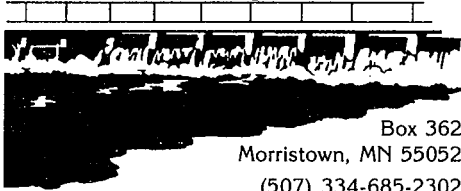


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, January 6, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morrystown City Council was called to order on Monday, January 6, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer, John Schlie, Fire Chief; Dale Dulas, Jack Schwichtenberg, Larry Dahle and Mona Langeslag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jeffrey Wenker administered the oath of office to Steve Felix who was elected Mayor and Steve Felix administered the oath of office to Scott Allen and Verdis Flaten who were elected Councilmembers at the General Election held November 5, 2002.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2002, the special meeting held December 9, 2002 and the work session/special meeting held December 16, 2002 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2002 which showed a balance of \$17,665.07 in the checking account and \$1,764,214.44 in the investment accounts.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the December, 2002 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department for December 2002 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request of \$5,000 to the Morristown Fire Relief Association to purchase SCBA masks.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report for the month of December 2002, as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

There was no Zoning Board report because the Zoning Board did not meet in December.

There was no Emergency Management report.

Steve Nordmeier reported the Economic Development Authority rejected a purchase agreement from Bernice Sabetti and Tim Mulligan and recommended that earnest money they submitted be returned. The EDA also recommend that city property not be sold contract for deed and that no property sale be based on a loan/grant from the Revolving Loan Fund. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the EDA's recommendation to reject the purchase agreement and return the earnest money to the bidders.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to give written notice to the bidders asking for their response within 30 days from receipt of the letter.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

The Economic Development Authority recommended several changes to the Revolving Loan Fund guidelines. A copy of the guidelines and the changes is on file with the City Clerk. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to change the revolving loan guidelines as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flatten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Economic Development Authority meetings held November 26 and December 26, 2002 and January 2, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Larry Dahle questioned whether the council would be discussing the Geiger, O'Neil Development project. He was told that Geiger will present a concept plan to the Zoning Board at their regular meeting in January.
- Randy Baumgard presented pictures of footprints and marks in the new sidewalk in front of his house.
- Dale Dulas encouraged the council to put the agenda and minutes on the web site and also asked that each Councilmember give their reason for voting yes or no when the question comes up concerning taping of the council meetings.
- John Schlie asked something could be done so the streetlights weren't so bright on Franklin Street. It was also suggested that the lights be brighter on 100 block of Division Street North. Steve Felix volunteered to take care of both matters.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$132,953.43 from the General Fund, \$400.23 from the Fire Department Fund, \$742.51 from the Water Fund and \$1,736.23 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed late claims totaling \$1,057.67 from the General Fund, \$418.32 from the Fire Department Fund, \$5,741.43 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Construction Fund and \$2,741.43 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay a late claim of \$908.64 from Timm's Trucking and a claim of \$16,544 from the Morristown Fire Department.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Community Center:

- Steve Nordmeier reported that two sinks must be moved, hand dryers will eliminate paper towel holders and the contractor will supply prices for a water on demand heater instead of a 40 gallon electric heater.
- It was discussed to purchase tables and chairs with money from the Morristown Fire Relief Gambling Fund.
- Jeff Wenker reported that he received a quote of \$16.50 per hour from Steamway Commercial Cleaning Service to clean the Community Center.

There was discussion concerning damage to the new sidewalks during and after the street construction. Nordmeier stated there will be an inspection of the entire project in the spring.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to post the agenda and approved council minutes on the Morristown web site.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the following committee appointments for 2003:

- Official Depositor State Bank of Morristown
- Public Health Rice County Environmental Services
- Official Newspaper Faribault Daily News
- City Clerk/Treasurer Virginia Schmidtke
- Acting Mayor Jeffrey Wenker
- Animal Control Officer Scott Allen
- Community Education Scott Allen
- Community Hall Jeff Wenker
- Fire Commissioner Steve Felix
- Police Commissioner Steve Felix
- Street Commissioner Steve Nordmeier
- Park Commissioner Verdis Flaten
- Water Commissioner Jeff Wenker
- Sanitary Sewer/Solid Waste Jeff Wenker
- Weeds and Trees Scott Allen
- Zoning Board Members John Byers, Administrator
John Blackmer, Chairman
Jim Lonergan
David Schlie
Jack Schwichtenberg
Randy Baumgard
Virginia Schmidtke, Secretary
- Fire Wardens John Schlie
Steve Nordmeier
- Cable Television Franchise Darrel Hopman
Gene Lindahl
- Economic Development Authority Edward Schmidtke
And Revolving Loan Committee Chuck Larsen
Darrell Haag
Steve Nordmeier
Scott Allen

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

A notice was received from the League of MN Cities regarding a conference for newly elected officials to be held January 31 - February 1, 2003 in Mankato. Councilmembers are to contact the Clerk if they are interested in attending the Conference.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to discontinue video taping the council meetings and airing them on the local cable channel.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: Felix

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pass Resolution 2003-1 transferring up to \$65,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for two months until two certificates of deposits mature.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

A letter was received from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust stating that the LMCIT insurance dividend for 2002 to the City of Morristown is \$4,741.

A letter was received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning the changes in DNR waters staffing. Hydrologist Randy Bradt will serve Rice County.

A thank you was received from the WEM yearbook staff thanking the council for advertising with them this year.

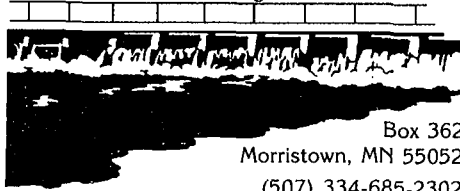
Motion by Allen, seconded by Verdis and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morrystown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer; Jack Schwichtenberg, Randy Baumgard Jon Minnick, Jeffrey Dahle, John Byers, Dustin Brakemeier, Dennis Merritt, Kate Aase, Tim and Julie Minske, Dan Morris, Mark Morris, Duane Geiger, Dan O'Neill, Chad Surprenant, Tim Geiger and Loren Dahle. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 6, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Duane Geiger presented background on the Geiger Land Company and a concept plan to develop 115 acres outside the city limits owned by Pat O'Brien. The plan includes seven phases of development starting north of Riverview Mobile Home Park. The proposed development includes commercial development along County Road 44 and a portion of Highway 60, high density housing along Highway 60, a park, and a combination of single family and medium density housing on the rest of the land. John Byers, Zoning Board Administrator, expressed concern on deviating from the land use plan by not designating a major portion of the land for industrial use and how it will affect requests to develop other land in the City. Mayor Felix gave all those present a chance to speak. Questions and concerns include:

- Whether contacts have been made for industry and commercial uses of the land,
- Whether the water and wastewater plants can handle the increased demand and what effect would there be on water flow,
- Who will pay the cost to extend the utility services
- What effect will the land purchase and development have on taxes on the existing agricultural land in the City,
- What effect will the taxes be on the existing houses in town,
- Should the Council consider adopting the State Building Code

- What will the cost of permits be and who will inspect and issue the permits?
- Why build houses in an area planned for industry when there is 200 acres in the City now zoned for residential that has not been developed.

Other comments were that the taxes would support more city services and that growth would occur at a slow rate, probably 18 – 24 single families per year, or as the market demands. Motion by Flatten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to allow Geiger Land Company to move forward with the proposed development project and the annexation process contingent upon final purchase of the property.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Kate Aase presented a rental contract outlining the responsibilities of the parties renting the Community Center and the rules governing the Center when renting it to groups and individuals. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the hall contract. A copy of the contract is on file with the city clerk.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Kate Aase presented a list of Community Center rental fees recommended by the Commercial Club. The fees are as follows:

- Full Hall Rental on Friday and Saturday \$500.00
- Food Fee \$ 25.00
- Police \$ 50.00
- Damage Deposit \$500.00
- Full Hall Rental – Sunday – Thursday \$350.00
- Half Hall Rental – Sunday – Thursday \$200.00
- Police \$ 50.00
- Food Fee \$ 25.00
- Damage Deposit to be equal to rent

Police coverage is required when music and/or alcohol is served. Rental to schools is \$10 per hour and the Community Center rental will not be split on Friday or Saturday. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt the Community Center rental fees.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to install a dedicated phone line for the Community Center manager. Kate Aase announced that Julie Minske was hired to be the Community Center manager.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

It was discussed to purchase 40 round tables that seat 10 people each and to purchase 400 chairs. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Discussion was held in regard to purchasing a utility drop box to be installed at the Community Center. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to purchase a drop box and to leave the choice up to Virginia.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve Change Order Number 3 from Larsen Contracting. The change order provides a door operator push button, provides one paint color in lieu of three, adds a mop sink in the storage room and adds and eliminate two fixtures in the refreshments room. Total of the change order is a deduct of \$80.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$896 from the General Fund \$296.39 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$257.47 the Water Fund and \$1,208.55 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

A letter was received from Barry Hentz with McGhie and Betts, Inc. requesting the opportunity to present their services as a consulting firm to the City of Morristown. It was decided to invite them to the February work session/special meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Voting yes: Flatten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

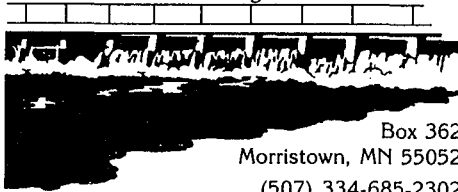
Following the meeting the council watched a 29-minute tape titled "Alcohol in the City".


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, February 3, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, February 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Jack Schwichtenberg and Loren Dahle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the work session/special meeting held January 21, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

There was no financial report.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the January, 2003 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

A request was made that the total number of hours per month that each police officer will work be printed somewhere on the police schedule.

Discussion was held concerning a request from Dave Osborne for an increase in salary. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to table the request until the next budget meeting.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for January 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Steve Nordmeier reported that the Fire Department will probably be awarded a grant to receive two defibrillators. One of the defibrillators will be placed in the Community Center. Steve will schedule a training session for ten people on how to use the equipment.

Jeff Wenker reported that he and two other Fire Department members are meeting to discuss fire contracts with the townships served by the Department.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report for the month of January 2003, as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held January 16, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept Dave Schlie's resignation as member of the Zoning Board.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to advertise on Channel 7 for someone to serve on the Zoning Board.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

There was no Emergency Management report.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flatten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Economic Development Authority meeting held January 16, 2003, as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Loren Dahle recommended that the City Council have the Rice County Assessor investigate what the taxes would be on industrial property versus residential property in the proposed Geiger development project.
- John Schlie asked what items in the council room would be moved to the new community center. It was decided to move the cabinets, desks, tables, chairs, equipment and all of the filing cabinets.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$74.03 from the General Fund, \$36.47 from the Fire Department Fund, \$537.86 from the Water Fund and \$1,786.31 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay a late claim from Cannon Valley Telecom totaling \$115.36 from the General Fund and \$58.12 from the Fire Department Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None

Virginia Schmidtke presented prices on tables and chairs for the community center. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to table the matter until the next meeting.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 172 titled City of Morristown Floodplain Management Ordinance. On roll call vote voting yes-Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker, voting no-none.

Loren Dahle submitted a letter of resignation from the following committees: Rice County Solid Waste Committee, Rice County Comprehensive Planning Committee, Morristown Government Center Project and the Wellhead Protection Committee. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept Loren's resignation as requested. Mayor Felix thanked Loren for his dedication and hard work.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

A letter was received from Barga Incorporated thanking the council for past business and offering to honor 2002 prices for crack filling if the City made a commitment before the end of March. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to commit \$5,000 to a street project.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

A concept plan and a cost estimate were received from M & M Signs for signage on the community center building and also for a monument sign. It was decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

Verdis Flaten left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

A letter was received from the Minnesota Department of Health concerning the deadline for placing projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project priority list.

Steve Felix received permission to contact Keith Johnson concerning progress on repair of the 1939 fire truck.

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

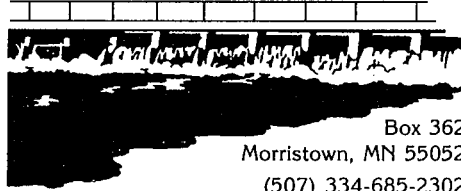
Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer and McGhie & Betts representatives – Dave Morrill, Barry Hentz and Lynn Bruns. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 3, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Representatives from McGhie & Betts presented information on services their firm can provide to the City of Morristown. McGhie & Betts is located in Northfield and Rochester and provides engineering, surveying, land planning, materials testing, environmental and landscape architecture services.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of tables and chairs for the Community Center. Steve Nordmeier reported that used tables he looked at would not work as they cannot be folded or stacked. It was decided to have a few tables at the next meeting to look at.

Dennis Merritt presented a price of \$4,700 for staging to be used at the Community Center. He asked, and was given permission, to pursue funding from area business for the staging.

Dennis Merritt urged the Council to decide on the type of phone system to be installed at the Community Center.

It was decided to table the discussion of the purchase of signage for Community Center building.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Infratech jet-vac cleaned and video inspected the sanitary sewer main and found rocks, pieces of cement, brick and other debris that spilled in the main from the road construction project.

