessary, the street could be overlaid to make it a seven ton road since it is in an area zoned Industrial.

Loren Dahle presented the following report regarding solid waste management:

- Rice County Waste Management recommends the Council add a provision in their garbage contract stating that all waste must be hauled to the Rice County landfill.
- 2. He announced tipping fees at the landfill are \$11.70 per ton.
- The next waste management meeting will be held January 14, 1998.
- 4. A hazardous wastes pickup was held in Morristown last year and it is recommended having another one in 1999.

- 5. Loren recommended that an appliance pickup day be sponsored either in April or May. He will have more information for the next meeting.
- 6. He reported that Roger Wilkowske will come to the maintenance shop to identify hazardous materials which may be stored in the shop.
- 7. He announced that a solid waste conference will be held at the Radisson February 25 and 26, 1998. The registration fee is \$100.

A letter was received from the Julie Heimkes, Administer of Rice and Steel County Public Safety Communications stating that she will be asking the R.S.C. Board of Directors to provide \$10,000 worth of computer equipment to the area police departments.

A notice was received from Knott's Camp Snoopy regarding Government Employee Days, February 15 - March 15, 1998.

A letter was received from Lynda Boudreau regarding the city's resolution supporting the League of Minnesota Cities proposal to study manufactured home parks.

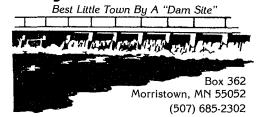
It was discussed that if the police car needs warranty work or service in Faribault, that Bliss Ford either provide a car for Randy to use or have the maintenance person give him a ride home so the city is not paying wages for an officer to sit in Faribault waiting for the police car.

Hugh Valiant was presented to discuss whether the council feels there is a need to provide a green corridor along the Sakatha State Trail and the Cannon River. No action was taken.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting February 23, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, February 23, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russell Morsching, Larry Dahle and Phil Wegner.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-5 approving the publication of a summary of the ordinance relating to the sale of tobacco products.

#### Resolution 1998-5

WHEREAS, Ordinance 157 entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the Sale of Tobacco Products" was adopted at the city council meeting held January 5, 1998, and,

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 412.191, subdivision 4 allows cities to publish the ordinance title and a summary of the ordinance when the ordinance is lengthy, and,

WHEREAS, the Ordinance is eight pages and a summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, to publish the summary of Ordinance 157 as presented and to post the summary at the post office and at city hall.

Adopted this 23rd day of February, 1998.

Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix, Nordmeier, Melchert and Wenker voted yes; voting no, none.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-6 establishing a sewer service charge system for the city. Because of its length, the Resolution is not included in the minutes. A copy of the Resolution is on file with the city clerk.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association to purchase a pressure washer with monies from their charitable gambling funds. Cost of the washer is \$1,899.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that residents at Our Homes South volunteered to work in the city park and/or do low maintenance tasks in the city. They also want to donate two trees to the city. Dale Dulas volunteered to work with the staff and residents on the projects.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the claims and accounts totaling \$2,238.25 from the General Fund, \$10,995.43 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$265.59 from the Water Fund, \$1,314.78 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$17.50 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund.

Discussion was held concerning remodeling/rebuilding of the Community Hall. The council discussed building site availability, preparing a rough draft of the offices and meeting rooms and the cost of selling versus removing and rebuilding.

Discussion was held with regard to contacting the Rice Engineer to see whether the County proposes to improve Division Street when they rebuild County Road 16. It was suggested Council upgrade the storm sewer and water system and rebuild the sidewalks if the County improves the street. Steve Nordmeier appointed to contact Mitch Rasmussen, Rice County Engineer, regarding the issue.

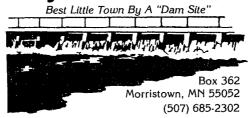
Discussion was held concerning whether the Jaycees can serve beer in the city park on Sunday afternoon during Dam Days. A band has been hired to play in the afternoon. The matter was tabled until the March 2, 1998, meeting.

Dale Dulas reported that he, Loren Dahle and Russ Morsching met with Roger Wilkowske and identified hazardous materials in the maintenance shop.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting March 2, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Larry Dahle, Don and Doreen Lietzau and Jim Barnes, Rice County Community Development Coordinator. Councilmember Harlan Melchert was absent.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 2, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held February 23, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$7,870.47 in the Checking Account and \$685,388.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending February 28, 1998.

Chuck Krenik reported that he received an estimate of \$300 for materials to wax the Community Hall floors. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase the materials and hire Chuck Krenik to apply it to the floors in the Hall.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of February, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried to grant Randy Baumgard vacation and holiday leave as requested.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to purchase a cage for the new police car, have Dave's Electrical Service do the installation and table the purchase of a siren until the next work session/special meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of February, 1998, as printed. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried to approve the appointment of Randy Meschke, Tim Minske and Steve Nordmeier as fire captains as recommended by the Fire Department. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix and Wenker, yes; Nordmeier abstained.

Russell Morsching presented prices to purchase oil, air and fuel filters though a VIP program at Appel's Auto Supply. It was decided not to purchase the filters in bulk but, instead, to purchase them as needed.

Several complaints were received concerning a smell of chlorine in the water. It was decided to discuss the matter with Kevin Lemm, Water Operator. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to repair or rebuild the chlorine tester but, if it costs to much to do so, to purchase a new tester. It was decided to leave it to Kevin's discretion.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow Russell Morsching to attend the Activated Sludge Process Workshop, March 17, 1998, and to pay the \$50 registration fee.

Items addressed at the Zoning Board meetings held February 19, 1998, were as follows:

- An zoning application from Michael DeGrood to build an addition to the Morris Mart was approved with the condition that items stored outside the building do not extend past the lot line.
- 2. Discussion was held concerning a complaint that mobil homes built before 1974 were being moved into the mobil home park. It was determined that the Zoning Ordinance does not address this complaint and that it should be addressed in the mobil home park rules.
- 3. Doreen Lietzau was appointed as interim Zoning Administrator.
- 4. It was resolved to send a letter to Malcolm Davis informing him that he cannot operate a home occupation in his garage.

  Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report as presented.

There was no emergency management/skywarn report.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Rice County plans to rebuild Road 16 from the city limits south to the Waseca County line summer but they do not plan to improve County Road 16 within the city it was not included in the five year County improvement plan. The Council discussed upgrading the storm sewer and water lines when the road is rebuilt. Motion was made by seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to ask the Rice Engineer to come and inspect the road, especially at the intersection of Division and Franklin, to reconsider the plan and improve Road 16 though the City and to respond back to the Council by March 23, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,397.18 from the General Fund, \$86.25 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$780.07 from the Water Fund and \$433.14 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$308.33 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$76.78 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to designate a portion of Franklin Street from 1st Street N.E. to 2nd Street N.E. and a portion of 1st Street N.E. from Franklin Street to Bloomer Street to be used for handicapped parking during the Dam Days parade on Friday, May 29th.

Don Lietzau was present and reported that a polka band has been hired to pay in the park on the Sunday of Dam Days. Не permission for the Jaycees to sell non-intoxicating liquor in city park on Sunday, May 31, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Motion Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow Jaycees to move their non-intoxicating liquor license from Softball field to the city park as requested. Ιt was recommended that arm bands be given to those who purchase the beer.

An invitation was received from Jim Hermel to participate in the Dam Days parade.

Jim Barnes, Rice County Community Development Coordinator, present to discuss funding a Morristown Rehabilitation Program provide low interest rehabilitation loans to low and moderate owners. The funds would be provided bу Housing Preservation MHFA grant, program, the City of Morristown. owner/contractor equity participation, the Rice County possibly by the Morristown Fire Department. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to commit \$10,000 of Revolving Loan Fund monies to the Morristown Rehabilitation Program.

Discussion was held concerning remodeling and/or rebuilding the Community Hall. Jeff Wenker presented a rough draft of a proposed building to house the city clerk, police department, meeting area for other organizations, bathrooms, kitchen, utility room and dance floor. It was decided to invite representatives of various organizations within the city to attend a meeting Monday, March 23, 1998, to review the plans and offer recommendations.

A discussion concerning Spring cleanup was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously authorizing three people to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Workshop and to pay the registration fee of \$15 per person.

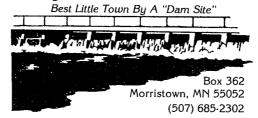
There was no interest in attending the Tax Increment Finance & Economic Development Seminar sponsored by the MN Association of Small

A notice was received from the Rice County Assessor announcing the Board of Equalization meeting which will be held May 5, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting March 23, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, March 23, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russell Morsching, Reuben Krause, Jack Schwichtenberg, Sandy Wenker, Don Lietzau, Dan Morris, Dan Heyer, Charlene Hildebrandt, Don Nordmeier, Darrel Hopman, Ernest Nordmeier, Keith Remund, John Schlie and Larry Dahle.

Members of various organizations within the City were invited to review plans for a new Community Hall building. A drawing prepared by Don Lietzau was reviewed. Discussion included the cost of demolition the Community Hall, costs that may be associated with removing asbestos, suggestions of selling the Community Hall and building on another site and the cost of a new building and what funds available to pay for it. Later in the meeting a motion was made by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to look into the cost of demolishing the building. It was also decided to contact Chuck Pettipiece regarding grants and low interest loans.

A letter was received from Mitchell Rasmussen, Rice County Engineer, regarding the Council's request to improve Division Street when the County rebuilds County Road 16. The letter stated that this segment is not included in the current five year construction plan and there are no available funds to commit to the project.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Meschke and carried unanimously to issue a license to sell cigarettes to Gerald Kokoschke as requested.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to use the Community Hall free of charge on April 22 for pillow cleaning as requested.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the 1997 financial statement as presented.

Russ Morsching brought two cracked impellers to show the City Council as requested by Braun Pump and Controls. Braun's replaced the impellers and repaired the pump January, 1998.

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Russ Morsching was asked to speak to Kevin Lemm concerning televising the sanitary sewer lines for water infiltration with either equipment supplied by Kevin or by the Rural Water Association.

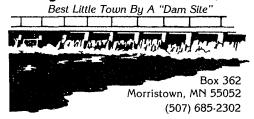
Discussion was held with regard to hiring someone to help clean manholes. It was decided to discuss the matter with Herman Schlie when he returns in April.

There were no objections to a youth helping with city maintenance under the Community Service Work Program.

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

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## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting April 6, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Dale Dulas was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker: Kevin Water/Wastewater Operator; Ernest Nordmeier, Fire Chief; Phil Wegner, Larry Dahle, Darrel Hopman, Allen and Robin Montanye, Wes Bell, Ramerz, Thomas Bult, Soroya Harder, Elaine Schellman, Patty Newman, Chris and Staci Jensen, Steve Piper, Michael and Marge Boyd, Eric and Rebecca Ellingson, Chris and Kim Johnsrud, Henretta Young, Arthur Karow and Mike and Alma Tupa.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held March 23, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,520.33 in the Checking Account and \$665,888.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending March 31, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of March, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of March, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to adopt Resolution 1998-6.