The appointment of a Zoning Board member was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$4,730.50 from the General Fund, \$922.53 from the Fire Department Fund, \$87,564.03 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Construction Fund \$6,070.96 from the Water Fund, \$1,718.18 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,741.18 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to grant Wes Bell vacation leave as requested as long as Kevin Lemm covers him.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Verdis Flaten questioned what the fee would be to the Lutheran High School for use of the Community Center. The fee approved at the January 21, 2003 council meeting is \$10 per hour for schools.

Steve Nordmeier presented the proposal from Barga Incorporated for the 2003 street crack repair project. The cost to furnish material and labor is \$4,953.30.

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

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

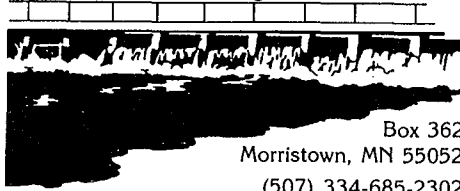


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, March 3, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Julie Minske, Kate Aase, Dwayne Geiger, Dan O'Neil, Larry Dahle and Darrel Hopman. Absent was Councilmember Scott Allen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the work session/special meeting held February 18, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2003 which showed a balance of minus \$16,660.11 in the checking account and \$1,123,273.37 in the investment accounts.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the February, 2003 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

At the February 3, 2003, meeting, Verdis Flaten requested that the total number of hours per month that each police officer will work be printed somewhere on the police schedule. These numbers did not appear on the March schedule. Mayor Felix will remind Randy Baumgard to print the number of hours to be worked on the police work schedules.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to table a request from Randy Baumgard to purchase office equipment until the next meeting.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for February, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the 2003 Morristown Fire Department officers as elected by the firemen at their annual meeting. The officers are Fire Chief, John Schlie, Assistant Fire Chief, Steve Nordmeier, Training Officer, Tim Minske and Secretary, Jackie Saemrow. The fire captains are Steve Nordmeier, Brad Sammon, Randy Meschke and Tim Minske.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the maintenance report for the month of February 2003, as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held February 20, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

The Zoning Board report included appointing Arlen Krause to the Zoning Board, amending the Planning Commission by-laws, appointing Jack Blackmer as Zoning Board chairman and Jim Lonergan as vice-chairman and a recommendation to the Council that zoning fees be increased to \$25 for utility sheds, fences, decks and signs, 25 cents per square foot for all new construction, garages and additions to buildings and \$100 for a special meeting, conditional use hearing or variance hearing. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to invite the Zoning Board Chairman and Administrator to the work session/special meeting to be held March 17th to discuss the fee schedule.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

There was no Emergency Management report.

Steve Nordmeier reported the Economic Development Authority meeting scheduled to be held February 27th was postponed until March 6, 2003.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Darrel Hopman questioned why the city council meetings are no longer televised on the local cable channel.
- Dan O'Neil commented on the new Community Center and commended the Building Committee and Council for building a quality structure.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$74 from the General Fund, \$260 from the Fire Department Fund, \$454.20 from the Water Fund and \$3,204.05 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$411.19 from the General Fund, \$104.73 from the Fire Department Fund and \$204.76 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Julie Minske, Community Center manager, reported that used equipment has been purchased by the Commercial Club for the mix room, that she has had 14 inquires to rent the Center and that KDHL radio station is broadcasting from the Community Center on Friday, March 6th.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Larson Contracting submitted a bid of \$1,628 to install an alarm system on the boiler, \$875 to put antifreeze in the lines and \$640 to additional circuits in the mix room. It was decided that it was not necessary to install the alarm system or add antifreeze to the lines. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve a change order for the installation of the circuits at an added cost of \$640.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Jeff Wenker reported that 190 used chairs were purchased from Restaurant Equipment, Inc. for the Community Center at a cost of \$4.50 per chair. The Company also gave the City 24 chairs free of charge. It was discussed to purchase used chairs from the Lavender Inn and also used linens.

Discussion was held concerning whether a round table Jeff Wenker purchased from Sam's Club could be used at the Community Center. It was decided that the frame was too close to the edge of the table. It was decided to get more information on other tables that had been priced. The matter was tabled until the next work session/special meeting.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the publication summary for the Flood Plain Ordinance as printed.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Duane Geiger and Dan O'Neil were present to discuss the proposed their development project. The following items were discussed:

1. Annexation of the property to the City – Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously that if the sale of the property closes April 1st and Geiger's own the land, the City will proceed with annexation of the property.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

2. Geiger's asked if they will be able to develop without any major utility demands and if an easement can be acquired to install lines on the north line of Ruth Eisert's property or would they be required to cross the river. Also discussed were looping of the water lines and water pressure. It was discussed that Geiger's need to bring a preliminary plan to the council so the City's engineer can review the plan. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to contact Carol Caron, engineer with Bolton and Menk to act on behalf of the city.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

3. Also discussed were proposed land use issues. The plan is to have a commercial area south of Highway 60 and along County Road 44 buffered by high density housing, with townhouses and single-family homes toward the south.

4. They plan to have a four-lane entrance on the north side of Pat O'Brien's property.

Discussion was held concerning a request from the Morristown Commercial Club for an on-sale liquor license. Darrel Hopman asked under what authorization of the statute the Council thinks it can grant the Commercial Club an on-sale liquor license. He read several sections of Minnesota Statutes 340A and challenged whether the Commercial Club met the definition of a club or whether they could be issued a temporary licensee. It was decided to contact the city attorney for an opinion.

Virginia Schmidtke said that Shari Dwyer offered to help in the clerk's office on Mondays at no charge to the city. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the proposal.

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A letter was received from the City of Eyota asking if the Council would be interested in forming a coalition to lobby the Minnesota legislature to change the current Tax Increment Financing ten-mile rule.

Notice was received from the office of the Rice County Assessor that the annual Board of Equalization meeting will be held April 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

A letter and the annual franchise fee payment of \$5,240.28 were received from Cannon Valley Telecom.

A letter was received from McGhie & Betts, Inc. thanking the Council for allowing them to present their services to the Council.

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

Voting yes: Flaten, Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

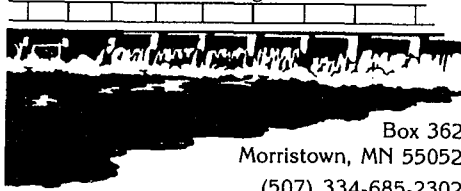
Absent: Allen


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Monday, March 17, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer, John Schlie, Fire Chief; John Byers and Jack Blackmer, Zoning Board members; Kyle Meyer, City Auditor; Larry Dahle, Julie Minske, Kate Aase, Dan O'Neil, Dennis Merritt and Darrel Hopman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to add discussion of the zoning permit fees to the agenda.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 3, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Kyle Meyers, auditor with Abdo, Eick & Meyers, presented information relating to the audit for the year ended December 31, 2002. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Steve Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2003, as presented.

Discussion was held to increase the zoning permit fees. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-2 increasing the zoning permit fees.

Resolution 2003-2

WHEREAS, zoning permit fees have not been increased since 1998, and

WHEREAS, costs to administer the zoning ordinance have increased,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA, to increase the zoning permit fees to \$25 for utility

sheds, fences, decks and signs, 25 cents per square foot for all new construction, garages and additions to buildings and \$100 for a special meeting, conditional use hearing or variance hearing with the fees to be effective June 1, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for new construction, garages and additions to buildings be based on the footprint of the building.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Carol Caron, engineer with Bolton and Menk, Inc., was present to discuss providing engineering service to the city for the Geiger Land Development subdivision project. She said there could be water pressure problems and water lines may have to be looped but more information is needed before she can make a recommendation. She suggested making a cybernet model of the existing water and wastewater system. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to hire Bolton and Menk to work on the subdivision project with a not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000 with the cost to be split by the developer and the city as specified in the developers agreement.

Community Center discussion and action taken:

1. Discussion was held concerning the purchase of tables for the Center. The following bids were received for a 60" table: Mity-lite - \$179.10 for a lightweight table that has a plastic shell surface, S and T Office Products, Inc. and Jandro Office Products - \$171 for a table with a 3/4 inch plywood top. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to purchase 40 tables and 4 carts from Mity-lite. Cost of the carts are \$325 per cart.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None
2. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to purchase 85 padded stacking chairs, a stainless dishwasher, a television-vcr stand with television, one 60" round table, a cold server, pop machine, two stainless sinks and three display cases for \$2,000 from Geiger brothers. Also included free of charge, is a coat rack with hangers.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None
3. Discussion was held concerning the echo in the great hall. Nordmeier reported that Larson Contracting is getting bids for acoustical panels.
4. Dennis Merritt reported the stage will not be in place before the firemen's dance.
5. Virginia Schmidtke reported that the city would need to contract for monitoring services for the alarm system because there are more than 20 sprinkling heads in the building. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to contract with Red Wing Service Co. for monitoring services at a cost of \$22 per month.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None

6. Discussion was held concerning a request from the Morristown Commercial Club for an on-sale liquor license. The Club is in the process of obtaining a limited restaurant license from the Minnesota Department of Health. Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to grant the Morristown Commercial Club an on-sale liquor license pending approval from the Department of Health of a limited restaurant license.
Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier
Voting no: None
7. A letter was received from Randy Baumgard requesting authorization to purchase a computer desk with chair and two file cabinets for the Police Department's new office at the Community Center. It was decided to table the matter until a wall is installed between the skywarn office and the police office. It was also discussed that he should get three bids from three different vendors.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to recommend to the Morristown Economic Development Authority that they apply to the Morristown Zoning Board to rezone the Community Center property from Agricultural to Highway Commercial.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Virginia Schmidtke reported the governor's budget proposal for aid reductions to cities would result in cuts of \$40,000 in 2003 and \$81,000 in calendar year 2004 for the City of Morristown. It was decided to review the 2003 budget at the next council meeting.

A memo was received from Wes Bell concerning problems keeping the blowers running at the wastewater treatment plant. He presented a price of \$4,300 to have a blower rebuilt and a price \$8100 for a new blower. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried to have one of the blowers rebuilt at cost of \$4,300.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: Nordmeier

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to grant Wes Bell vacation as requested.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Discussion was held concerning maintenance items that need to be addressed such as sweeping of streets, repair of the chairs at the Community Center and a light at the fire hall that needs to be replaced.

Motion by Allen seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow the city employees to attend a one-day Safety and Loss Control workshop in St. Peter.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Notice was received from Rice County Planning and Zoning regarding a Rice County Comprehensive Water Management Plan technical advisory committee meeting to be held Tuesday, March 25, 2003 in the Government Services Building in Faribault.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,303.93 from the General Fund, \$2,306.84 from the Fire Department Fund, \$184,050.18 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Construction Fund, \$105.70 from the Water Fund and \$1,450 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$1,685.96 from the General Fund, \$392.03 from the Fire Department Fund, \$406.71 from the Water Fund and \$200 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to eliminate the cable franchise committee because of committee inactivity.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to use cable franchise fee money to install and upgrade the cable, telephone and land line at the Community Center.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

A letter was received William Pye inviting the council to a discussion on "How Should We Think About the River" to be held April 1, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

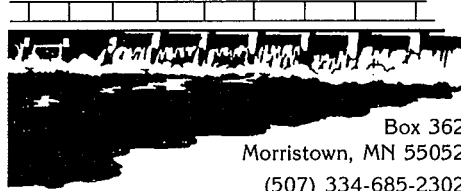
Voting no: None


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, April 7, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 7, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Leon Gregor, Larry Dahle, Tom Linde, Don Nordmeier, Julie Minske, Arlen Krause, Dennis Merritt, Vince Schwartz and Dennis Schmidtke. Absent was Councilmember Steve Nordmeier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Alan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the work session/special meeting held March 17, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2003 which showed a balance of \$2,811.59 in the checking account and \$1,062,137.49 in the investment accounts.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the March, 2003 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for March, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Leon Gregor reported that he and several members of the Fire Department negotiated rural fire contracts with the township officers and he explained how the fees were determined.

The 2003 contract fees are Blooming Grove Township \$4,570, Warsaw Township \$28,957, Shieldsville Township \$11,528, Morristown Township \$19,624 and Deerfield Township, \$2,544.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Gregor also reported that the Morristown Fire Relief Association decided not to donate to the Dollars for Scholarship this year but will instead start a scholarship program for Waterville-Elysian-Morristown students in the Morristown Fire District.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of March, 2003 as presented. The report included the following comments:

- The Council needs to discuss the purchase of different sized banners for the new street lights because the banners we have are too long for the poles.
- Crane Creek will be coming soon to finish the 2002 Rice County street project.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to have a closed meeting for employee evaluations and to set the meeting as soon as possible.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Wenker seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held March 20, 2003 as printed. The report included the following discussion and action:

- An application was received from Tom Linde and Shari Dwyer to build a house south of the creek in Meschke South Haven Addition. Tom questioned whether he could extend 2nd Street S.W. across the creek to the property. He also questioned extending water and sewer to the site.
- A Conditional Use Hearing was held to hear reasons for or against a request from Roland Rutz to change a house at 23 East Bloomer Street from a business/single family home to a multi-family dwelling with one area being light commercial. Two people were present at the hearing and the permit was approved.
- A "Time of Sale Inspection Program" for mobile homes was discussed.
- An application was received from the City of Morristown to rezone city owned property that the Community Center is built on from "Agricultural" to "Highway Commercial". The property is located at 402 Division Street South. It was decided to have a public hearing April 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
- A mobile home moved onto Lot 44 meets setback requirements but a deck and shed have been built without first obtaining a zoning permit.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker to proceed with notification to the owner to remove the shed and deck on Lot 44 and also to issue them a ticket for noncompliance.

Tom Linde was present to discuss extending 2nd Street S.W. and water and sewer across the creek to the south. It was decided to contact the Carol Caron concerning the request.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Economic Development Authority report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Scott Allen reported that the Skywarn Committee met in March.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Dennis Schmidtke – Asked if the American Legion may serve food after 1:00 p.m. in the club room.
- Dennis Schmidtke – Asked if the Council had set a fee for rental of the Community Hall to non-profit organizations.
- Dennis Merritt – Inquired about the fee to rent the council room at the Community Center.
- Dennis Merritt - Discussed phone service to the maintenance shop, water plant and wastewater treatment plant. It was decided not to have a phone at the maintenance shop because the maintenance man has a cell phone, but to install a new line to the water plant and the wastewater treatment plant. It was decided to move into the Community Center before April 21st. This is the day the phone service will be disconnected at the council chambers and new lines and phones installed at the other buildings.
- Larry Dahle – Suggested to the Council that the soil be tested before the Council agrees to extend 2nd Street S.W.
- Randy Baumgard – Asked when the wall would be built to divide the police office from the skywarn office. No specific date was given.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed and late claims totaling \$4,130.67 from the General Fund, \$2,065.52 from the Fire Department Fund, \$1,271.17 from the Water Fund, \$731.07 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,741.43 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Virginia Schmidtke reported that Morristown will receive a state aid cut of \$18,296 in 2003 and \$34,762 in 2004. Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to table the discussion until the work session/special meeting to be held April 21, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a stove and warming table for the kitchen at the Community Center. Used equipment can be purchased from Ron Geiger for \$800. It was decided to table the matter until the next work session/special meeting.

Virginia Schmidtke presented a bid of \$489 for a commercial Riccar vacuum cleaner from Faribault Vacuum and Sewing Center. The bid included an attachment set valued at \$69.95. It was decided to get a bid from Hillyard Company also.

Vince Schwartz was present and proposed to install a soft drink vending machine at the Community Center and to pay the City ten percent of the sales from the machine. Wenker mentioned that a used vending machine has already been purchased and the city will receive one hundred percent profit from that machine. Motion by Felix, seconded by Allen to allow Vince Schwartz to provide a vending machine as proposed. The motion was defeated.

Voting yes: Allen and Felix

Voting No: Flaten and Wenker

Absent: Nordmeier

Discussion was held with regard to installing acoustical wall panels in the great room at the Community Center. Wenker reported that he received a bid of \$3,975.86 from Metcon Lumber and bid of \$2,100 from Menards for the material. He also presented a bid of \$199 for a 10' x 15' American flag and \$194.30 for a 5' x 8' POW flag. Motion by was made by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to authorize Wenker to purchase acoustical panels and flags with a not to exceed cost of \$2,500.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Wenker reported that Morristown Township offered to purchase cabinets and counters for the skywarn room and council chambers and that they might also purchase cabinets for the clerk's office. A proposal was received from Southern Minnesota Woodcraft of \$5,360. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to authorize spending up to \$2,000 to go towards the cabinets if needed.

It was discussed to look into the cost of a cleaning service to clean the Community Center. Wenker volunteered to contact companies that provide janitorial service.

It was discussed to have an open house at the Community Center. It was decided not to have it the April 26th but to wait until sometime in May.

Mayor Felix stated that he felt work session meetings are getting to be more like regular meetings and suggested that only one or two items be discussed at the meetings with no approval of the previous minutes and no comments and suggestions from citizens present.

The following quote for street maintenance services for the period April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004 was received from Timm's Trucking, Inc.:

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| 1. Loader for snow removal (minimum of 3.5 yard bucket) | \$82.00 per hour |
| 2. Snow plow (grader with wing) | \$59.00 per hour |
| 3. Trucks (minimum capacity of 11 yards dump) | \$48.00 per hour |
| 4. Gravel per yard delivered (Class 5) | \$ 4.60 per yard |
| 5. Screened gravel per yard | \$ 3.70 per yard |

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Timm Trucking as presented and to specify that washed sand be spread on streets in the winter.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Nordmeier

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried to allow open burning from April 15th through May 15th with the same restrictions as in the past.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix and Flaten

Voting No: Wenker

Absent: Nordmeier

Discussion was held concerning whether to hard surface Sydney Street East this year or to use a dust control product. It was suggested to extend the culvert on the south side before hard surfacing is done. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Discussion concerning the sale of the Community Hall at 105 Division Street South was tabled until the next regular meeting.

The Board of Equalization meeting will be held April 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The annual dog immunization clinic will be held May 3, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix and Flaten

Voting No: Wenker

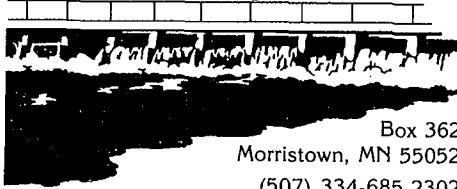
Absent: Nordmeier


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Board of Appeal Meeting April 10, 2003

The annual Board of Appeal meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten and Jeffrey Wenker. Councilmember Steve Nordmeier was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk; Erv Kuchinka, Rice County Assessor; Larry Dahle, Mark Morris and Wendy Wagnen

The purpose of the meeting was to review and correct the assessment of the City of Morristown for the year 2003

Mark Morris asked if ag land in the City was valued the same as ag land in the County. He was told that all ag land is based on soil ratings and ag sales in Rice County.

Larry Dahle questioned the rate increase of his property. Mr. Kuchinka stated that the front footage on all lots in the city was increased from \$375 to \$400 per foot. Mr. Kuchinka agreed to check the limited values on Lots 2 – 5 and 20 – 25 to make sure they are right.

Wendy Wagnen questioned the appraised value of her house at 306 2nd Street S.W. Mr. Kuchinka will meet with her and review the market value and comparable sales.

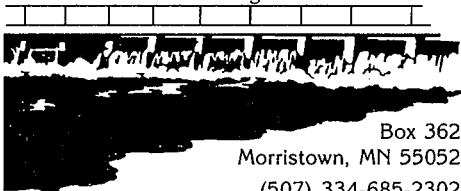
Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Monday, April 21, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer, Tom Linde and Kurt Hildebrandt.

This meeting was the first meeting held in the new Community Center.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to appoint the city clerk to serve on the Morristown Fire Department scholarship program selection committee.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-3.

Resolution 2003-3

WHEREAS, the Morristown Firemen's Relief Association submitted an application to conduct off-site gambling on June 1, 2003 on the grandstand stage, 104 South Division Street, Morristown, Minnesota,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORRISTOWN, RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, to approve the request as per application on file.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to allow the Straight River Strutters to sell tickets and have a Turkey Federation Raffle at Old Town Tavern September 12, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to charge the following fees for rental of the council chambers room: free for non-profit city affiliated organizations, \$10 per hour for seminars and company meetings plus a \$25 cleaning fee if food is served.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously that non-profit organizations not affiliated with the city pay the full rental price to rent the great hall.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to purchase a warming table and stove for \$875 from Ron Geiger.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a vacuum cleaner. It was decided to contact Del Point to have him demonstrate a battery powered automatic scrubber. It was also discussed whether to purchase a backpack vacuum instead of a floor model. It was mentioned that C and S Vending might have a used scrubber for \$500. It was decided to table the purchase any of the above until all of the options are investigated.

Carol Caron, Engineer with Bolton and Menk, Inc., was present to report on findings concerning the Linde/Dwyer water, sewer and street extension request. She recommended installing a pressure system (lift station) for the sanitary sewer. It was discussed whether to require them to extend the water and sewer mains from the existing mains in 2nd Street S. E. and allow them to extend 2nd Street or to build a road and extend utilities from County Road 16. No action was taken.

Carol Caron reported that a cybernet model has been made with all of the city utilities on it so that in the future the city will know where water and sewer mains need to be extended to, if another well is needed or if lift stations need to be installed.

Carol Caron reported that in order for the Geiger's to develop the O'Brien property, at a minimum, they would have to loop the water line. To develop all of the property they will need to install another well for fire flow capacity. She also reported that the waste treatment plant would be capable of supporting the project.

Carol Caron reported that Owatonna Construction would be here soon to complete the Rice County Street Project. She stated that they would compile a punch list as soon as possible.

It was decided not to contract with Vince Schwartz to install a soft drink vending machine at the Community Center but instead, to use the one that was purchased from Ron Geiger.

It was decided to table discussion of an open house at the Community Center until the next meeting.

Discussion was held concerning cutting \$18,296 from the 2003 budget because of the proposed state aid cut. It was discussed to either cut or restructure the following departments:

- Police Department – No overtime on Dam Days, eliminate the part time police officer position, eliminate the full time police department and either contract with Rice County or hire two or three part time police officers.
- Maintenance Department – Hire summer help as needed or hire someone for mowing only.
- City Hall – Eliminate dollars budgeted for deputy clerk
- Snow and Ice Removal – Less sanding of city streets and less plowing of snow.

No action was taken.

Discussion was held to ask those who may walk in the Community Center if they would clean the government center in exchange for walking in the Community Center free of charge.

It was discussed to sponsor a clean up day in May. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,234.80 from the General Fund, \$298.32 from the Fire Department Fund, \$89,838.11 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Construction Fund, \$531.94 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,782.55 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$5,382.53 from the General Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Jeff Wenker presented a bid of \$736 from Jim's Carpet Care and \$1,410 from Pete Fretenberg to clean and wax the great room at the Community Center.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Jim's Carpet Care.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Verdis Flaten presented a sample of a daily time sheet that can be used by city employees for listing duties and accomplishments.

Steve Nordmeier thanked Jeff Wenker and his family for all the volunteer hours they have given installing the acoustical panels in the great hall and cleaning and working at the Community Center.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten, Felix, Wenker and Nordmeier

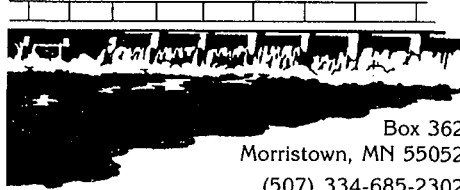
Voting no: None


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City Clerk/Treasurer

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, May 5, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, May 5, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Staff present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker and Randy Baumgard, Police Officer. Approximately seventy-five citizens were present. A list of the citizens present is attached to the original minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Alan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 7, 2003, the Board of Appeals meeting held April 10, 2003 and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held April 21, 2003 as printed.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2003 which showed a balance of \$292.56 in the checking account and \$865,221.40 in the investment accounts
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the April, 2003 Police Department report as printed.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

A letter was received from Jack Blackmer asking the City Council to carefully consider any changes they may make to the police department and recommended establishing a review board to look into various options before making a final decision.

Karen Kallestad presented a petition signed by 316 citizens who wish to keep Randy Baumgard as full-time police chief with benefits and Dave Osborne as part-time officer.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for April, 2003 as presented.
Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of April, 2003 as presented. The report included the following:

- Wes is getting bids to replace the hydrant and valves at the intersection of Bloomer and 4th Street N.W. The cost will be assessed to Rice County.
- Four or five sections of the small slide in the city park are broken. Cost to replace four sections is \$780. It was discussed whether to repair the slide or replace it. It was decided to take the slide down for now.
- Verdis Flaten reported that a culvert in the park is rusted and needs to be dug out and replaced and there is a hole in the paved walkway that needs to be filled. There are also dead trees in the park that need to be removed

Discussion was held concerning hiring a summer maintenance worker. It was discussed to hire someone as needed to do mowing only. Herman Schlie was present and was offered and accepted the position. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to hire Herman Schlie to mow city property as needed if Wes cannot get it done.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held April 23, 2003 as printed. The report included the following discussion and action:

- A request was made by Larry Dahle to change an application he submitted to build a house on Lot 25, Block 1, and South Dahle Addition to either Lot 21 or Lot 22. The request was approved.
- Jack Blackmer presented the City of Faribault's Time of Sale Inspection Ordinance for mobile homes for the Board to review.
- An application received from Tom Linde and Shari Dwyer to build a house south of the creek in Meschke South Haven Addition was discussed. A letter was presented from Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, concerning the request. The letter included the following observations:
 1. The parcel upon which it is proposed to construct the residence by the applicant was created by an unapproved subdivision or conveyance.
 2. The five-acre parcel abuts on the County road, but the County controls access.
 3. A public street or driveway access must be constructed on a lot of record.
 4. There may be difficulties in accessing the property with sewer and water.
 5. It is the responsibility of the landowner to develop plans that meet the requirements of the city Subdivision Zoning Ordinance using the assistance of an engineer if necessary.
 6. The request should be denied.