#### RESOLUTION 1998-6

WHEREAS, the Morristown Firemen's Relief Association has submitted an application to renew a Class B Gambling Permit License to conduct gambling at Archie' Bar, 108 North Division Street, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA to approve the application as submitted.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1998. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Melchert abstained from voting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously adopt Resolution 1998-7.

#### RESOLUTION 1998-7

WHEREAS, the Morristown Firemen's Relief Association has submitted an application to renew a Class B Gambling Permit License to conduct gambling at Old Town Tavern, 102 West Main Street, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA to approve the application as submitted.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1998.
All councilmembers present voted yes to the question.

Russ Morsching reported four fire hydrants need repair work, several should be raised and some of the shut off valves should be repaired. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to repair the hydrants and shut off valves as needed.

Russ Morsching reported he visited with a water meter salesman from Hydro Supply and Russ recommends that so many water meters be purchased and replaced each year. The salesman will attend the next work session/special meeting to demonstrate the meters.

Russ Morsching was told to obtain a firm price for the pressure washer he would like the city to purchase.

Virginia Schmidtke reported Dan Minnick, Rice County Commissioner and Mitch Rasmussen, Rice County Engineer, would like to meet with the Council to discuss future plans for the County roads in Morristown.

Items addressed at the Zoning Board meeting held March 19, 1998, were as follows:

1. Malcolm Davis was present to discuss a letter he received informing him he cannot operate a home occupation in his garage. He gave reasons why he felt the home occupation should be allowed. It was decided to allow Mr. Davis to continue painting in the garage since he has has been in business since 1986 and, therefore, is considered to be grandfathered in.

- 2. Zoning permits were issued to Patty Rux to build an addition to the Cut, Curl and Tan building located at 115 Division Street North, to Dave Meschke to build an addition to his mini storage shed located at 35927 Morristown Boulevard with the condition that the driveway be blacktopped within a year and to Arnell Anderson to build a room addition and deck to his house at 204 2nd Street S.E.
- 3. A request for a variance hearing was received from Roland Rutz to build a warehouse on Lots 5 and 6, Block 29, Adams and Allen's Addition and to build it 10 feet from the north (rear yard) property line, 10 feet from the east (side yard) property line and 20 feet from the west (side yard) property line. The required minimum yard requirements in the "I-1" Industrial District is 25 feet on all three sides. It was decided to recommend that Mr. Rutz be granted a variance hearing and also to recommend approval of the application as submitted.
- 4. Discussion was held concerning a question from Bonnie Haag as to whether a house located at 21 Franklin Street East could be rezoned from residential to Commercial. It was decided to advise her that she should apply for a conditional use request as the Zoning Board would be more in favor of granting a conditional use permit than rezoning the lot.
- 5. A letter from Darrel Hopman concerning a water runoff drain structure constructed on his property was referred to the City Council.
- 6. A letter was received from Darrel Hopman requesting the City Council to open 3rd Street S.W. from Main Street south one block and extend water and sewer to the property. He also requested that an alley in Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition be opened and water and sewer extended to the property line.
- 7. A letter was received from Darrel Hopman requesting comment on a proposed subdivision of Lot 6 in Auditor's Plat.
- 8. Dave Meschke mentioned that he is contemplating development of a subdivision east of Meschke South Haven Addition which will include twin and single family homes.
- 9. Discussion was held concerning several complaints from residents in River View Mobil Home Park regarding the lack of street lights on the east side of the Park, no recreation area, no weather shelter or evacuation plan, building of storage sheds without zoning permits and dogs running loose and habitually barking.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant zoning permits to Patty Rux, Arnell Anderson and Dave Meschke as recommended by the Zoning Board.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to grant a variance hearing to Roland Rutz as requested and to have the hearing Monday, May 4, 1998, at  $8:00~\rm p.m.$ 

Darrel Hopman was present and explained that a drain structure installed on his property by the city does not work. It is too high and will not allow the surface water to drain into it and the water is undermining the property around it. Steve Nordmeier volunteered to look at it and Russ Morsching was instructed to have the structure removed or repaired.

A request by Darrel Hopman to open 3rd Street S.W. from Main Street south one block and extend water and sewer to Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition, a request that an alley in Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition be opened and water and sewer extended to the property line and discussion concerning Lot 6 in Auditor's Plat Number One which he intends to subdivide was tabled until the next work session/special meeting.

Allan Montanye, on behalf of residents of the River View Mobil Home Park, presented a list of concerns residents have regarding the mobil home park. They include:

- 1. There is no storm shelter in the park nor are the residents aware of any evacuation plan approved by the City as required by law.
- 2. Lots in some areas are being flooded because there is insufficient water drainage.
- 3. Vacant lots are not maintained.
- 4. Street lights have not been installed on the East side of the park.
- 5. Roads were not always plowed or sanded this winter.
- 6. There are no sidewalks from the driveways to the mobil home entries in some areas of the park.
- 7. The is no playground in the park as required by city ordinance. The manager of the park, Soroya Harder, was present and lengthy discussion was held concerning lack of a storm shelter or an approved evacuation plan and the owners responsibility for the safety of the residents in the park. Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, reviewed State law and an agreement between Mrs. Speilman and the City of Morristown concerning storm shelters and/or an evacuation plan. Residents in attendance favored a storm shelter be built in the park and offered their assistance in constructing one. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to require Mrs. Speilman to return with a proposal for a workable evacuation plan by April 20th for the council to review.

It was mentioned to the Council that waste oil and trash is being dumped into the river in the River View Mobil Home Park. It was decided to have Randy Baumgard investigate the matter.

Phil Wegner reported the automatic portion of the warning siren does not work so it cannot be activated by Rice County. Until it is repaired, it may be operated manually by the Skywarn committee.

He recommended that a manual relay be installed in the Fire Hall. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried authorizing Phil Wegner to spend up to \$500 for installation of the relay.

Phil Wegner volunteered to paint, or have someone else paint, the foot bridge in the park if the City purchased the paint. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to purchase the paint for the bridge as requested by Phil.

Darrel Hopman suggested the hours of burning be something other than 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$6,323.97 from the General Fund, \$1.301.50 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$981.76 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund, \$981.76 from the Water Fund and \$4,523.94 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$130.24 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund and \$139.00 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously not to join the MADD organization.

Steve Nordmeier reported he authorized the purchase of additional wax for the Community Hall floor. Russ Morsching reported the bathrooms in the Community Hall have been painted.

Discussion was held concerning whether to obtain easements and install an underground pipe to drain the clean water from the watertower into the drainage ditch and the settlements water into the sanitary sewer or to install an air break and pipe it all into the sanitary sewer system when cleaning the watertower.

Darrel Hopman questioned why the Waterville Fish Hatchery and Hwy Ag Services are allowed to purchase water from the water pipe at the maintenance shop. He was concerned about not having cross connection protection and recommended that the pipe only be used to fill fire trucks.

It was decided to hire Dahle Enterprises for one hour of cat time to remove the stumps and clean up the area west of the Fire Hall.

Discussion of the Community Hall was tabled until April 20, 1998. Russ Morsching is to continue looking into demolition costs.

Virginia Schmidtke announced the annual dog clinic will be held Saturday, April 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Kelly Yahnke, engineer for the wastewater treatment improvements, was present to discuss update the Council regarding the wastewater improvements. He reported that when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency reviews the City's NPDES permit in December, 1998, the city limit which will will receive a phosphorus require the City install phosphorus equipment at the wastewater treatment plant. for phosphorus removal is approximately \$118,000. Increase in sanitary sewer rates would be approximately twenty cents gallons. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and instructing Kelly Yahnke to include phosphorus removal wastewater treatment plan and to amend the contract with Bolton Menk to include a not to exceed fee of \$7,500.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to allow open burning April 15, 1998 - May 15, 1998.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to change long distance telephone carrier from Phoenix Network to Cannon Valley Telecom.

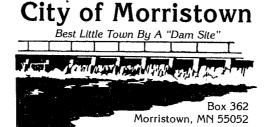
The following correspondence was received:

- A. The annual Board of Review Meeting will be held May 5, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.
- B. A letter was received from Cannon Valley Cablevision which included a check of \$4,111.56 for franchise fees a financial statement indicating the monthly billings and franchise fee calculations.
- C. The Minnesota Rural Water association announced Water Week will be celebrated May 3 - 9, 1998.
- D. The League of Minnesota Cities Conference will be held June 16 through June 19th in Duluth.
- E. The Rice County Water Planning, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Geological Survey invited the Council to a two-day workshop, April 15 and 16, on the Rice County Geologic Atlas.
- F. A letter was received from John Steffens thanking the Council for purchasing a Suburban from Steffens.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held May 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session/Special Meeting
April 20, 1998

(507) 685-2302

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, April 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russell Morsching, Allen Montanye, Soroya Harder, Steve Piper and Kim Johnsrud.

Jim Grabenbauer, salesman representing Hydro Supply, Co., was present to demonstrate a Badger water meter and outside reader. Russ Morsching reported approximately 25 meters do not work and he recommended a replacement program be implemented. Russ was instructed to contact other dealers for information on their meters and costs for individual and case lot orders.

Discussion was held concerning the need for street lights on 3rd Street S.E. It was decided to coordinate the design and number of lights needed with Larry Dahle when he installs street lights in his subdivision.

It was decided to meet with Rice County Officials Wednesday, May 20, 1998, at 5:00 p.m. regarding location and design information for improvements to County Road 16.

Soroya Harder presented a proposed contract between W.E.M. School District No. 2143 and Riverview Mobil Home Park for use of the Morristown school building as a designated emergency shelter for individuals residing within the Mobil Home Park. It was decided to table the matter until a contract is approved by the School Board.

Jerry Mulvehill was present and explained that Thomas Taylor Co. surveyed his property and it was discovered Bloomer Street infringes on his property. He asked the Council to consider either changing or vacating the Street.

Darrel Hopman was present and discussion was held concerning a request to open 3rd Street S.W. from Main Street south one block and extend water and sewer to Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 19, Adams and Allen's Addition. It was agreed to furnish water and sewer to the property when a firm commitment is made to improve the property and when a house is ready to be built on the property.

Discussion was held with regard to repairing or removing a drain structure installed by the City on property owned by Darrel Hopman which he claims is too high and does not drain the surface water. Steve Nordmeier volunteered to contact Larry Dahle and have the structure repaired.