- The Zoning Board approved an application from Jim and Gloria Lonergan to build a garage and second driveway on property described as Lot 5, Block 3, Meschke South Haven Addition.
- A public hearing was held to hear reasons for or against a request from the City of Morristown to rezone the Community Center from Agricultural to Highway Commercial. No one was present to speak for or against the request and the property was rezoned as requested.
- An application from Russell Bill to build a fence on Lot 4, Block 2, Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition was approved.
- An application from Cannon Valley Lutheran High School to build a new high school at 25625 Independence Avenue expired April 18, 2003.
- A permit issued to Brian Schmitz to build an addition to his house has expired. He asked for was granted an extension until June 1, 2003.
- Two more parking spaces must be installed at the storm shelter in the mobile home park.
- The following permits received final inspection:
 1. David Meschke – A twin Home on Lot 3, Bock 2, Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition.
 2. Mike DeGrood – An addition to the Morris Mart
 3. Luann Hennes – A shed and deck on Lot 41 in the River View Mobile Home Park.
- Discussion was held concerning a request from Kenny Leppert to build a shed on the Leppert Camper Sales property.
- A mobile home on Lot 36 in the Riverview Mobil Home Park has not been moved even though it looks like the utility trenches have been dug.
- There is a mobile home sitting on Verdev Drive that has not been moved for over a month.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the Economic Development Authority report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

There was no Skywarn report.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Mayor Felix asked each person present for comments and suggestion. Those who spoke supported the police department and did not want cuts made to either the full-time or part-time position. Citizens commented on the importance of the department, the good relationship they feel the officers have with the children, the good working relationship they have with Rice County, how helpful and friendly the officers are and the feeling they have of living in a safe and peaceful community.
- Several people asked if the meetings could be taped and aired on Channel 7.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried to pay the printed claims totaling \$15,664.11 from the General Fund, \$1,769.52 from the Fire Department Fund, \$259.93 from the Water Fund, \$7,550.93 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$109.75 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Abstain: Nordmeier

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed late claims totaling \$1,715.38 from the General Fund, \$140.94 from the Fire Department Fund, \$2,239.56 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Construction Fund, \$253.66 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,741.43 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Discussion was held concerning the state aid cut of approximately \$18,296 and the affect it will have on the 2003 budget. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to cut \$10,400 from the proposed deputy clerk position, \$3,000 from the summer maintenance program and \$5,000 from the Local Government Aid reserve fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Wes Bell reported that he has trying out a new battery powered automatic scrubber from Hillyard that works very well to clean the tile floors at the Community Center. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to purchase the scrubber as per bid of \$3,740 bid from Hillyard.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Wes Bell reported that he estimates that it will take approximately 10 to 13 hours per week to clean the Community Center and if there are rentals during the week, it will take 20 or more hours. He will record the numbers of hours he spends at the Community Center this month. It was discussed that it may be necessary to hire someone to clean the Center. The matter was tabled until the work session/special meeting to be held May 19, 2003.

It was discussed to have an open house at the Community Center. It was decided to discuss the matter at the next work session/special meeting.

The purchase of a utility statement box was tabled until the next work/session special meeting.

Discussion was held concerning whether to use a dust control product on Sidney Street East. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to apply chemicals on Sidney Street and to do it seven days before Dam Days.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to purchase two 30 mile per hour speed limit signs to be installed on Sidney Street East and a stop sign to be installed at the intersection of Sidney Street East and Division Street South.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Bernice Sabetti and Timothy Mulligan submitted a purchase agreement to purchase the Community Hall located at 105 Division Street South. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to table the discussion to sell the Hall until the next work session/special meeting.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

A letter was received from Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, addressing a request from the American Legion to serve food after hours in the clubroom. According to Mr. Fischer this would be prohibited under Section 12.5 (a) of Ordinance No. 162. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to deny the request from the American Legion as per the City Attorney's recommendation.

A letter and packet of information was received from Kurt Fischer regarding closed meetings for personnel evaluations. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to table the matter until after Dam Days.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Virginia Schmidtke requested authorization to purchase a secretarial chair from S & T Office Products. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to allow Virginia to purchase a chair of her liking.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

A written request was received from Nicole McGuire for an extension to remove an unlicensed or inoperable vehicle stored at 302 West Bloomer Street. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to grant the request and extend the order until May 17, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None.

Discussion was held concerning what to do about items that are being brought to the compost site other than brush and leaves. It was discussed to man the site, fence it in and have the site open only during certain hours or close it. No action was taken.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with Rice County to participate in the 2003 yard waste program.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the American Legion Post 149 to donate \$100 to the Morristown Fire Department.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Steve Nordmeier reported that Rice County might overlay County Road 44 from the Morris Mart to Leppert's Camper. It was discussed whether or not to upgrade the water main and storm sewer. It was decided that it is not necessary to replace the water main and because the storm sewer runs along the north boulevard it does not have to be replaced either.

Steve Nordmeier reported that the tree grate protectors would be placed around the trees by Dam Days.

Gerald Kokoschke proposed to donate \$10,000 to equip the emergency management kitchen with a stove, refrigerator and sink in exchange for exclusive rights to cater all events at the Community Center for five years. It was decided to place the proposal on the agenda after Dam Days.

A letter was received from Tony, an 11-year-old resident of the City, asking the Council to consider having a small library somewhere in the town.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No:


Virginia Schmidtke
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attendance Council Meeting: May 5, 2003

Name	Address
Robert Whitfield	205 SIDNEY ST. W.
Sharon Wakefield	205 Sidney ST. W.
Ken Marsh	304 N. Division St
Don Marsh	304 N. Division St
Jo Ann Warden	24817 Halland Ave.
Herbert Sorvag	26 Chestnut St
Jack Schwichtenberg	203 N Div ST
Mary Wegner	303 W. Main
Mahmoud Judd	203 N. 4th St
Mary Junt	206 E. Main
Greg Scharfe	Box 266
Jackie Baumgard (Lager)	400 S. DIVISION
Dustin Baumgard	400 S. Division
Alex Baumgard	4100 S. DIVISION
Dave Osborne	PD
Kerren Schlie	9 Muriston
Thelma Schlie	300 W Main
Diane Anderson	204 SE 2nd St.
Jane Burdick	204 North Division
Gerald Klenck	102 Bloomer St W
Hilbur Sherwin	408 SE 3rd St.
Marilyn Sherwin	408 3rd St SE
Mona Langeslag	425 W Franklin St.
Det. Melina	P.O. Box 497
Charles Melina	P.O. Box 497
Dale Dewar	Box 15
Stephanie Martin	1104 4 th Street SW
David Jacko	P.O. Box 205

Name	Address
Reuben Krause	307 W. Main
Claine Krause	" "
Sara Dawson	Box 525
Arden Burke	Box 395
Fred Burke	Box 395
Fammy Bell	32 Charlotte ST.
Wes Bell	32 Charlotte ST
Tim MULLIGAN	301 2 ND ST. SE.
Fernice K. Sabetti	625 Summit St. Ev. MN 55734
JOHN M. BYERS	106 E CHESTNUT MN.
Dawn Dulas	200 E. Chestnut St.
Picky Johnson	24726 Holland Ave.
Arden Krause	406 SW 4 TH ST.
Dennis Johnson	24726 Holland St. Motown.
Victoria Werner	33 Charlotte Morristown
Kerew Kallestad	
Wilma Schindler	23966 Tona Ave 55052
Malcolm Davis	104 N.E 2nd 55052
Ken Koppert	106 East Blaine
Scott Wasmann	102 E. Franklin
Betty Schwartz	306 S. Division
Kathy Oys	400 E. Washington
Helen Newman	106 SW 2nd St
Margaret Bock	Box 321 - 404 E. Washington
Denny Termini	24401 Tona Ave.
Randy Merritt	200 E. Washington St.
Tim Strobel	22310 Halstad
Clay Spring	209. S DIVISION ST
John Schlie	203 W. FRANKLIN ST
Dale Melker	402 SE 3rd St

Name	Address
Jim Hatfield	423 Franklin St. West.
Joseph Duncan	110 South Division
Faye Duncan	400 West main St.
David Merrill	111 9th N
Sharon A. Meschke	111 Ann St. W.
Jessica L. Numan	A Verdev Dr.
Jean M. Wah	305 2nd St NE
Dane Wah	305 2nd St NE
Howard L. Tidman	24366 Holland ave
Harold Kuehl	302 2nd St NE
Harriet Kuehl	302 2nd St NE
Loren A. Dahl	206 E. Chestnut
Allyson Krause	406 4th St SW

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Osbourne as part-time deputy officer**

Signed and address:

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Hala Burke

Fred Burke
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Signed and address:

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Joe ~~1171*~~ 29 Cate St.
Tina Little 29 Cate St

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Sheila Dallmann 3 VerDev Drive
Emily Dallmann 3 VerDev Drive
Heather Hogen 67 Charlotte St

Shawn Engle 57 VerDev Dr
Angela Engle 57 VerDev Dr
Paula Craig 1 VerDev Dr
Christy Craig 1 VerDev Dr

Mike Gardner 14 Cate St.

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Loren a. Dahle

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MORRISTOWN, MN

Rod Brooks

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Kene Sutter

Dora Schmidthe

TOM Schmidthe

Betty Schwartz

John Schlu
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Misty Fester

Ladonna Velke

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Randy Timm
Morrystown
Timm's Trucking

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Steve Davidson

Clara Kratt

Pam Columbus
MSTW

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Laverne Marsh
Morristown

Scott Valentyn

Dale Dulas

Dee Sutter
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And Smith

Len Niedzwialik

Jane Ross
RMHP #65
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Shaw LeMeur

Andy [Signature]

Kelli McMullen

Tom McMullen
(Kelli)

Carolyn Gauthier

Richard Gauthier

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Sarah Valentyn

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<u>Betty Sammon</u>	"	_____
<u>Edmond Condon</u>	"	_____
<u>Mona Sangerlog</u>	"	_____
<u>Jessy David</u>	"	_____
<u>Mark David</u>	"	_____
<u>Heidi Halfeld</u>	"	_____
<u>Jim Halfeld</u>	"	_____
<u>Norval A. Schike</u>	"	_____
<u>Reed Kellogg</u>	"	_____
<u>George Schulz</u>	"	_____
<u>Michael Taylor</u>	"	_____
<u>Ally</u>	"	_____
<u>Barbara L. Rens</u>	"	_____
<u>Rick Schulz</u>	"	_____
<u>Dave Osbourne</u>	"	_____
<u>Matt Schmitt</u>	"	_____
<u>Lucy Schmitt</u>	"	_____
<u>Sandy Ackman</u>	"	_____
<u>Mary Churchill</u>	"	_____
<u>Lois Walburn</u>	"	_____
<u>Ed Walter</u>	"	_____
<u>Clara Kuyper</u>	"	_____
<u>Barbara Chase</u>	"	_____
<u>Kathy A. Chase</u>	"	_____
<u>Pastor Eugene Chase</u>	"	_____
<u>James Schike</u>	"	_____

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**We the undersigned citizens of Morristown, MN wish to keep
Randy Baumgard as full-time Police Chief with benefits and Dave
Osbourne as part-time deputy officer.**

Signed and address:

Karen Kallestad (City of Morristown)	Tom J. J. (City of Morristown)	Bernard K. (City of Morristown)
John K.	Dawn Geller	Betty Schwabe
Elizabeth F. Kallestad	Evelyn Shandy	Jim Duncan
Margaret Davis	Francis Rusty	David G. Jachko
Deb Davis	Richard Shandy	Carol Bordin
Loretta Mertins	Margaret Gack	Melissa Brunel
Arnie Mertins	Kathy Oys	Clarence W. Wische
Ernest Letter	Clarence W. Wische	Ray A. Marsh
Jeggy Letter	Verda W. Wische	Bernard Myslak
Kathy Klinder	Ronald Miller	Richard Anderson
Carl Klinder	Todd Merckle	Jeff Gordon
Randall Wang	Grace H. Foschke	Shel Bradley
Mike Wang	James J. Monar	Fred Muelhens
Jack O'Rourke	Frank A. Colgan	Cheryl Furesz
Brian O'Rourke	Michael Adam	Mary Shaffer
Pat O'Leary	Veronica Stramel	
Blair Fuhr	Roseella Morrison	
Kathy Betty	Mayorie Anderson	
Greg Scharf	Sharon Alexander	
Mary Denzer	John Glynn	
Edye Hoepner	Janet Anderson	
John Hoepner	Gaurie Kolstad	
Diana Kuchka	Raezel Zell	
Ellie Meschke	Janet Schultz	
Sheri Gregory	Janet Schultz	
Dana Garsch	Marie Schumacher	
Michael Schumacher	Anna Spier	

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We the undersigned citizens of Morristown, MN wish to keep Randy Baumgard as full-time Police Chief with benefits and Dave Osbourne as part-time deputy officer.

Signed and address:

Alda Jorgensen
302 N. Division ST
Morristown MN 55052

Barb Heidemann
58 Verden Dr.
Morristown, MN.
55052

Sue Kruger
203 1st NE
Morristown MN 55052

Larry Heidemann
58 Verden Dr
Morristown, MN
55052

Kristi Helgeson
207 W Main St
Morristown MN
55052

Patricia O'Brien
246 31 Hallandale
Morristown MN
55052

Mabel Ellingworth
202 3rd St N.W
Morristown, MN
55022

Allan Schickel
206 E Bloomer
Morristown MN

George Ellingworth
202 3rd St N.W
Morristown, MN
55052

Sue Ann
P.O. Box 9
Morristown MN
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Carri Anita
205 3rd St. NW
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Chris Allen
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Tui Aa
205 3rd St. NW
Morristown MN
55052

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Signed and address:

Ruth Warnemunde
 103 E Franklin
 Murrain, Mo.