Discussion was held with regard to demolishing and rebuilding the Community Hall. It was decided the Community Hall lot is not large enough to build a dance hall, kitchen area, meeting room, police office, city clerk's office and storage area without infringing on easement rights. It was discussed to build an addition to the Fire Hall to house city personnel and then demolish the Community Hall and rebuild a Community Center. Other building sites were also suggested.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant a variance hearing to Steve and Sandy Ahlman, 204 West Main Street, to consider a request to build a garage three (3) feet from the east property property line on Lots 5 and 6, Block 18, Adams and Allen's Addition and to have the hearing Monday, May 4, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. The required minimum side yard requirement in the "R" Residential District is five (5) feet (Morristown Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.6 B5).

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to issue a zoning permit to Ernest and Peggy Sutter to add a roof to their deck as per application on file.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to issue a zoning permit to the Morristown Historical Society to erect a sign on city owned property by the Mill with the conditions they have a 25 foot side site triangle and they stay off the County Road 16 right-of-way as recommended by the Zoning Board.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to issue a zoning permit to Tom Linde to build a garage subject to encroachment on a sanitary sewer easement.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to issue a zoning permit to Blake Fluke to build a storage shed as per application on file.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay a claim of \$1,640 from 2-Way Radio of Minnesota, Inc. from the Morristown Fire Department Fund for a radio for the Suburban.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay a claim of \$39.94 from Russ Morsching from the General Fund for a bubbler cartridge.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay Charles Krenik \$231 for cleaning and waxing the Community Hall floor.

Discussion was held regarding a request to install a banner across one of the city's streets concerning child abuse awareness month.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept a bid of \$350 from Jandro Office Products for a fax machine.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Rice County Habitat for Humanity will consider building a house in Morristown if the city, a business or individual will donate property for the house.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-8.

RESOLUTION 1998-8

WHEREAS, the Morristown Firemen's Relief Association has submitted a request for a one day, May 31, 1998, off-sale gambling permit at the corner of Main and Division Streets in Morristown, Minnesota,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA, to approve the request as submitted.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 1998.

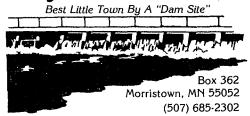
All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Steve Nordmeier reported the Fire Department approved the council's request for \$2,000 from the Fire Relief Gambling Fund for the purchase of a pressure washer.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing Russ Morsching to attend a weed and trees seminar April 30, 1998 and to pay the \$65 registration fee.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting May 4, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, May 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert and Steve Nordmeier. Councilmember Jeffrey Wenker was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Ernest Nordmeier, Fire Chief; Chuck Krenik, Treasurer; Laverne Hoffman and Roland Rutz.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held April 20, 1998, as printed.

Dulas questioned whether a drain structure installed on Darrel Hopman's property had been removed and/or repaired. Nordmeier reported that Larry Dahle shot a transit of the property and the field is higher than the structure and does not need to be removed or repaired. It was recommended that Darrel dig a ditch or trench to the structure to remove the surface water from his property.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,619.84 in the Checking Account and \$655,888.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending April 30, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of April, 1998, as printed.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Randy Baumgard to hire two off-duty deputies during Dam Days and pay them the Rice County wage rate which is approximately \$18 per hour. Dulas recommended that deputies or reserve officers in Steele County be asked to work Dam Days at \$10 per hour. Dulas volunteered to look into the matter before the next work session/special meeting which will be held May 18, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department report for the month of April, 1998, as printed.

The following maintenance issues were discussed:

- Russell Morsching requested and received permission to attend a hydrant repair training seminar May 6, 1998. There is no registration fee for the training.
- 2. Russ reported that a hydrant at the intersection of Washington and 1st Street S.E. and a hydrant in the 400 block of Franklin Street West need to be repaired.
- 3. Russ said he would install meters and remote readers in homes that either do not have meters and/or remotes or meters that are not working properly. He will begin the installations next week.
- 4. Russ mentioned that the shelter in the park needs to be shingled.
- 5. Discussion was held concerning how to remove rocks that have been dropped into the street curb boxes.
- 6. It was discussed to have the maintenance men remove the graffiti in the park.
- 7. Russ was asked to paint the curbs and crosswalks before Dam Days.
- 8. It was mentioned the volleyball court should be sealcoated this year.
- 9. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to purchase a weed wacker head for the hand power sweeper for \$100 from Nordmeier Bros.

Items addressed at the Zoning Board meeting held April 16, 1998, that were not discussed at the work session/special meeting held April 20, 1998, were as follows:

- 1. It was decided to recommend to the City Council to establish the following rates for Zoning Permit:
  - A. \$25 for permits for utility sheds, fences and decks,
  - B. \$40 for permits for garages and additions to buildings and,
  - C. \$75 for permits for new construction.
  - It was also recommended the fees be effective June 1, 1998.
- 2. A motion was made and carried unanimously to recommend to the City Council they adopt the State Building Code.
- 3. It was discussed that persons are parking in the bike trail lane by the bridge.
- 4. It was decided to send a letter to the owner of Lot 47 in Riverview Mobil Home Park notifying him that he is violation of the Zoning Ordinance because he built a storage shed on his property without a permit.
- 5. Loren Dahle was present at the Zoning Board meeting and questioned whether once a house presently in the Central Business District is sold, could it be used for rental property or a day care facility since the house would now be a non-conforming use in that District. A motion was made and carried to designate all existing residential houses that are in the Central Business District be allowed to maintain that status.

- 6. It was recommended to deny an application from Richard Imberg Jr. to build a utility shed unless one or more of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The utility shed must be ten feet from the garage (Section 3.6 B5), or
  - 2. The utility shed could be attached to the garage if the building does not exceed 864 square feet (Section 3.6 B3.), or
  - 3. Mr. Imberg may apply for a variance permit.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Mr. Imberg is going to attach the utility shed to his garage. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to grant a zoning permit to Richard Imberg as per application on file.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report including the increase in zoning permit fees as presented.

It was decided to have Russ Morsching either spray the weeds west and north of the baseball field or hire Hwy Ag Services to spray them. It was also discussed to coordinate removal of the stumps with Larry Dahle.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to the printed claims totaling \$5,202.43 from the General Fund, from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$501.91 from the Water Fund and \$729.99 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and the claims, excluding a claim from Bolton and Menk, Inc., totaling \$693.36 from the General Fund \$848.70 from the Morristown Department Fund, \$1,565.58 from the Water Fund, \$28.65 from the \$102.74 from the Wastewater Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and Improvement Fund.

Discussion was held with regard to demolishing and rebuilding the Community Hall. It was discussed to build an addition to the Fire Hall or to build a new building on another site for city officers and and to demolish the Community Hall and rebuild a Community Center. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

It was decided to table the discussion concerning spring cleanup to another meeting.

Soroya Harder presented a contract between W.E.M. School District No. 2143 and Riverside Mobil Home Park for use of the Morristown school building as a designated emergency shelter for individuals residing within the Mobil Home Park. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Emergency Shelter Agreement between Independent School District No. 2143,

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown and Riverside Mobil Home Park. Ms Harder was made aware this is only a one year agreement and that she should continue with plans for an on site shelter.

Ms Harder said the owner of the Park will set aside a play area and will landscape it within the month.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a variance hearing was held to consider a request from Roland Rutz to build a warehouse on Lots 5 and 6, Block 29, Adams and Allen's Addition and to build it 10 feet from the north (rear yard) property line, 10 feet from the east (side yard) property line and 20 feet from the west (side yard) property line. The required minimum yard requirements in the "I-1" Industrial District is 25 feet on all three sides. No one spoke for or against the request. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-9 granting the variance as requested.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, hearing was held to consider a request from Steve and Sandy Ahlman, 204 West Main Street, to build a garage three (3) feet from the property property line on Lots 5 and 6, Block 18, Adams Allen's The required minimum side yard requirement the Residential District is five (5) feet. Herman Schlie, 300 Main Street W., spoke for the variance. No one spoke against it. by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to Resolution 1998-10 granting the variance as requested.

Mayor Felix closed the variance hearing at 8:15 p.m.

It was decided to invite the Rice County engineer and staff to meet Monday, May 18, 1998, to review location and design information for improvements to County Road 16.

A complaint was received that Shawn Murphy has been entering his property from the baseball field and it is damaging the sod. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to have Randy Baumgard contact Mr. Murphy and inform him that he cannot use the baseball field as a private driveway because it is causing damage to the sod.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve a request from Lloyd Walburn to blacktop the parking lot at the American Legion.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept a bid from Timm's Trucking for street maintenance services for the year of April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. A copy of the bid is on file with the city clerk.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously not to purchase an ad in the Rice County Out and About publication.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to deny a request from M & M Power Wash to purchase water from the City.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve an application from Minnegasco to install a gas main to Tower Circle and 3rd Street S.E. in South Dahle Addition.

Larry Dahle recommended installing markers identifying water gate and storm sewer lines.

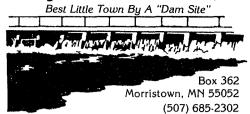
It was discussed to recommend to the Rice County Engineer that County Road 16 be lowered west of South Dahle Addition.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept a bid of \$4,950 from Bargen, Inc. to complete a crack repair project in Washington Street, 4th Street S.E. and Jane Street.

Mayor Felix announced the annual Board of Review Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held May 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Board of Review Meeting - May 5, 1998

The annual Board of Review meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Harlan Melchert and Steve Nordmeier. Councilmembers Dale Dulas and Jeffrey Wenker were absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk; Erv Kucinka, Rice County Assessor; Jim Donahoe, Larry Dahle, Vernon, Dora and Tom Schmidtke and Millard, John and Randy Meyers.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 1998 market value of the property in Morristown.

Jim Donahoe questioned whether his property had been given a reduction because of the topography of land. He was told that a twenty percent decrease had been given.

Larry Dahle questioned the assessed value placed on lots in South Dahle Addition. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously that Lots  $1\,-\,16\,$  be appraised the same as tillable crop land. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to reduce the appraised value of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 by \$3,500.

Vernon and Dora Schmidtke questioned the assessed value of their property at 201 Division Street South. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to have the Rice County Assessor reappraise the property.

Jack O'Rourke questioned the assessed value of his properties at 202 Main Street E. and 102 2nd Street S.W. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to have the Rice County Assessor reappraise the property.

Darrel Hopman questioned the assessed value of 1.3 acres of property located south of Franklin Street W. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to lower the assessed value from \$2,500 to \$800.

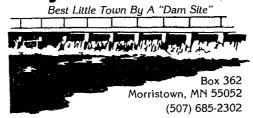
Millard, John and Randy Meyers were present to discuss annexation to the city and to see what the taxes and assessed value of the property would be if annexation took place.

The Board of Review Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session/Special Meeting
May 18, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, May 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Assistant Mayor Dale Dulas. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russell Morsching and Larry Dahle. Mayor Steve Felix was absent.

Discussion was held concerning whether to build a new community hall. Steve Nordmeier reported that Fire Department members were not in favor of building an addition to the present fire hall for city offices. It was decided to appoint a committee to look into options and advise the council what to do. Jeff Wenker volunteered to contact Richard Prescher, Tim Strobel, George Slinkard, Don Lietzau, Dennis Merritt, Dan Morris and Steve Felix to see if they would serve on the committee.

Virginia Schmidtke asked whether she should rent the hall to an individual who wants to rent it June 26, 1999. She was told to rent it as requested

Dulas reported that deputies or reserve officers from Steele County cannot help with policing during Dam Days. It was reported that Randy Baumgard has found enough officers to work.

Other Dam Days activities that were discussed were the parade route, setting up detour signs on Tuesday, May 26th and parking.

Nordmeier reported that the St. Paul Fire Department vulcans want to participate in the Dam Days parade and requested to use one of the city's fire trucks. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow the vulcans to use the truck as long as it was driven by one of the Morristown firemen.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase magnetic signs from Brushworks to use for the councilmembers in the Dam Days parade.

Discussion was held concerning whether or not to have a primary election. There was no interest in doing so.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to sell the 1991 Caprice chevrolet police car by sealed bids with bids to be opened June 1, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. and to require a minimum bid which is to be determined by Steve Nordmeier.

It was decided that zoning certificates could be issued to applicants as soon as the application are approved by the Zoning Board as long they comply with the Zoning Ordinance and do not require a variance or conditional use hearing.

Discussion was held concerning a complaint that a tree branch is covering a speed limit sign on Verdev Drive. Russ Morsching volunteered to remove the branch. There were also complaints of speeding in the Mobil Home Park. The complaint is to be forwarded to Randy Baumgard.

Steve Nordmeier reported that he met with Karin Grandia, Design Construction Engineer for the County State Aid Highway 16 project and the project will include the installation of two field approaches. The culvert will be replaced with a concrete culvert but neither the culvert nor the road will be lowered.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association for \$5,000 to repair the grandstand at Nordmeier Field.

Russ Morsching reported that a hydraulic cylinder on the street sweeper does not work and needs to be rebuilt (cost - \$250 - \$300) or replaced (cost - \$178). Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to purchase a new cylinder for the sweeper.

Discussion was held concerning whether sink holes on Bloomer Street and Washington Street East should be dug out or just filled with gravel. It was decided to fill them with gravel for now.

Russ Morsching reported that he replaced a broken bubble panel on the playground equipment at the park. Cost of the panel was \$87.

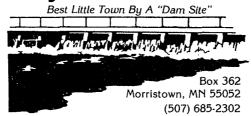
Larry Dahle requested permission to flush the hydrants in South Dahle Addition. The council granted him permission to do so.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to purchase a water pump for the tractor.

It was decided to invite Kevin Lemm to the next council meeting to discuss his duties and responsibilities. It was decided to also discuss inspection of the sanitary sewer lines for water infiltration.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at  $8:25~\rm p.m.$ 

Virginia Schmidtke



### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting June 1, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 1, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Assistant Mayor, Dale Dulas. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Mayor Steve Felix, absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator, Chuck Krenik, Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; George Leppert, Skywarn Director; Phil Wegner, Larry Dahle, Donald Nordmeier and Dennis Schmidtke.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to correct page 2, line 21 of the minutes of the May 4, 1998, meeting to read "the basketball court" instead of "volleyball court" should be sealcoated this year and to approve the minutes as corrected and printed and also to approve the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held May 5, 1998 and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held May 18, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$12,193.94 in the Checking Account and \$655,888.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending May 31, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of May, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to partnership with Rice County in applying for a grant through the Safe and Sober program.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing Randy Baumgard and Karl Luiken to attend the 1998 ASP/Chemical refresher course and to pay the registration fee of \$40 per person.

There was no fire department report.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase ten thirty-six inch safety cones at \$21.80 each.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to purchase two flashers for the barricades at a cost of \$17.95 each.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing Jeff Wenker to attend the Environmental Demolition Conference June 24th and to pay the \$25 registration fee.

Items addressed at the Zoning Board meeting held May 21, 1998, were as follows:

- A Conditional Use permit was granted to Bonnie Haag to operate a craft store at 23 Franklin Street East.
- 2. John Byers was appointed Zoning Administrator.
- 3. Zoning permits were issued to Laverne Hoffman, Richard Gauthier, Chuck and Nancy Larsen, Ken Trnka, Patty Ketzeback, Brian Schmitz and David Morrison.
- 4. Keith Nelson, representing Tommy Scruggs, was present and requested that five feet of the most easterly easement on Lot 6, Block 3, Meschke South Haven Addition be vacated.
- 5. Zoning applications from Larry Dahle and Kenny Stenzel were approved pending receipt of their contractor's license number.
- 6. Dave Meschke presented a preliminary plat map of Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition. A public hearing will be held June 29, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. to hear reasons for or against the plat and also to consider a request to rezone the area from Agricultural to Residential.

The council decided to wait until after the public hearing, June 29, 1998, to decided whether to vacate a portion of the easement on Lot 6, Block 3, Meschke South Haven Addition. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report as submitted.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to subscribe to the DTN Weather Center Internet system for an annual cost of approximately \$423 per year as recommended by George Leppert, Skywarn Director.

Phil Wegner suggested that radios designated for Skywarn be left in place for Skywarn members to use as the firemen do not have the civil defense frequency installed in their radios. It was also suggested that a separate area be designated for Skywarn if an area opens up in the fire hall.

Phil Wegner asked if the maintenance men would paint the walk bridge in the park with the paint sprayer instead of volunteers hand painting it with brushes. Russ Morsching will take care of it.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$7,455.56 from the General Fund, \$4,427.56 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$292.01 from the Water Fund and \$827.02 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$22,613.91 from the General Fund, \$31.15 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$145.75 from the Water Fund and \$394.84 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

There was no interest in joining the Cooperative Venture Program.

Jeff Wenker reported that Loren Dahle, Dan Morris, George Slinkard, Richard Prescher, Tim Strobel, Dennis Merritt and Steve Felix agreed to serve on a Community Hall committee to review and discuss plans to demolish and rebuild the Community Hall and to build an office building. It decided to invite them to a meeting June 22, 1998 to acquaint the committee with what has been done so far.

Don Nordmeier and Dennis Schmidtke were present to discuss whether they should be concerned with water run off if the American Legion parking lot is blacktopped. The council did not feel it would be a problem.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Richard Prescher is interested in developing a website for the City of Morristown. The council expressed interest in hearing a proposal.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, bids were received for the sale of the 1991 Caprice Chevrolet police car. It was determined that one bid of \$4,423 was received. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to sell the car to Tim Minske as per bid of \$4,423.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant an on-sale club liquor license and a Sunday liquor license to the American Legion Post 149 as per application on file for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to grant an on-sale and off-sale liquor license to Harlan Melchert as per application on file for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999. Council members voted as follows: Dulas, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Melchert abstained from voting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to grant an on-sale, off-sale and a Sunday liquor license to Tammy Johnson for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999, as per application on file and upon receipt of a liquor liability insurance certificate.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to grant the Morristown Commercial Club a set-up license as per application on file for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to grant the Morristown Jaycees an on-sale non-intoxicating liquor license as per application on file for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant the Morristown Baseball Association an on-sale non-intoxicating liquor license as per application on file for the year July 1, 1998 - July 1, 1999.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to designate the Local Performance Aid payable in 1999 to the Skywarn program.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Jim Hermel verbally agreed to allow the City to apply sludge to his field until another site is found. Kevin Lemm said that he is having two other sites tested and results should be received within sixty days.

It was discussed to have Kevin Lemm give more training to Russell Morsching regarding operation of the wastewater plant.

Kevin Lemm volunteered to contact the Rural Water Association with regard to using their equipment to televise the sanitary sewer lines for water infiltration.

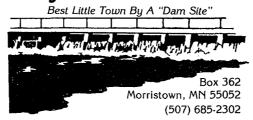
Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to send a letter to the owner of Riverview Mobil Home Park reminding her that she must create a play area in the Park and also that although the council approved her request to use the Morristown school building as a designated emergency shelter, she must have an on site shelter built in the park by 1999.

A letter was received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the 1998 Intended Use Plan for potential loan recipients for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint projects.

A notice concerning the Minnesota Association of Small Cities Conference August 13 and 14, 1998, was received.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held June 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting June 22, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, June 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Richard Prescher, Loren Dahle and George Slinkard.

Jeffrey Wenker updated the Community Hall Committee on what has been done to date regarding remodeling/rebuilding of the Community Hall and/or office space. The council directed the committee to identify needs and sites and bring recommendations to the council.

A letter was received regarding the history in Faribault of a promoter who has rented the Community Hall for a dance Saturday, June 27, 1998. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to hire two extra deputies to police the Hall.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association for Dam Day expenses.

It was decided to ask Kurt Fischer, city attorney, to attend the Zoning Board hearing June 29, 1998, concerning Meschke South Haven Second Addition as requested by the Zoning Board.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously not to purchase open meeting law insurance.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,944.58 from the General Fund, \$265.09 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,267.49 from the Water Fund and \$641.47 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant Virginia Schmidtke vacation time as requested.

A bid of \$11,928 was received from Meschke Construction for labor, material and equipment necessary to repair the grandstand at Nordmeier Field. It was decided to submit the bid to the city's insurance adjuster.

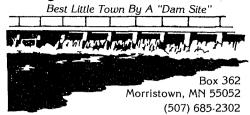
Dulas reported a complaint of machinery parked on city owned property south of the drainage ditch. No action was taken.

Nordmeier reported that he attended a preconstruction meeting for the County State Aid Highway 16 project. The project includes accesses to Sidney street and a new culvert. The construction is scheduled to begin July 15, 1998.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting July 6, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator, Chuck Krenik, Treasurer; George Leppert, Skywarn Director; Ernest Nordmeier, Fire Chief; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator; Dave Osborne and Darrel Hopman.

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 1, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held June 22, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$6,635.03 in the Checking Account and \$620,888.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending June 30, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of June, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried to hire Dave Osborne as part-time police officer twenty hours per week. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix and Wenker voted yes; Melchert and Nordmeier voted no.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report as printed.

Darrel Hopman, president of the Fire Relief Association, presented the annual determination of municipal contributions for fire relief pensions as required by state law. A copy of the the audit and schedule one and two are on file with the city clerk.

Motion by Melchert, seconded Nordmeier and carried to increase the fire relief contribution by \$5,500 for 1998. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, no; Felix and Melchert, yes; Nordmeier and Wenker, abstained.