Herman Schlie
Thelma Schlie
Ann F. Wagner
Dorothy Schwarz

Agnes Z. Nyrd
Mamie Judd
Leon Dahl
Shirley Dangle

Don Marsh
Ben Marsh
Max Phillips

Jerry Johnson
Betty Simon
Evelyn Scherick-Lenber
Howard Yimm
Norby Butler

Charlie Moline
Deb Moline
Alfred Kimpton
Lierna Kakuuki
John [Signature]

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Signed and address:

~~Ed J. Fish~~ (Morristown)

Melanie Hopman Morristown

Jennifer Hopman ("")

Audrey Lavelle Morristown

Don't P. L...

Kellie Pappas
June Mallick

Alastair Romain

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Signed and address:

Jim Veloshek
404 SW 2nd, Great
Sheri Veloshek
404 SW 2nd St

Jim Zmergan
1207 Parkway
Gloria Zmergan
203 Sorey St.

JIM HILPIRE
301 W. THURVEY

Dawn Dulas
Box 15
Morristown

Vivian Dulas

Morristown

~~scribble~~

29 April, 2003

To: Mayor and City Council, City of Morristown
From: Jack Blackmer
Subject: Police Department

It has come to my attention that the City Council is considering changes to the Morristown Police Department and that several of the changes being considered include:

- deleting the part time officer position
- replacing present force with 3 part time officers
- contract with Rice County sheriff
- or, possibly, not making any changes at all

I understand that in this time of budget funding cuts that the council needs to address all areas of city operation to determine where cuts can/must be made.

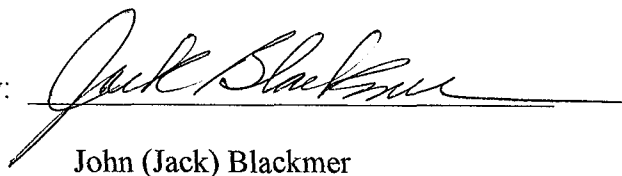
I only address this matter as a concerned party and to provide support to needed police coverage in the city. Any problems concerning individual persons or officers is another matter. What does concern me is that whatever changes are made are done only after a thorough investigation into all aspects of the services being addressed. In the case of the police department areas which need to be addressed include, but are not limited to, labor cost, hours of coverage provided, operational costs, management/control of the department.

If the council is seriously considering making changes to the police department I feel it is important that the council takes any action in an orderly manner, including establishing a review board made up of several council and non council persons to look into the various options before making a final decision. With my background in this matter within the city of Morristown I would be available and willing to be part of the review.

I am also willing to discuss this matter in more detail but will be out of town for the next council meeting. I will be back in town on May 11th. I will make every effort to be at the first council meeting after my return.

I will also be interested learning more about what other areas of city expenses are being addressed (fire and maintenance department, etc.).

Sincerely:

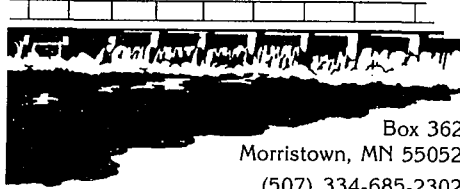

John (Jack) Blackmer

CC: Morristown Police Department

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Monday, May 19, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Mulligan, Bernice Sabetti, John Byers and Darrel Hopman. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Bernice Sabetti and Tim Mulligan presented a purchase agreement for the purchase of the Community Hall located at 105 Division Street South. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to decline the offer based the selling price of \$45,000 that was set several months ago.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Darrel Hopman recommended that a committee be formed to evaluate the Community Hall to see what uses there may be for it and what benefit it may be to the Community. Steve Nordmeier stated that someone else is interested in the building also but they have not submitted a bid. All of the Councilmembers present agreed that the building is worth more than \$25,000, that it should be placed on the tax rolls and that the City does not have any interest in owning or maintaining the building any longer. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to appoint Darrel Hopman to form and head a committee to look at other proposals and to have the proposals to the council by the work session/special meeting to be held July 17, 2003.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to advertise the sale of the Community Hall on cable Channel 7 that full plans for the building and a bid be presented to the Council by July 17, 2003 and that disposal of the building will be done at that meeting.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Steve Nordmeier announced that the Morristown Fire Department voted to give the City \$3,000 for summer maintenance help from the Morristown Fire Relief Gambling Fund. Wes Bell asked if he could hire one or two teenagers for the summer. It was decided to advertise on cable Channel 7 for summer workers.

Wes Bell reported that the weed whip is broke and that it would cost \$120 to repair it. It was decided to use the multi-purpose trimmer for trimming.

The following bids were received to install a gate valve and hydrant at the intersection of 4th Street N. W. and Bloomer Street. The bids were Dahle Enterprises \$1,250 and Timm's Trucking, Inc. \$990. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the low bid from Timm's Trucking provided that the cost for the hydrant, valve and installation will be paid by Rice County.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Discussion was held concerning vandalism to the slides in the park. Several sections of the small slide have been broken and holes have been burnt into the large slide. It was decided to take the small slide down and look into the cost of new playground equipment.

Steve Nordmeier reported that the shingles on the roof of the well house are blowing off and the metal door is deteriorating.

Steve Felix left at this point in the meeting. The time was 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to flush hydrants on the first Monday of each month instead of the first Wednesday and to begin the new schedule on the first Monday in July.

Voting yes: Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Felix

John Byers presented a petition asking the Council to blacktop or apply dust control to all of the roads in South Dahle Addition. The Council had decided at the May 5, 2003 meeting to apply a dust control product before Dam Days. Nordmeier announced that the product would be applied to all the gravel streets in Meschke Addition and South Dahle Addition.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve an application from Lake Region Ducks Unlimited for a lawful gambling exemption permit at the American Legion on October 1, 2003 and to approve the application with no waiting period.

Discussion was held concerning the following Community Center issues:

- It was decided to issue a key to the Morristown Historical Society, two keys to Morristown Township, one key to the WEM school for evacuation purpose only and one key to Herman Schlie.
- Wait until everything is completed before having an open house.
- It was discussed to have one or two people set up and take down the tables and chairs.
- It was discussed to hire someone to clean. It was decided to prepare job description for a part time or on call custodian.
- Future discussions should include a public address system and construction of a wall in the safety center.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-4. The matter was adopted by motion at the May 5, 2003 meeting and should have been adopted by resolution.

Resolution 2003-4

**A RESOLUTION DENYING AN APPLICATION
FOR A ZONING PERMIT**

WHEREAS, Shari Dwyer and Tom Linde have applied for a zoning permit to construct a single family residence (see Application for Property Description); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended denial of the Zoning Permit Application; and

WHEREAS, the matter was before the Council on May 5, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Application for Zoning Permit by Shari Dwyer and Tom Linde to construct a single-family residence is denied for the reasons set forth herein.

1.1. The parcel in question is approximately five (5) acres abutting County Road 19. The property was subdivided and recorded without approval or waiver under the City Subdivision Ordinance. (Section 7.2)

1.2. While the parcel abuts County Road 16 it is not clear that there is access and the proposed house is situated on the west side with a proposed access off the end of Second Street. There is no dedicated right-of-way and the access to the house requires a private easement from an intervening property owner. There is no evidence that that easement has been obtained. Further, use of such easements would conflict with the purposes and goals of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. (Subdivision Ordinance Section 1.5.D.)

1.3. Construction of a single-family residence requires connection to City sewer and water. There are no plans submitted to the City indicating how that will be accomplished or that there are proposals consistent with the needs of the public systems. There are no engineering plans indicating how sewer and water will be provided for this residence or future potential development on the site. (Subdivision Ordinance Section 8.3; Sewer and Water Ordinances)

Voting yes: Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Felix

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to discontinue cleanup day this year because of budget cuts.

Voting yes: Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Felix

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed and late claims totaling \$6,088.80 from the General Fund, \$652.04 from the Fire Department Fund, \$50,825 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Debt Fund, \$48,874.38 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Construction Fund, \$51 from the Water Fund, \$66 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$46 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Felix

A letter was received from Jim Hermel, Dam Days Parade Chairman, announcing that the City Council's parade line-up number is twenty-five. Jeff Wenker agreed to purchase candy for the parade.

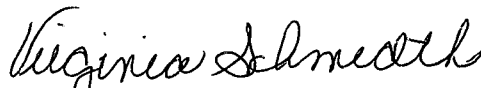
An invitation was received from the Rice County Community Health Services to attend a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 to discuss public health problems and needs in Rice County.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Voting yes: Flaten, Wenker and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Felix

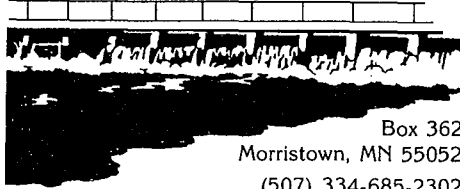


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, June 2, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten and Steve Nordmeier. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Jack Blackmer, Zoning Board Chairman and Randy Baumgard, Police Officer. Also present were Rose Schweisthal, Mike Tupa, Dawn Dulas and Tim Strobel. Councilmember Jeffrey Wenker was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 2003, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held May 19, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2003 which showed a balance of \$40,395.24 in the checking account and \$773,641.09 in the investment accounts

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the May, 2003 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for May, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of May, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

It was decided to purchase weed killer and spray the crab grass in the ballpark.

Nordmeier reported that Rice County would blacktop fifty feet of Sidney Street East from Division Street. It was discussed to blacktop the next fifty feet to go past the entrance to the Community Center. Nordmeier is to look into the cost.

Nordmeier reported that Rice County decided to mill County Road 16 from the Morris Mart to Leppert Camper and that it will be done sometime this summer.

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held May 15, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Jack Blackmer presented the City of Faribault's Time of Sale Inspection Ordinance for mobile homes. He explained the program and reported the Zoning Board recommended the ordinance be forwarded to the city attorney for review and a Time of Sale Inspection ordinance be adopted. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to send the ordinance to the city attorney for change and review.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the Economic Development Authority report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Allen reported that Skywarn met and inspected the pagers.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- John Schlie asked what the time line is for moving the file cabinets and cupboards from the fire hall. He was told that it would be done as soon as possible.
- Randy Baumgard asked about moving the cabinets and desk from the fire hall and whether the city should hire a carpenter to move and install them. It was decided to seek volunteer help.

- Randy Baumgard asked if a streetlight could be installed on the pole at the intersection of Division Street South and Sidney Street East. Mayor Felix volunteered to look into the request.
- Randy Baumgard asked that a "police parking only" sign be installed in one of the parking stalls.
- Randy Baumgard reported that someone has started to cleanup the area around Stewart Repair.
- Tim Strobel had a purchase agreement to present for the purchase of the Community Hall at 105 Division Street South. It was decided to table the matter until the July 21st meeting.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to pay the printed and late claims totaling \$5,932.29 from the General Fund, \$604.12 from the Fire Department Fund, \$2,544.94 from the Water Fund and \$1,309.54 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Rose Schweisthal was present to discuss water runoff onto her property from property to the west owned by Darrel Hopman. She explained that during the construction of the Rice County Street project, material removed from the streets was hauled to the site west of her and leveled even with Franklin Street changing the flow of the water. She asked if Darrel had applied for a permit for an aggregate pit or for a permit to change the elevation of a lot. It was discussed whether the added fill would undermine Franklin Street. Mike Tupa stated that sand from a sand pile on the property causes a dust bowl on dry days. Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to send a certified letter to Darrel Hopman stating that he must put the land and grade it back the way it was because it changed the water flow, it was not clean fill and that he allowed the elevation to change without first obtaining a permit and that he must do so within ten days.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Rose Schweisthal asked whether a horse pasture would be allowed within the city limits. It was decided to refer the question to the Zoning Board.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a request to the American Legion Post 149 Gambling Fund for \$500 and donate the money to the Morristown Softball Association.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

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A letter was received from the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board announcing the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board goal to increase public awareness of potential contamination problems associated with shallow disposal systems.

A publication was received from the Office of the State Auditor showing the 2001 revenue, expenditures and debt of Minnesota cities under 2500 in population.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

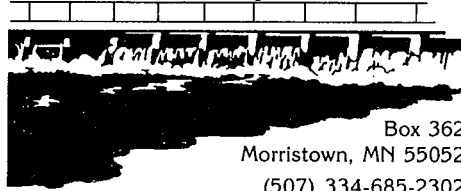
Absent: Wenker


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Monday, June 16, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, June 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten and Steve Nordmeier. Councilmember Jeffrey Wenker arrived at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker; Dennis Merritt, John Blackmer and Ginny Dahle. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Dennis Merritt was present and reported that he raised the necessary funds to purchase a stage for the Community Center. The following businesses donated \$500 each: Cannon Valley Communications, D & L Real Estate, Dahle Enterprise, Dahle Landscaping, Faribo Insurance, Hoffman and Hoffman, Hwy Ag Services, Lake Country Community Bank, Meschke Construction, Morris Mart, Morristown Commercial Club, Nordmeier Bros. Chevrolet, Old Town Tavern, Park Electric, Rutz Organ Company, Timm's Trucking and Wholesale Tire. Dennis showed a video on the Trouper stage from Wenger, Inc. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to purchase the stage at a cost of \$8,448 and to use any money left over to purchase a plaque to be hung at the Community Center.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen and Wenker

Dennis Merritt reported that Todd Engebretson agreed to take a look at the Community Center to see what can be done about the acoustics.