Maintenance Report:

- Russ Morsching volunteered to look into the cost of a tank to use to haul sludge.
- 2. The portable radios are not working. It was decided to have them repaired.
- 3. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to rent a power washer to clean the bridge in the park so it can be painted.
- 4. Russ was authorized to purchase steel for a hitch for the truck and shelving.
- 5. Russ announced that he and Herman Schlie installed 32 meters and remote readers this month.
- 6. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to bill Travis Sleeuvenhoek for the expense of two city employees to install a meter in his house.

Kelly Yahnke, engineer with Bolton and Menk, Inc., presented plans for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to advertise for bids with bids to be opened Thursday, August 13, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report as presented.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried to adopt Resolution 1998-11.

#### RESOLUTION 1998-11

WHEREAS, A request was received from Bonnie Haag to operate a craft store at 23 Franklin Street East and,

WHEREAS, Operating a craft store in the Residential District is not a permitted use (Section 9.9 of the Morristown Zoning Ordinance).

WHEREAS, In accordance with advertised notice, the Morristown Zoning Board held a Conditional Use hearing Thursday, May 21, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. to consider the request and,

WHEREAS, No one was present to speak either for or against the Conditional Use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA to approve the Conditional Use as requested

Adopted this 6th day of July, 1998. All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to grant a business license to Bonnie Haag to operate Bonnie's Boutique at 21 Franklin Street East as requested.

George Leppert reported that the DTN Weather Center Internet system the city subscribed to has been very helpful to the Skywarn Committee.

Dan Minnick, Rice County Commissioner, was present and briefed the council concerning the road improvements to County Road 16. It was decided to meet with Minnick and Mitch Rasmussen, Rice County Engineer, to discuss plans for replacement of the bridge on County Road 44 and other street improvement concerns.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$7,278.21 from the General Fund, \$910.84 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$467.38 from the Water Fund and \$25.72 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$898.08 from the General Fund, \$60 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,414.88 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund and \$183.03 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Virginia Schmidtke reported only three people attended the Community Hall Improvement meeting held June 30, 1998. Wenker and Felix volunteered to schedule another meeting to discuss the Hall project.

Wenker reported on the building demolition conference he attended.

Dulas volunteered to contact Lonnie Dahle with regard to clearing the yard waste site.

Wenker volunteered to get a second bid for repair of the grandstand roof.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried to adopt Resolution 1998-12.

#### RESOLUTION 1998-12

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of its groundwater supply as a natural resource used for drinking; and

WHEREAS, it is within the responsibility of the City, as a public water supplier, to consider the health, safety and welfare on its customers; and

WHEREAS, groundwater contamination can and does occur as a consequence of a variety of land use activities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to preserve and protect the quality and quantity of our groundwater resources to assure a contained safe, adequate, and usable supply both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the protection of current and potential future sources of groundwater used for drinking waster is worthwhile from the standpoint of resource protection; and

WHEREAS, state, county and municipal laws and regulations require certain land uses to obtain permits and approvals for construction and operation; and

WHEREAS, state agencies are not always aware of new development proposals and the owners or developers of proposed new

land uses are not always aware of state, county and municipal permit and approval requirements, and

WHEREAS, local government officials, through adopted zoning ordinances, have the legal authority to review and/or approve land uses for the purposes of meeting the needs of the state's residents for natural resource protection and public services, including public water supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morristown does hereby agree to take action to: (1) protect their immediate wellhead area and (2) to take steps to determine the zone of contribution to the wells or well fields in compliance with the State of Minnesota Wellhead Protection Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the establishment of a "Budget Line Item" for wellhead protection in order to determine the zone of contribution to their wells or well fields, and to implement their wellhead protection plan, at such time as funds become available; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City Council issue no land use permit or zoning permit be issued until such time that all county and/or local environmental state, approvals have been obtained, and/or there is evidence that application to the responsible municipal, county, state or has been made and significant issues affecting State wellhead protection areas have been addressed. hereby Environmental Permits Checklist will be adopted administrative use when new, changed or expanded land use activities are proposed.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 1998. All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Nordmeier and Wenker were appointed to obtain competitive bids and have some of the trees by the baseball park removed and replanted in other areas of the city.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve a lawful gambling license application from Ducks Unlimited.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to appoint the city council to be the complete count committee to promote and publicize the 2000 census.

There was no interest in attending the MN Association of Small Cities annual conference.

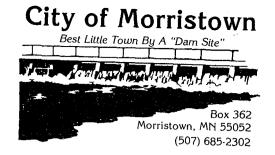
Russ Morsching was asked to contact the property owners south of the water tower with regard to obtaining an easement to install an underground pipe to drain the water tower.

Discussion was held with regard to purchasing land west of the baseball field for a sports complex. Wenker reported that members of the Community Hall Committee were negotiating land purchases.

A letter was received from the Morristown Dam Days Committee thanking the city for their contribution to the Dam Days celebration.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held July 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting July 20, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, July 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Councilmember Harlan Melchert. Councilmembers present were Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russ Morsching and Phil Wegner. Absent were Mayor, Steve Felix, and Councilmember, Dale Dulas.

Jeffrey Wenker updated the council on what has been done to date regarding remodeling/rebuilding of the Community Hall and/or office space.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase a 1,500 gallon sludge tank from Northland Farm Systems Inc. for \$3,750 and also to purchase the necessary hoses, ends and oil for the pump.

Russ Morsching submitted a list of houses and businesses where he recently installed meters, remotes and or wire. It was decided not to replace the cubic feet meters until they quit working.

Phil Wegner was present and asked the council to consider taking action to remove the geese in the park. Virginia Schmidtke was instructed to contact the Department of Natural Resources to see what they suggest be done.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept a bid of \$35 per tree from Darrel Peterson to remove trees at Nordmeier Field.

Wenker reported that someone dumped gravel and concrete at the brush site. It was decided to discuss the matter at the next regular council meeting.

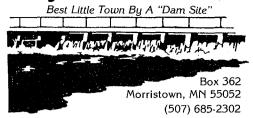
Wenker reported that he has not received a bid from Kenny Stenzel for wind damage to the grandstand at Nordmeier Field.

Discussion was held concerning a request to vacate five feet of the easterly easement on Lot 6, Block 3, Meschke South Haven Addition. It was decided to ask Kurt Fischer, city attorney, if only the portion of the property where the garage is located can be vacated and, if not, to vacate the easterly five feet as requested. It was also decided that no other building can be built closer than ten feet from the west property line on that lot.

Russ Morsching reported that he met with the owners of the property south of the water tower and they all agreed to allow the city to install an underground pipe to drain the watertower. Wenker volunteered to obtain a bid from Larry Dahle to install either a six inch or eight inch pipe. Russ Morsching reported that it would cost the city \$1.30 per foot for a six inch pipe plus \$235 per day to rent a machine if the city installed the pipe.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting August 3, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 3, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Russell Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator, Chuck Krenik, Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Steve Kallestad, John Blackmer, Robin Monytanie and Larry Dahle. Councilmember Dale Dulas was absent.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held July 20, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,400.60 in the Checking Account and \$722,888.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending July 31, 1998.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of July, 1998, as printed.

A copy of the updated Policy and Procedure Manual for the police department prepared by Kurt Fischer, city attorney, was presented.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report as printed.

#### Maintenance Report:

- 1. Russ Morsching reported that he received the following quotations for six inch PVC pipe:
  - a. Davis Water Equipment Company \$1.10 per foot plus
     \$50 freight charge
  - b. Minnesota Pipe and Equipment Company \$1.30 per foot plus freight.

Rental of a trencher would be \$30 per hour. It was decided to secure firm plans and bids for the next work session/special meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-13.

#### Resolution 1998-13

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN to adopt Ordinance 158 and ordinance entitled "Vacating a Portion of a Utility Easement.

Adopted this 3rd day of August, 1998.
All councilmembers voted yes to the question. A copy of the ordinance is on file with the city clerk.

Angie Knish was present and asked the Council to consider accepting reservations for the use of the picnic shelters in the park. It was decided to discuss the request at the work session/special meeting to be held August 17, 1998.

Steve Kallestad presented information on prerecording city council meetings and televising them later on Channel 7. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried not to tape the meetings.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant the Clerk authority to hire election judges for the primary and general elections.

It was decided to review the 1999 budget at the work session/special meeting to be held August 17, 1998.

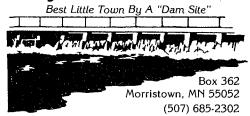
Steve Nordmeier presented a bid of \$32,300 from Bituminous Materials, Inc., and a bid of \$29,513 from M and W Blacktopping, LLC for bituminous overlays on Bloomer Street from 2nd Street N.E. to 2nd Street N.W., 2nd Street N.W. from Franklin Street to Ann Street, Ann Street from 2nd Street N.W. to 2nd Street N.E. and the Fire Department parking lot. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Gambling Association for \$6,000 to overlay the parking lot. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to award the bid to M and W Blacktopping and to authorize Steve Nordmeier to delete a street if the Fire Relief Association does not approve the governmental request.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant Virginia Schmidtke vacation leave as requested.

A letter was received from Richard Cook introducing himself as candidate for Rice County Sheriff.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held August 17, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting August 17, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, August 17, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk, Russ Morsching, Kelly Yahnke and Wes Bell.

There was no new information regarding remodeling and/or rebuilding the Community Hall and/or office space. It was decided to ask Scott Dahle to look at the asbestos and see if he could give a cost estimate to remove it.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$5,858.62 from the General Fund, \$221.30 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$277.80 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund, \$324.38 from the Water Fund and \$590.22 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Kelly Yahnke reported that seven bids were received for the Wastewater Improvement Project. The bids were:

Gridor Construction	\$1,048,600
Shank Constructors	\$1,133,900
Rice Lake Contracting	\$1,144,400
ABE Construction	\$1,153,000
Lysne Construction, Inc.	\$1,160,000
Moorhead Construction	\$1,248,800
Marcy Construction	\$1,329,900

The bid document also contained an add for installing a fiberglass dome over the exiting tank. That add amounted to \$36,000. Mr. Yahnke presented a background of Gridor Construction. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to award the bid to Gridor Construction in the amount of \$1,084,600.00, which includes the fiberglass dome, contingent upon Minnesota Pollution Control Agency approval as recommended by Bolton and Menk, Inc.

Discussion was held concerning a complaint that mobil homes in bac condition have been moved into the mobil home park. It was decided to question Kurt Fischer, city attorney, regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance to restrict homes older than 1991 from the park, to allow no more than one family per home and to phase out homes older than 1991.

Discussion was held regarding a request to take reservations for use of the picnic shelters at Centennial Park. Ordinance 138, Section 13.5 was reviewed which allows reservations to made at the City Clerk's office at least three days prior to the event after a fee of \$10 has been paid. It was decided to allow reservations to be made as per Ordinance.

There was no cost estimate from Dahle Enterprises for the cost of installing a drainage pipe from the watertower to the creek. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held with regard to having a special meeting to review the final plat map for Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously that due to labor day and the primary election day, that the regular September council meeting be held Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. and to review the plat map at that meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to meet Monday, August 31, 1998, at  $7\!:\!00$  p.m. to discuss the 1999 budget.

The was no interest in attending the 1998 Tri-State Community Development Conference.

It was decided to invite Jim Warnemunde to the next regular council meeting to review the city's insurance policy.

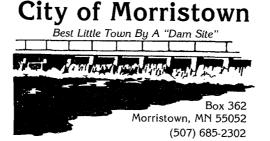
Dulas requested that Russ Morsching and Kevin Lemm submit a monthly report to the council.

Nordmeier reported that he and Wenker marked the trees at Nordmeier Field that are going to be removed. A bid of \$250 was received to move the larger trees. No action was taken.

Discussion was held with regard to purchasing a backhoe. It was decided to discuss the matter at the next regular council meeting.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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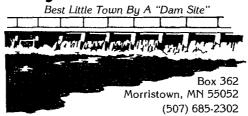
### MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Budget Work Session August 31, 1998

A budget work session of the Morristown City Council was held Monday, August 31, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. Present were Mayor, Steve Felix and Councilmembers Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk and Russ Morsching. Dale Dulas arrived at 7:50.

The 1999 proposed budget was discussed. No formal action was taken. The council will adopt a proposed 1999 tax levy and select the hearing dates at the regular September 1, 1998, council meeting.

The work session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting September 1, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. The meeting was changed from September 7, 1998, to September 1, 1998, because of Labor Day, a legal holiday. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator, Tim Strobel, Dave Meschke and Del Jackman. Councilmember Dale Dulas was absent.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held August 17, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,754.53 in the Checking Account and \$697,948.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending August 31, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of August, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve a request from Randy Baumgard to attend a Vulnerable Adult Case Investigations course in New Ulm, October 29 - 30, 1998, and to pay the registration fee of \$50 and also the fee for lodging.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to grant Randy Baumgard vacation October 1 - 10, 1998, as requested.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for the month of August, 1998, as printed.

#### Maintenance Report:

 Kevin Lemm reported that the generator at the wastewater plant needs to be charged. It was decided to have Russ Morsching take care of it.

- 2. The council reviewed the proposed easements prepared by Kurt Fisher to install drainage pipe to drain the water tower. Discussion was held concerning whether to purchase eight inch corrugated or six inch pvc pipe. Motion was made by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously authorizing Russ Morsching to purchase and install six inch pvc pipe with necessary fittings to connect to the sanitary sewer line and the drainage ditch.
- 3. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to purchase a chlorine/phosphorus tester for use at the wastewater treatment plant.

Del Jackman, Dave Meschke's engineer for Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition, presented a copy of the final plat map and detailed plans, specifications and drawings for grading and the construction of water, sewer and streets. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the final plat map of Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the plans and specifications for city water, city sewer, streets, and drainage. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to have Dave Meschke pay the City \$35 per lot in lieu of park land dedication.

John Blackmer was present and announced that the coalition of Red Cross Chapters chose Morristown as the city to conduct a disaster drill and that the drill was scheduled for April 10, 1999. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to participate in the drill if the date can be changed to April 17, 1999. Nordmeier and Wenker will act as coordinators for the city.

Jim Davis representing South Cedar Cluster Association was present to discuss the feasibility of connecting the homes in their association to the City's wastewater system. Virginia Schmidtke was appointed to contact Kelly Yahnke, Bolton and Menk Inc., concerning whether the waste water system is capable of handling 25 - 200 more houses.

Jim Warnmunde reviewed the City's insurance policy with the council.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to hold a variance hearing on Monday, September 21, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. as requested by Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk, 204 3rd Street, to build a garage three and one-half (3 1/2) feet from the west property property line on Lot 8, Block 26, Adams and Allen's Addition. The required minimum front yard requirement in the "R" Residential District is twenty (20) feet (Ordinance 144, Section 9.2, D.a.a). Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes, Nordmeier abstained from voting and Dulas was absent.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the zoning board report as presented.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$1,055.00 from the General Fund, \$17,705.48 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund, \$299.93 from the Water Fund and \$271.65 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Wenker and Felix announced that a meeting was held with the Community Hall Committee to discuss the Community Hall project and that another meeting is scheduled September 15, 1998. Nordmeier announced that he had Scott Dahle inspect the Hall for asbestos and that he found none.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase a Woods backhoe from Matejcek's for \$5,740.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-14 approving the 1999 proposed levy.

#### Resolution 1998-14

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, COUNTY OF RICE, MINNESOTA, that the proposed sums of money be levied for the current year, to be collected in 1998, upon the taxable property in the City of Morristown for the following purposes:

General Fund \$60,800.00 Sanitary Sewer Fund 8,000.00 TOTAL \$68,800.00

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Rice County, Minnesota.

Adopted this 1st day of September, 1998September 1, 1998. All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 1998-15 adopting Ordinance 159.

#### Resolution 1998-15

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN to adopt Ordinance 159 an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending an Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Morristown,"

#### ORDINANCE 159

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN."

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That Section 1 and 2 of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Morristown" passed by the Village Council of Morristown on November 23, 1968, be amended to read as follows:

- 1. That the salary of the mayor of the City of Morristown be fixed at the sum of \$750 per year; and that the mayor be compensated additionally in the sum of \$20 for each special council meeting attended.
- 2. That the salary of the councilmembers of the City, other that the mayor, be fixed at the sum of \$675 per year; and that each of councilmembers be compensated additionally in the sum of \$20 for each special meeting attended.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or inconsistent with the provision of the Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of September, 1998.

All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to acknowledge that Russ Morsching has satisfactorily completed his six months probationary period and has attained the position of full-time maintenance worker.

The following bids were received for a park shelter and a bathroom at the city park:

Meschke Construction - Park Shelter - \$10,612.00 K and C Construction - Park Shelter \$15,635.00

K and C Construction - Bathroom \$6,850.00

It was decided to table the discussion until the next work session/special meeting scheduled to be held Monday, September 21, 1998.

A thank you was received from Northland Farm Systems, Inc., thanking the City for purchasing a Badger vac tank from them.

A thank you was received from Lorraine Nelson, former Rice County Auditor/Treasurer for the retirement card.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to have the Truth In Taxation hearing Monday, November 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. and, if necessary, to continue the hearing, December 7, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to have the next Work Session/Special meeting Monday, September 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. and to change the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5, 1998, to Tuesday, October 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

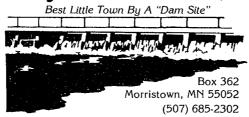
Nordmeier reported that the cost of moving two of the bigger trees from the baseball filed and/or wastewater plant is \$200 per tree for 1 - 2 trees or \$150 per tree for 3 -4 trees. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to move 2 - 4 of the nicer trees to the city park.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to send a letter to Rice county Planning and Zoning participation and cooperation with Rice County's Comprehensive Planning Project.

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held September 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTÉS Work Session/Special Meeting September 21, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, September 21, 1998, at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Harlan Melchert. Councilmembers present were Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Mayor Steve Felix arrived at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Dale Dulas was absent. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk.

Jeffrey Wenker reported that a committee appointed to study whether to build a new city hall and/or community building or to remodel the present Community Hall met and discussed possible sites for a new building. It was the consensus of the group not to remodel the Community Hall, but to either sell it or rebuild it.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$39,600.33 from the General Fund, \$1,166.32 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$260.07 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund, \$682.34 from the Water Fund and \$2.196.64 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with Pettipiece Cesario Development Solutions, Inc. for services outlined in a letter dated September 21, 1998, relating to the loan management services necessary for the PFA loan for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

Discussion was held regarding bids received at the September 1, 1998, meeting for a shelter and a bathroom at the city park. It was decided to have the park commissioner get a bid for just the cost of the material.

Virginia Schmidtke announced that a preconstruction meeting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clerk's office.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice a variance hearing was held for Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk, 204 N.W. 3rd Street, to build a garage three and on-half (3 1/2) feet from the west property property line on Lot 8, Block 26, Adams and Allen's

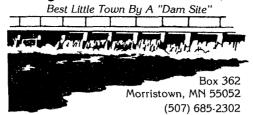
Addition. The required minimum front yard requirement in the "R" Residential District is twenty (20) feet (Ordinance 144, Section 9.2, D.1.a). There as no one present to speak either for or against the request. The hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried to grant the variance as requested. Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes; Nordmeier abstained from voting. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to grant a conditional use permit to Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk to build a garage as per application on file as recommended by the Zoning Board at their meeting held September 17, 1998. Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes; Nordmeier abstained from voting.

Darrel Hopman was present to speak on behalf of Melanie Hopman regarding a zoning request to place a modular home on Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 6, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. The meeting was changed from October 5, 1998, to October 6, 1998, because of conflicting schedules. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator; Russ Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Charles Krenik, Treasurer and Larry Dahle. Councilmember Dale Dulas and City Clerk Virginia Schmidtke were absent.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 1, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held September 21, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$4,122.98 in the Checking Account and \$635,748.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending September 30, 1998.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of September, 1998, as printed.

A letter was received from Randy Baumgard requesting information concerning his and the city clerk and maintenance worker's increase in wages for the past two years and also the amount budgeted for wage increases in 1999. He also requested a letter explaining why he will not receive a cost of living increase in 1999. A copy of the information Randy requested was presented. It was discussed that comp time and holidays should be used within 30 days. It was decided to address the issue when the personnel policy is reviewed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for the month of September, 1998, as printed.

Kevin Lemm reviewed the annual Minnesota Pollution Control Agency evaluation and planning system report. A copy of the report is on file at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to send a letter to MPCA stating that the report has been reviewed by the Council.

Kevin Lemm reported that he and Russ Morsching inspected the Zitzman lift station and that it needs extensive preventive maintenance. He recommended the exposed wires and rusty parts be replaced. He offered to get an estimate on the cost to repair the wiring.

Kevin Lemm reported that the biosolids land application site submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, permit number MN0025895, was approved.

Kevin Lemm reviewed a letter from Engineering America, Inc. concerning an inspection of the water tank Engineering America performed September 22, 1997. The tank has spalling on one ring of the interior tank wall surface and they recommended that the city have the tank re-inspected in two years.

Discussion was held with regard to a suggestion that a section be added to the watertower to improve water pressure and also to have more space for frozen water to expand. Kevin Lemm is to obtain information on the cost of adding a section to the tower.