Jeffrey Wenker arrived at this point in the meeting.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that ten applications were received for the position of summer youth worker. The council reviewed the applications. Wes Bell stated that he would like the Council to hire one youth at this time and one or two more at a later date. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to hire Jonathon Bohner for first hiring of summer youth.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Ginny Dahle presented a clock to the Council from Dahle Enterprises that is to be hung in the city clerk's office. The Council thanked Dahle Enterprises for the beautiful clock.

Steve Nordmeier reported that the water heater in the Fire Hall is not working and has to be replaced. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to authorize Steve Nordmeier to purchase a water heater and have Wes Bell install it.

An application for a city business license was received from Brian Amundsen. The business proposes sell used autos at 100 Franklin Street West formerly operated by Butch Wilson. Information received from Jack Blackmer indicated that this business requires a conditional use permit based on section 8.11 A., B., and H. of the Morristown Zoning Ordinance Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to have a conditional use hearing on Monday, July 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. to hear reasons for or against the request.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Two change order proposals were received from Larson Contracting. One change order was an addition to the contract by providing and installing drip edges above three doors for an additional cost of \$140. It was decided that the city would not pay the additional cost as the drip edges should have been required to be installed in the original contract. The second change order was a deduction from the contract of \$800 to delete 16,000 square feet of seeding. It was discussed whether 16,000 square feet included all of the lot. The area not to be seeded only includes the proposed parking lot to the north and the area in front of the building. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried authorizing the Mayor to sign change order number 16 deleting the seeding after Steve Nordmeier determines the area to be deleted.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten and Wenker

Voting no: None

Abstain: Nordmeier

Absent: Allen

Steve Felix volunteered to contact Leon Dahle with regard to the cost of preparing the ground and delivering sod to sod between the Community Center building and the sidewalk. It was decided to get a cost to lay the sod also. The Councilmembers may decide to lay the sod themselves.

Discussion was held with regard to constructing a parking lot on the north side of the Community Center. Steve Nordmeier reported that Larry Dahle scraped off the black dirt. It was decided to look at the site after the meeting. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to start construction of the added parking lot to be covered with crushed rock.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to grant Harlan Melchert an on-sale liquor license and an off-sale liquor license for the year July 1, 2003 – July 1, 2004 as per application on file.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried to grant T and T Partnership an on-sale liquor license, an off-sale liquor license and a Sunday liquor license for the year July 1, 2003 – July 1, 2004 as per application on file.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to grant the American Legion Post 149 a club on-sale liquor license and a Sunday liquor license for the year July 1, 2003 – July 1, 2004 as per application on file.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to grant the Morristown Baseball Association a non-intoxicating on-sale liquor for the year July 1, 2003 – July 1, 2004 as per application on file.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to grant the Morristown Commercial Club a non-intoxicating on-sale liquor for the year July 1, 2003 – July 1, 2004 as per application on file.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,761.67 from the General Fund, \$559.55 from the Fire Department Fund, \$14.74 from the Water Fund, \$99.50 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,141.43 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Steve Nordmeier reported that Archambault Bros. Disposal will not bill the city for garbage service at the Community Center until July, 2003.

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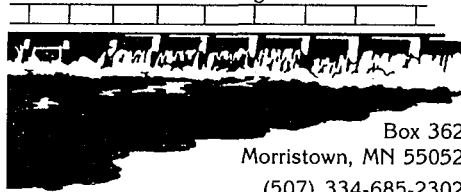
Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting no: None
Absent: Allen


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, July 7, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 7, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Rose Schweisthal, Mike Tupa, Larry Dahle, Paul Winkelman and Paul Davidson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 2, 2003, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held June 16, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2003 which showed a deficit of \$35,392.78 in the checking account and \$609,998.45 in the investment accounts

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the June, 2003 Police Department report as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for June, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Discussion was held concerning a possible violation of the nuisance ordinance. Virginia Schmidtke reported that according to Kurt Fischer, there is a mechanism for inspecting the structure under Minnesota statute. The matter was tabled until Mr. Fisher can meet with John Schlie.

Steve Nordmeier reported that a water heater has been purchased for the Fire Hall.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of June, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

No bids were received to replace the culverts in the park.

Discussion was held concerning a request from Paul Winkelman to move a house onto Lots 9 and 10, Block 5, Nathan's Addition. The Morristown Zoning Board held a conditional use hearing June 19, 2003 as required in Sections 6.13 L and 11.17 of Morristown Zoning Ordinance 170. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to allow Paul Winkelman to move in a house as per application on file.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held June 19, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Paul Davidson was present to discuss a subdivision he proposes to develop on thirty acres west of Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition. He asked if the city would financially assist with the sanitary sewer and water mains, a lift station or streets. It was suggested that he have an engineer do a soil survey of the property. It was decided to explore ways the city can help such as grants, low interest loans or special assessments.

There was no Economic Development Authority report, as the committee did not meet because a quorum was not present.

Allen reported that Skywarn had two calls in June. Discussion was held concerning an inquiry from Nancy Morris as to who will install the computer, antenna and radios when Skywarn moves from the fire call to the Community Center. Scott Allen stated that he thought the Skywarn members could do it.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Rose Schweisthal and Mike Tupa asked what action was taken regarding their concern of water runoff from Darrel Hopman's property. It was explained that a certified letter was sent to Darrel notifying him that he must put the land and grade it back the way it was because it changed the water flow, it was not clean fill and that he allowed the elevation to change without first obtaining a permit. To date, the certified letter had not been delivered. It was decided to send the information to the city attorney for prosecution.
- Larry Dahle questioned the time it takes the city attorney to respond to questions and directives from the council. Several of the Councilmembers also expressed dissatisfaction to slow responses on civil questions.

- Randy Baumgard reported that water seeped into both entryways at the Community Center and that both entryways are full of bugs.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$7,356.96 from the General Fund, \$14,771.40 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Construction Fund, \$700.59 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$2,786.04 from the Water Fund, \$554.77 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,931.91 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$487.09 from the General Fund and \$5,632.39 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-5.

Resolution 2003-5

WHEREAS, the Morristown Zoning Board recommends that an ordinance be adopted implementing the time of sale inspection for manufactured homes, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the supply of safe, sanitary, and adequate manufactured homes and to prevent the deterioration of the existing stock of manufactured homes in the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN to adopt Ordinance No. 173 titled "An Ordinance Implementing Time of Sale Inspection for Manufactured Homes".

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2003

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to have a closed meeting on July 21, 2003 following the work session/special meeting to evaluate the performance of the city full time employees.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

It was decided to have the three full time employees complete detailed time sheets for the next two weeks.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-6.

Resolution 2003-6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, to adopt Ordinance 174 titled "An Ordinance Establishing Rules for the Organization and Procedure of the City Council of the City of Morristown".

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-7

RESOLUTION 2003-7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Morristown Police Department enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for the project entitled SAFE & SOBER COMMUNITIES during the period from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Felix is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Morristown Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rice County Sheriff Richard Cook, his successor or assigns, is hereby authorized to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant on behalf of the Morristown Police Department.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Randy Baumgard reported that in the past, the City has received a digital breath tester and a tint meter for participating in the Safe and Sober Communities program.

A request from the Morristown Historical Society to hire a community service worker to reattach the tin to the Feed Mill was tabled.

There was no information concerning the Community Center rental fees, improvements to the emergency management kitchen or the acoustics.

Mayor Felix presented a bid of \$966 from Dahle Landscaping to prepare and deliver sod at the Community Center to sod the areas between the building and the sidewalk. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Dahle Landscaping as presented. The Councilmembers volunteered to lay the sod after it is delivered.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Steve Nordmeier presented a bid of \$6,655 from M & W Blacktopping to Sidney Street West from County Road 16 to just past the entrance to the Community Center. Rice County will pay for the first 50 feet from the center of County Road 16 for a cost of \$2,120. The City of Morristown's share of the cost is \$4,535. The project includes shaping and compacting the existing gravel and installing a two-inch base and a two-inch wear lift. Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the bid as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve Change Order Number 5 from Larson Contracting. The change order includes a deduct of \$250 to not install Gypsum board soffit in Room 101 and a deduct of \$800 to remove .3 acre of seeding from the original 1.3 acre.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to notify the Rice County Auditor that the polling place has been changed to 402 Division Street South and ask them to send a notice to the registered voters.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.
Voting No: None

Information was received from CenterPoint Energy concerning a grant that is available through the Community Partnership Grant Program for public space beautification or public safety equipment.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that according to the 911 Emergency Center, an address was given to Melanie Hopman on a road that does not exist. Either a dedicated street must be built to the south that is capable of being driven on by rescue vehicles or the address has to be changed. The address cannot be 4th Street S.W. because the property does not abut 4th Street S.W. It was decided to seek legal advice from the city attorney.

A letter was received from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency thanking the City for submitting the annual report for land application of biosolids. The letter stated that the report was complete and well done as received.

A notice was received from the Minnesota Rural Water Association announcing that the sixth annual rural summit will be held August 3 to 5, 2003 at the Minnesota State University Mankato.

Steve Felix stated that he would have a streetlight installed at the intersection of Sidney Street West and County Road 16.

Jeff Wenker volunteered to look into the donation or purchase of a flag at the Community Center.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

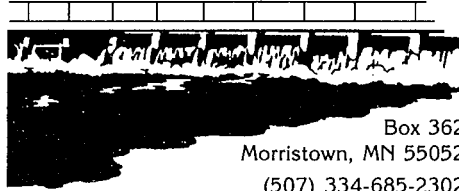


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting Monday, July 21, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Mammie Judd, Mary Wegner, Jack Schwichtenberg, Darrel Hopman, Tim Strobel, Larry Dahle, John Blackmer, Ed Schlaak and Brian and Rodney Amundson. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Steve Nordmeier presented a revised bid of \$481.32 from Dahle Landscaping to prepare and deliver sod at the Community Center to sod the areas between the building and the sidewalk. The ordinal bid of \$966 included all of the area south of the building but that ground has been seeded. It was decided to contact Leon Dahle to see if he could prepare the ground and deliver the sod on Thursday. Steve Felix stated that he would call volunteers to help lay the sod on Thursday evening. It was decided to lay cement by the utility payment box and in front of the southwest doors to the sidewalk.

Three bids were received to purchase the community hall located at 105 Division Street South. The bids were:

Edward Schlaak	\$30,000
Bernice Sabetti & Tim Mulligan	\$25,000
Loren Dahle	\$18,000

A letter was received from Darrel Hopman recommending that the building be retained by the City to be used for a youth center. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to sell the building to Edward Schlaak as is with a non-competing clause that it cannot be used as a dance hall.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Discussion was held concerning whether or not to lower the rental fees for the Community Center. No action was taken.

Jeff Wenker reported that Dennis Merritt is waiting for a plan to solve the acoustical problem at the Community Center.

At 7:30 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a Conditional Use Hearing was held to hear reasons for or against a request from Brian Amundson to operate a used auto sales business at 100 Franklin Street West formerly operated by B and W Auto Sales.

Those who spoke were:

1. Jack Blackmer: Against because of the poor visibility to see cars coming from the west if cars waiting to be sold are parked on the boulevard or along the street north of the curb.
2. Darrel Hopman: Commented on the safety issue. Suggested that a stipulation be made that no cars may be parked on the boulevard. He also suggested that the curb be painted yellow again.
3. Jack Schwichtenberg: Commented on the poor visibility and the small size of the lot.
4. Randy Baumgard: Recommended setting conditions if the business is allowed.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried to grant a conditional use permit to Brian Amundson to operate a used auto sales business as requested with the following conditions:

1. That no cars may be parked on the sidewalk or boulevard going west
2. No cars shall be parked 30 feet from the stop sign or inside the cross walk going west for more than 48 hours.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten and Wenker

Voting no: None

Abstain: Nordmeier

Absent: Allen

The Conditional Use Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

It was discussed to test the portable generator at the Community Center to make sure it works at that building.

Discussion was held concerning whether to require Darrel Hopman to donate 33 feet of property or 50 feet of property to build Washington Street West. The City owns 33 feet south of Block 27, Adams and Allen's Addition. The Zoning Board recommended that 50 feet be donated, that a 66 foot road be built and that the remaining 17 feet be dedicated to the owners of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition so that they have a front and side yard setback that is in compliance with Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to require Darrel Hopman to donate 50 feet as recommended by the Zoning Board.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

The Council was encouraged to read and study the Morristown Subdivision Ordinance. It was decided to review it at the August work session/special meeting.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,087.32 from the General Fund, \$93.82 from the Fire Department Fund, \$1,015.87 from the Water Fund, \$1,419.86 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$91.56 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

Complaints have been received concerning a house on Division Street that may be a fire hazard and that has junk and debris in the yard. A letter was received from Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, recommending that the Fire Chief inspect the structure to see if it violates the Uniform Fire Code. Randy Baumgard stated that the Fire Chief does not want to be involved and that he is going to address the outdoor nuisances and will inspect the inside if the property owner will allow him to do so.

A notice was received from Rice County Planning and Zoning concerning an informational meeting on Transfer Development Rights and Clustering to be held July 23 and 28 in the Rice County Board Room. Nordmeier and Wenker volunteered to attend the meeting.

A notice was received from Rice County Planning and Zoning regarding a meeting to be held August 12, 2003 to consider adding Truck Terminal and Repair Facilities to the Conditional Uses in the Highway Commercial District.

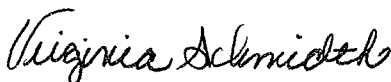
Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten to close the meeting for personnel evaluations of the three full time city employees.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

Absent: Allen

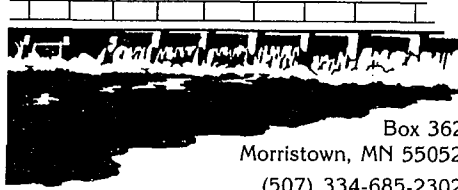


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, August 4, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 4, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Rose Schweisthal, Mike Tupa, Dennis Merritt, Dennis Schmidtke, Darrell Haag Jr., Jack Schwichtenberg, Loren Dahle and Mary Wegner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 7, 2003, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held July 21, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2003 which showed a deficit of \$2,659.06 in the checking account and \$631,203.37 in the investment accounts

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the July, 2003 Police Department report and calendar as printed and authorize the two police officers to attend the Pursuit Driving Course.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for July, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

John Schlie reported that members of the Fire Department are going to discuss whether to purchase six new pagers and six new radios for the Department at their next meeting. The cost of the six pagers is \$2,747 and the cost of six radios is \$2,140.

Steve Nordmeier announced that applications are being taken for fire fighters.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of July, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

The following maintenance items were discussed:

- There were no bids to replace the culvert in the park. Wes Bell stated that he is waiting to hear from the Department of Natural Resources.
- Steve Nordmeier reminded Wes Bell to record the number of hours he spent sweeping the County Road by the Feed Mill so that it can be billed to Mathy's Asphalt.
- It was questioned whether or not the shingles have been replaced on the pump house. Wes Bell reported that he does not know how to shingle and suggested that the city hire someone to do it. No action was taken.
- Wes Bell reported that BMT Electric is working to get the electricity hooked up so the generator can be tested at the Community Center. The Center was wired for one-phase but the city's generator is three-phase.
- It was discussed to store the Christmas lights at either the Community Center or the Maintenance Shop.
- John Schlie questioned whether something could be done to get more flow from the well at the Maintenance Shop. It was suggested to check the valves to see if they are wide open or to check the motor. John also questioned whether it would be possible to draw water from the hydrant rather than the spout because of safety issues. It was decided it could be done by shutting off and turning on certain valves.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to allow Wes Bell to attend the 2003 MPCA Wastewater Training Seminar and test for his Class C license.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

The following items were discussed regarding the Zoning Board report:

- Darrel Hopman will donate 50 feet of property to the City to develop Washington Street West into a 66-foot street. The land is located south of the 33 feet the city owns platted as Washington Street West south of Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition. The remaining 17 feet will be dedicated to Melanie Hopman and Ray Marsh so their property is in compliance with the front and side yard setback of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Darrel Hopman plans to plat two lots south of the new street.
- Darrel Hopman presented a sketch of a proposed subdivision south of Adam's and Allen's Addition to the Zoning Board. The homes in the subdivision would probably be built on slabs instead of full basements and that he would build and sell the houses.
- All of the above items have been discussed with Carol Caron, City Engineer.

- A letter was received from Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, stating that Darrel Hopman did not violate the Morristown Zoning Ordinance by placing fill on his property and that any water run which may or may not cause damage to Rose Schweisthal's property is a private matter.
- Mike Tupa questioned whether something could be done about the noxious weeds on Darrel's property. Scott Allen volunteered to contact the Rice County Weed Inspector.

Motion by Flaten seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held July 17, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

A letter was received from Lowell Ackerman requesting an extension to comply with the 10-day nuisance order notice. Randy Baumgard reported that he inspected the yard and issued him a nuisance removal order but that he was not allowed into the house. It was discussed to obtain a warrant so the State Fire Marshall can inspect the inside of the house. It was also discussed to contact the Rice County Public Health Department. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to allow Lowell Ackerman a 15-day extension to remove the nuisances.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

There was no Economic Development Authority report, as the committee did not meet because a quorum was not present.

Julie Minske presented the following Community Hall manager's report:

- Three dances are scheduled during the next two months.
- Six events are scheduled for 2004
- She is currently working on marketing the building on the web site, radio ads, business cards and flyers.

Dennis Merritt reported that he received the following ideas in regard to solving the acoustical problem at the Community Center:

- It was suggested to line the wells in the ceiling with fiberglass and then cover the entire well with a false ceiling.
- Hanging vertical panels from the ceiling.
- Dennis contacted A. G. Strobel, Inc., and he is waiting for their recommendation.
- Piano wire strung on the ceiling will not work.

Discussion was held with regard to lowering the fee to rent the Community Center to make it more attractive for people to rent. It was also suggested that the rental fee for non-profit organizations be reviewed. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to lower the Community Center rent \$100.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to refund \$100 each to those who have paid a down payment for future rentals.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

It was decided to contact a licensed plumber and have the water plumbed to the sink in the emergency management kitchen. Steve Felix volunteered to contact a plumber.

There was no skywarn report.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Dennis Schmidtke asked about repairing the eave trough that was damaged by a backhoe during construction of the street project. He was told to have the eave trough repaired and submit a bill to the City and Owatonna Construction will pay it.
- Loren Dahle asked if the Councilmembers could meet in the police office after the meeting to discuss placement of the cabinets.
- Randy Baumgard stated that he cleaned the entryways, two small bathrooms and vacuumed the hallway. He offered to volunteer to clean these areas if they do not get cleaned.
- Carrie Schmidtke, Pam Golombeski and Charlene Hildebrant were present and requested that stop signs be installed at the intersection of 2nd Street S. E. and Ann Street. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried to install four-way stop signs. Allen and Flaten voted yes; Felix, Nordmeier and Wenker voted no. The motion was defeated. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen to install three-way stop signs. Flaten rescinded the motion. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to install two-way east and west stop signs. Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker. Voting No: None.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,494.80 from the General Fund, \$4,781.64 from the Water Fund, \$36,783 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,741.43 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$299.95 from the General Fund, \$63.34 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, 399.47 from the Water Fund and \$128.16 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Loren Dahle requested that the City contact Community Corrections to see if the City can get a community service worker to reattach the tin to the Feed Mill. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to contact Community Corrections and request a worker as recommended by the Morristown Historical Society.

Discussion was held with regard to having an open house at the Community Center. It was decided to table the matter until the acoustical problem is solved.

Darrell Haag Jr. and Dennis Schmidtke were present to discuss allowing the bars and American Legion to stay open until 2:00 a.m. The liquor ordinance allows liquor establishments to be open until 1:00 a.m. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to table the matter until more information is received.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Virginia Schmidtke reported that 18 street signs should be repaired or replaced. It was decided to order the signs as needed. It was discussed to remove the yellow pedestrian signs by the maintenance shop. Steve Felix volunteered to see if the brackets on the streetlights could be raised so the flags can be hung on them.

A letter was received from Abdo, Eick & Meyers offering to give the city clerk direction, training and support to implement the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 that must be in place by December 31, 2004. Cost of the service is approximately \$1,000. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried to hire Abdo, Eick and Meyers to teach and assist the clerk as recommended.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Jack Schwichtenberg and Mary Wegner asked if the walkers could walk at the Community Center once the Community Hall is sold. Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to allow the walkers to walk in the Community Center free of charge as long as they sweep the floor once a week.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Steve Nordmeier presented a bid of \$4,320 from M & W Blacktopping to remove all of the old blacktop, regrade, pave with a two inch lift and a two inch wear lift in the alley of Block 24, Adams and Allen's Addition and a bid of \$1,365 to patch two areas in Sidney Street West. Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the bid from M & W Blacktopping.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve a bid of \$1,777.63 from Dave's Electronics to upgrade and reprogram the siren.

A thank you was received from Kurt Fischer for the flowers sent for his father's funeral.

A thank you was received from Southern Minnesota Woodcraft Inc. for the opportunity to serve the City.

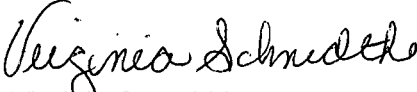
Jeff Wenker reported that he, Steve Nordmeier and Loren Dahle attended the Rice Council Commissioners meeting regarding cluster housing.

Steve Felix encouraged the Councilmembers to read and study the City's subdivision ordinance before the work session/special meeting to be held August 18, 2003.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

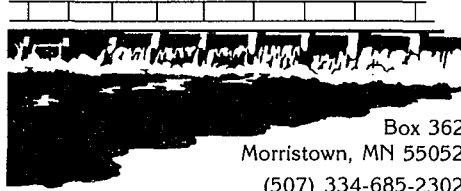
Voting No: None


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Work Session/Special Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke City Clerk/Treasurer; Rose Schweishtal, Mike Tupa and Darrel Hopman

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

A bid of \$8,325 was received from A.G. Strobel, Inc. to furnish and install acoustical baffles in the Community Center. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the bid from A.G. Strobel on the condition that the baffles can be installed before September 6, 2003 and, if they cannot install them before September 6th, to see if the baffles can be delivered to the Community Center and the council will install them.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

The current city subdivision ordinance was reviewed. Virginian Schmidtke presented sections of ordinances from Elko, Waterville, Elysian, Faribault and Waseca. It was discussed to update the city's ordinance by adding sections on storm sewer and drainage, curb and gutter and sidewalk requirements. Also discussed were design and construction standards. It was discussed to require watermain size to be a minimum of six inch in diameter and sanitary sewer mains be a minimum of eight inch in diameter. It was decided to have the clerk copy sections of other ordinances for discussion at another meeting.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$15,095.68 from the General Fund, \$1,060.14 from the Fire Department Fund, and \$99.50 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

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Mike Tupa suggested that a section be added to the Zoning Ordinance requiring all houses to have basements. He was referred to the Zoning Board.

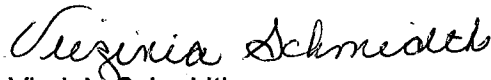
Darrel Hopman inquired about removing a pile of street sweepings that was left on his property when the street project was done. He was advised to contact Dennis Luebke, Rice County Engineer, since it was a Rice County project.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting no: None

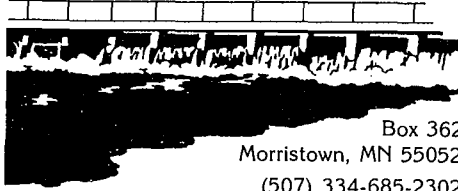
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Monday, September 2, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten and Steve Nordmeier. Councilmember Jeffrey Wenker was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Jeff Lang, Leon Gregor, Dave Jacko and Tim Strobel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2003, and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held August 18, 2003 as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2003 which showed a balance of \$3,552.84 in the checking account and \$708,526.23 in the investment accounts

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Flaten seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the August, 2003 Police Department report and September schedule as printed.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for August, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Leon Gregor, President of the Morristown Fire Department Fire Relief Association presented the results of the 2002 audit and stated that the City of Morristown's contribution for 2004 was determined to be \$15,785.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of August, 2003 as presented.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

It was discussed that the following maintenance items need to be completed:

- The shingles on the water well house have not been repaired. The door also needs to be replaced.
- The outside of the water tower needs to be power washed.
- A shutoff valve that was broke has not been repaired. There is no cap on the valve and it is covered with gravel.
- Personal items stored at the maintenance shop need to be removed.
- The water tower needs to be flushed and cleaned.
- There was no information on the bids to replace the culverts in the park.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to allow Wes Bell to attend the Rural Water Association hydrant repair training class in Chatfield, Wednesday, September 10th as requested. There is no charge for the seminar.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Virginia Schmidtke presented the following Zoning Board report:

- The Zoning Board received a request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to include a section that requires a permit whenever gravel or fill is placed on a piece of property whether or not a building is going to be placed on that property. The matter was tabled until another meeting.
- A discussion regarding adoption of a new subdivision ordinance was tabled until all of the Zoning Board members are present. Only three members were present at the meeting.
- Larry Dahle was granted a lot split as requested.
- A discussion was held concerning whether to require all houses built within the City to be built on a basement. No action was taken.
- Zoning permits were issued to Tom Linde and Dave Meschke.

Steve Nordmeier presented the following Economic Development Board report:

- Discussion was held concerning a tax-forfeited lot at the north end of 1st Street N.E. that belongs to the State of Minnesota.
- Discussion was held concerning the Waterville, Elysian, Morristown School Board's discussion to build a new school. It was discussed whether land might be available in the Morristown area, especially along Highway 60.