Steve Nordmeier reported that the watertower drainage easements were rewritten to include damage to grass, gardens, planting, landscaping or other items within the easement area. All but one easement has been signed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the Zoning Board report excluding the application from Melanie Hopman. The Zoning Board report included a business application from Scott Allen to operate a snowmobile, small engine repair shop at 200 West Sidney Street and a notice of resignation from George Leppert as member of the Zoning Board.

Darrel Hopman was present to speak regarding an request from Melanie Hopman to move a modular house on Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition and to access the house from the alley in Block 20. The Zoning Board recommended that the property be accessed from the south and that setback requirements be required from both the north and south.

Darrel Hopman mentioned that he kept footage on both side of the alley in Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition so that in the future, the alley could be used as an access to potential development to the west.

Tim Strobel was present and reported that the committee appointed to study whether to build a new city hall and/or community building or to remodel the present Community Hall met and discussed purchasing the building and property owned by Jerry Pineur and the post office building, removing both buildings a then rebuilding a city hall, post office and community facility. They also discussed selling the present Community Hall.

Motion by Wenker, seconded Nordmeier and carried unanimously to invite the Zoning Board members to the next work session/special meeting to be held October 19, 1998, to discuss a zoning application from Melanie Hopman's zoning application and placement of the modular home on the lot. It was decided to also discuss installation of water and sewer to the house.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-16.

Resolution 1998-16

WHEREAS, A request was received from Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk, 204 N.W. 3rd Street, for a Conditional Use Permit to build a garage on Lot 8, Block 26, Adams and Allen's Addition, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota, that is nine hundred thirty-six (936) square feet, and,

WHEREAS, A residential accessory building or structure may not exceed eight hundred sixty-four (864) square feet in size without a Conditional Use permit (Ordinance 144, Section 3.6 B.3), and,

WHEREAS, In accordance with advertised notice, the Morristown Zoning Board held a Conditional Use hearing Thursday, September 17, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. to consider the request and.

WHEREAS, No was present to speak either for or against the request, and,

WHEREAS, the Morristown City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit on September 21, 1998, as recommended by the Zoning Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA to confirm by Resolution, the motion passed September 21, 1998, granting Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk a Conditional Use Permit, so the Resolution may be recorded at the Rice County Recorders office.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 1998. Councilmembers Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes, Nordmeier abstained from voting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-17.

#### Resolution 1998-17

WHEREAS, A request was received from Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk, 204 N.W. 3rd Street, for a variance, to build a garage three and on-half (3 1/2) feet from the west property property line on Lot 8, Block 26, Adams and Allen's Addition, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, The required minimum front yard requirement in the "R" Residential District is twenty (20) feet (Ordinance 144, Section 9.2, D.1.a).

WHEREAS, In accordance with advertised notice, the Morristown City Council held a Variance hearing Monday, September 21, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. to consider the request and,

WHEREAS, No was present to speak either for or against the request,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA to confirm by Resolution, the motion passed September 21, 1998, granting Stuart Nordmeier and Jayne Fronk a Variance, so the Resolution may be recorded at the Rice County Recorders office.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 1998. Councilmembers Felix, Melchert and Wenker voted yes, Nordmeier abstained from voting.

A letter was received from Randy Baumgard informing the Council that he will be ending his duties as Emergency Management Director January 1, 1999. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept his resignation as requested. It was decided to advertise on Channel 7 for an Emergency Management Director.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the printed and late claims totaling \$10,064.17 from the General Fund, \$134.36 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$3,176.36 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund, \$3.55 from the Water Fund and \$72.28 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay a late claim of \$58.82 from OfficeMax and a late claim of \$100.35 from Mosby from the Morristown Fire Department Fund.

It was decided to table the discussion of a new shelter and bathroom at the park until the park commissioner is present at the meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried to allow open burning, by permit only, from October 15th - November 15th. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert and Nordmeier voted yes; Wenker voted no.

It was decided to table the Community Hall abstract discussion and also the discussion to appoint a sidewalk policy committee, local improvement policy committee, personnel policy committee and a committee to review the Zoning Ordinance until the October 19, 1998 meeting.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to leave the snowmobile trails the same as previous years.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to deny a request from Gridor Construction, Inc. to provide securities in lieu of retainage.

It was decided to table the discussion of a Christmas Open House until the next meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant approval to the Clerk or another representative to attend the 1998 Tax Increment Financing Seminar, October 15, 1998, and to pay the registration fee and mileage.

There was no interest in attending the League of Minnesota Regional Meeting October 27th in Albert Lea.

A copy of the proposed construction schedule for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant was received from Gridor Construction Inc.

Permit Number 22244 was received from Minnesota Pollution Control for the construction and operation of a sanitary sewer extension system for Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition.

A report approving the plans and specifications for a watermain for Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition was received from the Minnesota Department of Health. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to send a letter to Bolton and Menk asking them to use PVC pipe rather that ductile iron pipe.

A letter was received from Chuck Pettipiece to MN Dept of Trade and Economic Development regarding the final PFA budget for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.

Discussion was held concerning a complaint about water, sewer and street pipe, culverts and materials that are being stored on a city owned lot at 3rd Street S.E. and Chestnut Street. It was decided to move the materials that the city can use to the watertower lot and have Larry Dahle move the materials that are not needed by the city.

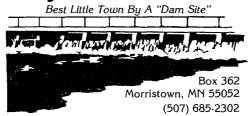
Discussion was held concerning a complaint that workers and visitors to Our Home South are parking on the paved area of the road. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to have the police

department deliver a letter to them stating that they cannot park on the blacktop area of the street and that posts that are installed on the right-of-way must be removed.

The Councilmembers were invited to an open house at the Feed Mill, Sunday, October 11th.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adjourn. The next work session/special meeting will be held Monday, October 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidthe



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting October 19, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, October 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk; Russ Morsching, Maintenance Worker and Doreen Lietzau.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,333.39 from the General Fund, \$1,198.79 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,258.79 from the Water Fund and \$1,153.58 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

It was decided to table a discussion concerning building another shelter and bathroom in the city park until an estimate for materials only is obtained.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to approve a zoning application from Melanie Hopman to move in a manufactured house as per application on file. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

It was decided to table a decision as to where to run the water and sewer line to service Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition until the next meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert to submit a governmental request of \$50,000 to the Morristown Fire Relief Association for funds to be used towards building a City Hall/Community building.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert to submit a governmental request of \$18,000 to the Morristown Fire Relief Association for funds to be used to purchase a thermal imager for the Fire Department.

Tim Strobel reported that the Community Hall Remodeling Committee are meeting to discuss building a new city hall and/or community building but that they do not have any firm recommendations at this time.

Discussion was held concerning whether to appoint committees to work on developing a sidewalk policy, local improvement policy and revising the personnel policy and zoning and subdivision ordinance or to work on them together at council meetings. It was decided to discuss the policies one at a time at the work sessions/special meetings.

There was no interest in having a Christmas open house.

Virginia Schmidtke announced that a Transportation meeting will be held in Faribault October 22nd.

A letter was received from the League of Minnesota Cities inviting the council to attend a workshop on Tuesday, November 10, 1998 for city official and manufactured home park owners to discuss mobil home issues.

Virginia Schmidtke was instructed to look into the cost of a pager for the maintenance department.

Russ Morsching announced that Gridor Construction will be using the telephone at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that they will pay for all long distant calls.

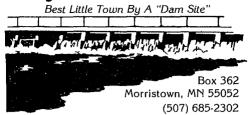
Steve Nordmeier reported there was no interest from any of the fire fighters in the Emergency Management position.

Jeff Wenker reported that he received several complaints concerning the smell of chlorine in the water. It was decided to notify Kevin Lemm of the complaints.

Dulas questioned when the materials stored an the city owned lot near 3rd Street S.E. and Chestnut Street are going to be moved. Wenker, Nordmeier and Russ Morsching will take care of sorting the material and having it moved.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting November 2, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, November 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Kevin Lemm, Water/Wastewater Operator; Russ Morsching, Maintenance Worker; Charles Krenik, Treasurer; Tim Strobel, Darrel Hopman, John Schlie, Wes Bell, George Slinkard and Larry Dahle.

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 6, 1998, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held October 19, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$12,973.53 in the Checking Account and \$635,688.39 in the Investment Account for the month ending October 31, 1998.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of October, 1998, as printed.

Discussion was held concerning a request from Randy Baumgard to purchase snow tires for the police car. A bid of \$409.40 for four tires or \$162.10 for two tires was received from Wholesale Tire and Wheel. It was decided to table the request until the next meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for the month of October, 1998, as printed.

Darrel Hopman was present and asked the Council to consider an increase in pay to fire fighters for training sessions and also an increase in retirement benefits for fire fighters.

Kevin Lemm reported that the cost to add a ring to the water storage tank would be approximately \$12,000. It was decided not to purchase an additional ring.

Kevin Lemm reported the Rural Water Association is considering purchasing a video camera for cities to use to inspect sanitary sewer lines and that he will continue to look into the matter.

Kevin Lemm indicated that adding corrosion protection to the water storage tank as recommended by Engineering America, Inc. is an unnecessary expenses and not needed.

Discussion was held concerning the complaints of rusty and smelly water. Kevin reported that he is trying to feed chlorine to all areas of town, but he would look into the complaints. It was reported Valley Paving took at least eight loads of water from a hydrant on 2nd Street S.W. without authorization. It was decided to have the clerk and/or police look into the matter.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to hire Bill Felix as needed and to pay him \$7.50 per hour. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Felix abstained from voting.

Dale Dulas questioned whether items stored in the maintenance shop belong to the city.

The Zoning Board report included a recommendation that an application from Rodney Brooks for a variance hearing be approved. The variance request is to allow a handicapped ramp to remain as is at 202 West Main Street. Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried to grant a variance hearing to Rodney Brooks as requested and to have the hearing Monday, December 7, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Dulas, Melchert and Nordmeier voted yes; Wenker abstained from voting.

The Zoning Board recommended that the Council reconsider their decision regarding an application from Melanie Hopman to move a modular house onto Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition and to access the house from the alley in Block 20. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to leave the motion as it stands (October 19, 1998). Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board report dated October 22, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried to install water and sewer along the 33 feet access to the south of Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition and to loop the water line to the north if an easement is available. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

There was no skywarn report. There has been no interest in the Emergency Management position.

Wes Bell notified the Council that a mobil home has been moved onto a lot in the mobil home park that does not conform to the setback regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. It was decided to have Randy stop them immediately.

Larry Dahle questioned whether Rice County is going to raise a shut off valve they buried at the intersection of proposed Sidney Street East and County Road 16. It was decided to contact the Rice County Engineer regarding the matter.