Scott Allen presented the following Emergency Management report:

- 2-Way Radio of Minnesota is repairing their pagers.
- Their annual dance will be held October 31, 2003

There was no Community Center Report.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Jeff Lang presented a petition signed by property owners in Meschke South Haven 2nd Addition asking the City to blacktop the streets in the Addition. He also presented a bid of \$30,460 from M & W Blacktopping to shape and pave the street. He asked if the City could help pay for paving the street and/or if the improvement could be assessed to the property owners. He decided to take back the petition and try and get 100 percent of the property owners to sign it and the Council decided to seek another bid and look at assessing the improvements.
- John Schlie asked why a streetlight was installed in the middle of an alley in Block 25, Adams and Allen's Addition. Steve Felix stated that it was a private light and is not being billed to the city.
- David Jacko asked how much the statement box cost and why one wasn't installed that could be built free of charge. Virginia Schmidtke reported that the offer for a free box fell through and the cost of the new one was approximately \$300.
- David Jacko asked why the City Council met two times a month. Mayor Felix explained that the second meeting is a work session/special meeting designated to work on special projects such as budgets, ordinances, etc.
- Randy Baumgard asked when the trees that are hanging over onto the sidewalks are going to be trimmed. It was suggested that he inventory the trees are that need to be trimmed.
- Randy Baumgard presented a request from Dave Osborne for an increase in salary from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour.
- Randy Baumgard requested a three percent increase in pay.
- David Jacko asked how the wall in the police office would be constructed and requested a sketch for people to see.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$9,254.46 from the General Fund, \$107.96 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,692.90 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Fund - Construction Fund, \$821.50 from the Water Fund, \$2,532.41 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$3,076.11 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$271.09 from the General Fund, \$205.43 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,277.90 from the Water Fund and \$262.02 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to purchase insurance coverage for city volunteers from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust at a cost of \$150 per year.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Virginia Schmidtke reported that acoustical baffles were not ordered for the Community Center because they could not be installed before September 6th. The cost to install baffles with polyester fabric cover is \$16,700 and sailcloth fabric if \$10,488. The cost of 300 feet of material used on the dividing wall is approximately \$1,200. It was decided to hang felt fabric from the ceiling to see if that helps stop the echoing.

Discussion was held concerning whether to change the liquor ordinance to allow liquor establishments to stay open until 2:00 a.m. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to table the matter until other cities in the area decide what they are going to do.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Discussion was held concerning a complaint of dust from Sidney Street. It was decided not to do any more dust control this year.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the American Legion Post 149 for \$1,000 to donate towards Dam Days expense.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to meet Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2004 budget.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to hold the Truth in Taxation meeting Monday, December 1, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. and, if necessary, to continue the meeting Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

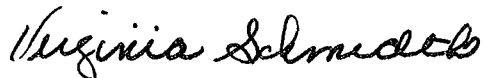
Virginia Schmidtke reported that she received the operation and maintenance manuals and warranties for the Community Center from Larson Contracting.

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

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

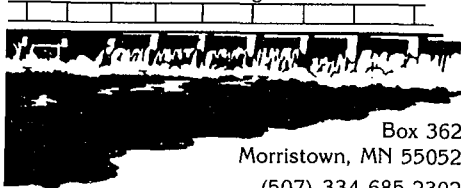


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Budget Work Session September 9, 2003

A budget work session of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers Steve Nordmeier and Verdis Flaten were present. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer and David Jacko. Councilmembers Scott Allen and Jeffrey Wenker were absent.

The 2004 budget expenditures for the General Fund were discussed. A copy of the proposed budget is on file with the City Clerk.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting no: None.

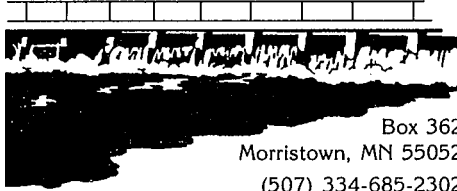
Absent: Allen and Wenker

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting September 15, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 109 2nd Street S.W. by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; David Jacko, Ed Schlaak, Darrel Hopman and Larry Dahle.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to add discussion of the purchase of a civil defense siren to the agenda.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier Wenker.

Voting No: None

The 2004 budget was discussed. To balance the 2004 budget totaling \$852,099 the city council had to cut \$102,291 from the proposed budget. It was discussed to raise the property tax twenty percent, transfer \$8,000 property tax money from the sanitary sewer fund to the general fund, use \$48,500 of the capital improvement monies, use \$15,000 from the cable franchise fee account, \$10,000 of the balance of the local government aid set aside and to cut \$3,000 from the police car capital outlay 2004 budget and \$2,500 from the street 2004 budget for a total of \$105,500. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-8 approving the 2003 Tax Levy, collectible in 2004.

Resolution 2003-8

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY RESOLUTION APPROVING 2003 TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2004

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Morristown, County of Rice, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2004, upon the taxable property in the City of Morristown for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$111,000.00
TOTAL	\$111,000.00

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Rice County, Minnesota. Adopted by the city council on September 15, 2003.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Discussion was held with regard to cutting out a portion of the curb at the Community Center so that cars can park on the overflow lot and also leveling the gravel to the doors on the east side of the building. Steve Nordmeier reported that he contacted Troy Dahle and that Troy will cut the curb as soon as he feels the ground is packed down enough to be driven on.

Steve Nordmeier reported that the felt hung in the Community Center provided an adequate control of noise control during the last Community Center event. Scott Allen reported that he has a friend who can supply the City with free foam that can be hung from the ceiling. Scott volunteered to get the foam and it was decided to hang it to see if it would control the echoing in the Community Center.

It was discussed to have an open house at the Community Center but to wait until after the fall harvest.

It was discussed that it is hard to get the soap out of the soap dispensers at the Community Center. It was suggested that Wes Bell clean the soap plungers with hot water. Scott Allen offered to help Wes clean the Center if Wes needs help.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Warsaw Township has a civil defense siren for sale for \$1,000. Discussion was held concerning whether to purchase the siren and install it in the Mobile Home Park. It was decided to contact Dave's Electronics to see what it would cost to wire the siren to work with the City's civil defense system.

Steve Nordmeier reported that someone from Bolton and Menk has offered to meet with the City Council to discuss and offer suggestions regarding new subdivisions. It was suggested to try to set a date in January or February and invite Zoning Board members to the informational meeting.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$5,912.85 from the General Fund, \$787.37 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund and \$99.50 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Allen questioned whether or not all of the hydrants were flushed Monday, September 8, 2003 and if there is a set pattern on the way hydrants are flushed.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8.05 p.m.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

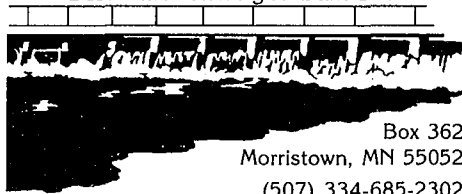
Voting no: None.


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 6, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, October 6, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker; Mammie Judd, Frances Golombeski, David Jacko, Julie Minske and Jack Schwichtenberg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to add open burning to the Agenda under new business.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 2, 2003, the minutes of the budget meeting held September 9, 2003 and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held September 15, 2003 as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending August 31, 2003 which showed a deficit of \$5,716.85 in the checking account and \$641,424.48 in the investment accounts

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the September, 2003 Police Department report and October work schedule as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for September, 2003 as presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of September, 2003 as presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Wes Bell reported that he ordered a door for the well house, looked for someone to shingle the roof and repaired a shutoff valve in 4th Street S. E.

Two bids were received to replace the culvert in the park. A bid was received from Timm's Trucking for \$2,105 and a bid was received from Dahle Enterprises for \$1,425. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the low bid from Dahle Enterprises.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Wes Bell reported that he will begin hauling sludge October 7th and is going through the process of approving two more sites.

A bid of \$1,400 was received from Utility Service Company to clean the floor and lower walls of the water tower, inspect and disinfect the tower and provide a written report to the Council. A bid of \$4,000 was received to clean the exterior sidewalls. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$1,400 from Utility Service Company to have the tower cleaned, inspected and disinfected as per proposal.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow Wes Bell to attend the Southeastern Minnesota Fall Water Conference in Owatonna on October 31st.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the August 21, 2003 Zoning Board minutes as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Discussion was held regarding a concern that a house built by Melanie Hopman on Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Adams and Allen's Addition is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance because the lot does not have frontage on a public street. The 911 Emergency Center is also concerned because emergency vehicles cannot reach her house at her address of 405 Washington Street East because Washington Street East is not an improved public street. The Zoning Board recommended that the proceedings be started to take 25 feet of property on the north side of Block 20 and flag the lot to 4th Street since Darrel Hopman has neither donated 50 feet of land south of the property to the city so a street can be built nor has he flagged the lot to 4th Street. It was suggested the city take back the address. It was decided to contact the League of Minnesota Cities for advice.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the September 18, 2003 Zoning Board minutes as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the August 28, 2003 and the September 25, 2003 minutes of the Morristown Economic Development Board as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Julie Minske reported on the Community Center events scheduled to date and said she received comments that a wedding reception and dance held September 6th went very well. She reported that a flu clinic would be held at the Community Center on November 5th. She received a request from Rice County to use the Community Center free of charge once a month to distribute food. She also asked what fee to charge for a two-hour birthday party for approximately 100 children. It was decided to charge the regular rental fee for the birthday party. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to accept the verbal report as presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

The Emergency Management report was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- David Jacko asked if the blueprint for the wall that is to be constructed in the police office is done. He was told no.
- Randy Baumgard stated that the address in the first paragraph of the council meeting minutes should be changed from 109 2nd Street S. E. to 402 Division Street South.
- Randy Baumgard reported that electronic components in the police car went out and are being repaired.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$9,634.15 from the General Fund, \$5,042.65 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$572.97 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Fund - Construction Fund, \$398.51 from the Water Fund, \$1,981.37 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,877.71 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$1,442.95 from the General Fund, \$382.43 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$29.82 from the Water Fund and \$399.50 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A request was received from Larson Contracting, Inc. for Pay Request 15 totaling \$33,802.92. This is the final payment and includes the retainage fee. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to withhold the payment until the following items are either finished or guaranteed to be finished.

1. The dirt and discoloration from certain precast wall panels has not been removed.
2. The tiles by the southwest and southeast doors in the large room were replaced but there is still a two-inch gap between the tile and the door threshold. Additional tile must be installed so that they go under the threshold of the doors.
3. A letter must be on file stating that the seeding is guaranteed to come up next spring.
4. A portion of the driveway must be replaced where water collects after it rains.

It was decided to do a final walk though after the council meeting.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

It was decided to table the discussion concerning an open house at the Community Center.

Discussion was held with regard to establishing a local improvement policy. The policy would reflect basic decisions on financing local improvements such as water, sewer and streets. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

A letter was received from Kurt Fischer stating that the abstract and a draft Warranty Deed has been prepared and forwarded to Edward Schlaak. It was decided to meet with the Commercial Club Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. to remove items that belong either to the City or the Commercial Club.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously authorizing the Mayor to sign the Impound Agreement with the Rice County Humane Society for impounding of stray animals for the period January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A letter was received from Edward Lucz, Loss Control Consultant with Berkley Risk Administrators Company, with recommendations following a routine loss control survey conducted at the Community Center and the Feed Mill. The recommendations are on file with the City Clerk and include developing a detailed evacuation plan, keeping all doorways closed and removing the doorstops and posting the occupancy capacity of the facility. Mr. Lucz also recommended purchasing a device to lift manhole covers to reduce the exposure for strains and sprains.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-9 approving the publication summary for Ordinance 2003-173 entitled *An Ordinance Implementing Time of Sale Inspection for Manufactured Homes Ordinance* adopted June 2, 2003. A copy of the Resolution is on file with the City Clerk.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-10 approving the publication summary for Ordinance 2003-174 entitled *An Ordinance Establishing Rules for the Organization and Procedure of the City Council of the City of Morristown* adopted May 2, 2003. A copy of the Resolution is on file with the City Clerk.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A draft of a capital asset policy was presented. The purpose of the policy is to maintain appropriate procedures regarding the procurement, management and disposal of all capital assets in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34). The matter was tabled until the next work session/special meeting.

Motion by Wenker that open burning not be allowed this year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried to allow open burning from October 6 through November 6, 2003 by permit only.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier

Voting No: Wenker

Absent: Allen

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A letter was received from the City of Waseca and the League of Minnesota Cities inviting the Council to the League's Regional Meeting to be held October 29th at the Waseca American Legion. The fee is \$30 per person. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the fee for anyone who wants to go to the meeting.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A letter was received from Abdo, Eick & Meyers concerning changes that will impact future audits. The effects of new standards will result in more time during the audit and may result in a higher cost to the City.

A draft of the City's reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) permit was received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is on file with the City Clerk.

A copy of the Compliance Monitoring Survey (CMS) report was received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is on file with the City Clerk.

The City received a copy of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust's 2003 Videotape Library Catalog, a notice concerning the 2004 Safety & Loss Control Workshops and a pamphlet listing the League of Minnesota Cities resources and services.

A thank you letter was received from Johnathon Bohner for hiring him to work for the city during the summer.

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

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

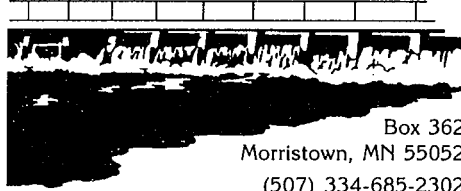
Absent: Allen


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting October 20, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, October 20, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present was Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Discussion was held with