George Slinkard mentioned that building material and boards and debris from an old deck have not been removed from property at 400 2nd Street S.W. It was decided to send a letter to the owner.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,010.64 from the General Fund, \$376.37 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$430.75 from the Water Fund, \$43.45 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$186.61 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

Tim Strobel was present and reported that a committee appointed to study whether to build a new city hall and/or community building or to remodel the present Community Hall had met to discuss the project and will meet again November 23, 1998.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that she cannot find an abstract for the Community Hall property. A letter from Kurt Fischer, city attorney, regarding whether or not to order an abstract from the abstract company was discussed and it was decided not to have one made at this time.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to have a meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. to canvass the votes from the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Melchert and carried send a thank you card to Sharon Krenik for paying to have the carpet in the Council Chambers cleaned. Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix, Melchert and Nordmeier voted yes; Wenker voted no.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-18 entitled "A Resolution Relating to \$1,289,000 General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 1998; Authorizing the Issuance, Fixing the Form and Details Thereof and Providing for the Security Therefor". A copy of the resolution is on file with the city clerk. All councilmembers voted yes.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to allow the Jaycees to use the Community Hall free of charge January 2, 1999, for a teen dance as requested.

Discussion was held concerning a request to allow all-terrain vehicles to be ridden on designated streets. Motion by Melchert, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to deny the request.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay for two meals for the election judges.

Virginia Schmidtke presented information on purchasing a pager and the cost of paging services and also the cost of using a cellular phone for the maintenance department. It was decided not to purchase a pager at this time.

A notice was received regarding a workshop for city officials and manufactured home park owners. The workshop will be held Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at the League of Minnesota Cities office.

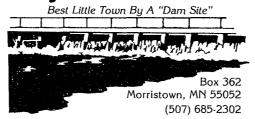
Steve Felix announced that a pipeline safety meeting will be held November 12, 1998, in Owatonna.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to rescind a motion made October 6, 1998, to deny a request from Gridor Construction, Inc. to provide securities in lieu of retainage.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Dave Meschke agreed to install PVC pipe rather than ductile iron pipe for the water mains in Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next work session/special meeting will be held Monday, November 23, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. and the annual Truth In Taxation meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Canvass Board Meeting November 4, 1998

A meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Wednesday, November 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Council members present were Dale Dulas, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk. Councilmember Harlan Melchert was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to canvass the votes and declare the results of the General Election held Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

Virginia Schmidtke presented the results of the city municipal election which were as follows:

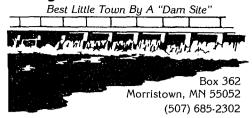
Total number of votes cast - 386

MAYOR	COUNT	PERCENT
Steve Felix	350	96.15
Write-In	14	3.85
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	22	
COUNCILMEMBERS		
Scott A. Allen	195	29.32
Dale Dulas	170	25.56
Jon Seewald	106	15.94
Pat Chavie	68	10.23
Clayton Spring	35	5.26
Write-In	91	13.68
Overvotes	Ō	
Undervotes	107	

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to declare Steve Felix duly elected mayor and Scott A. Allen and Dale Dulas duly elected councilmembers of the City of Morristown at the municipal election held November 3, 1998.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Virgunia Schmidtke



# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting November 23, 1998

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order Monday, November 23, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Assistant Mayor, Dale Dulas. Councilmembers present were Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Mayor Steve Felix arrived at 7:15 p.m. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk.

Jeffrey Wenker reported that a committee appointed to study whether to build a new city hall and/or community building or to remodel the present Community Hall met November 23, 1998, at 6:00 to discuss the project. Only three people attended the meeting. Wenker reported the committee is seeking sites for a new building.

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,158.93 from the General Fund, \$319.63 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$4,724.85 from the Water Fund and \$2,118.87 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund.

Discussion was held concerning a request to rent the Community Hall in December, 1999. It was decided to accept rentals through 1999.

A letter was presented from the Southern Minnesota Lakes Region Association inviting the council members to a meeting to be held Monday, November 30, 1998, at the Waterville Cafe.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Carol Caron, an engineer from Bolton and Menk, will inspect the Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition project.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to send a letter to the Rice County Engineer reminding him to see that a shut off valve that was covered near Sidney Street East and County Road 16 is raised.

Wenker announced that Gene Meschke will provide a bid for the materials to construct a shelter in the park.

Wenker volunteered to contact Todd Meschke for an estimate to repair the wind damage caused at the Community Hall and baseball grandstand and concession stand. Nordmeier volunteered to contact Jim Warnemunde concerning wind damage to the portable stage.

Dulas reported there is no rubber fill in the cracks on 2nd Street S.E. and Chestnut Street. Nordmeier is to look at the streets and, if necessary, contact the contractor have them refill the cracks.

It was decided to wait until after Thanksgiving to turn on the Christmas lights.

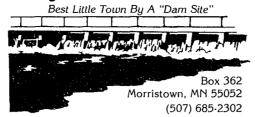
Dulas questioned why the bridge in the park has not been painted, why the materials in the empty lot on 3rd Street S.E. have not been moved, why the weeds in the park near the pond weren't trimed, who owns the couch in the shop and why the tool room at the maintenance shop is locked. All of the above concerns were discussed.

A policy for street excavations, assessable current services and the financing for construction of curb and gutter, asphalt surfacing and the installation of water and sewer materials was discussed.

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

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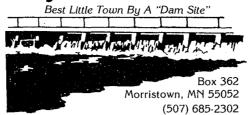
# MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Truth in Taxation Hearing November 30, 1998

A Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order Monday, November 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, city clerk.

The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss with taxpayers the 1999 proposed budget and the amount of property taxes the council proposes to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 1999. No one was present for the hearing.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke



## MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting December 7, 1998

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 7, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor, Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Dale Dulas, Harlan Melchert, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Ernie Nordmeier, Fire Chief; Larry Dahle and Darrel Hopman

Motion by Wenker seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 1998, the Canvass Board meeting held November 4, 1998, the work session/special meeting held November 23, 1998, and the Truth in Taxation meeting meeting held November 30, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the treasurer's report for the month ending November 30, 1998, which showed a balance of \$4,727.18 in the Checking Account and \$638,156.66 in the Investment Account

Motion by Melchert, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the police report for the month of November, 1998, as printed.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for the month of November, 1998, as printed.

Discussion was held with regard to authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign papers necessary to increase the Fire Department members pension \$100 for each year of membership. It was decided to table the matter until after the Fire Department's December meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to appoint Jim Donahoe as Zoning Board member as per Zoning Board's recommendation.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board report dated November 19, 1998, as printed.

Randy Baumgard reported one person has expressed interest in the Emergency Management position.

Randy Baumgard requested a letter be sent to Rice County asking them to install the speed sign on County Road 16.

Discussion was held concerning complaints that water was shut off November 27, 1998, by Borneke Construction without notifying neighbors or city personnel. It was decided to send Borneke's a letter notifying them that only city personnel may turn water on and off and that a twenty-four hour notice must be received in a non-emergency situation.

Larry Dahle was present to discuss several concerns regarding the construction of County Road 16. Issues discussed were the angle of the curb, the set back of the road, and the shut off valve that was buried at the intersection of proposed Sidney Street East and County Road 16. It was also questioned whether the road was constructed as per plan. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to send a letter to the Rice County Commissioners and Mitch Rasmussen, Rice County Engineer, regarding the concerns and ask them to either attend a city council meeting or invite the council to a Rice County Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss the issues.

Motion by Dulas, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow the State Bank of Morristown to place a sign on city owned property between the drainage ditch and proposed Sidney Street East if the signs meets zoning regulations and with the stipulation that it is maintained.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,044.18 from the General Fund, \$115.65 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$200 from the Water Fund, \$60.94 from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund and \$8,872.90 from the Wastewater Improvement Fund. Council members voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes; Dulas voted no.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$889.71 from the General Fund and \$170 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to pay the end of the year claims totaling \$6,335 from the General Fund, \$1,650 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund and \$8,000 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

Jeff Wenker reported that the committee appointed to study building a new city hall/community building met to discuss the project and will meet again January 4, 1998.

Nordmeier reported that cracks in 2nd Street S.E. and Chestnut Street were refilled by the contractor.

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a variance hearing was held to consider a request from Rodney Brooks, 202 West Main Street, to allow a handicapped ramp to remain as was placed on Lot 4, Block 28, Adams and Allen's Addition, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota Street W. No one was present to speak either for or against the request. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-18 granting the variance as requested.

### Resolution 1998-18

WHEREAS, A request was received from Rodney Brooks, 202 West Main Street, to allow a handicapped ramp to remain as was placed on Lot 4, Block 28, Adams and Allen's Addition, Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota and,

WHEREAS, The ramp is on the front yard property line and,

WHEREAS, The required minimum front yard requirement in the "R" Residential District is twenty (20) feet (Ordinance 144, Section 9.2, D.1.a).

WHEREAS, In accordance with advertised notice, the Morristown City Council held a variance hearing Monday, December 7, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. to consider the request and,

WHEREAS, The ramp is time limited to the occupancy of Melba Brooks, and,

WHEREAS, No one present spoke either for or against the variance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA to approve the variance as requested.

Adopted this 7th day of December, 1998.

Councilmembers voted as follows: Dulas, Felix, Melchert and Nordmeier voted yes, Wenker abstained from voting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 1998-19.

#### Resolution 1998-19

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, COUNTY OF RICE, MINNESOTA, that the proposed sums of money be levied for the current year, to be collected in 1999, upon the taxable property in the City of Morristown for the following purposes:

General Fund \$60,800.00Sanitary Sewer Fund 8,000.00TOTAL \$68,800.00

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Rice County, Minnesota.

Adopted this 7th of December, 1998.

All councilmembers voted yes to the question.

Virginia Schmidtke administered the Oath of Office to newly elected mayor Steve Felix.

Steve Felix administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council members Dale Dulas and Scott Allen.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to install snow fence around the pipe and debris on Lot 3, Block 9, Nathan's Addition. Councilmembers voted as follows: Felix, Melchert, Nordmeier and Wenker voted yes, Dulas voted no.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to allow the Steele-Rice Dispatch Center to install an antenna receiver on top of the water storage tank as requested.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Melchert and carried unanimously to approve the 1999 salaries as budgeted. They include a one dollar per hour increase for Russell Morsching and a three percent increase for Virginia Schmidtke.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase a christmas ad in the Faribault Daily News.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously authorizing the Mayor to enter into an acceptance agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 49 to contribute one dollar per hour worked to an account for Russell Morsching. The dollar per hour will be deducted from Russell's payroll check.

Discussion was held regarding a disaster drill that will take place in Morristown April 17, 1999. It was the general consensus of the council to involve as many organizations as the committee wants to.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Dulas and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke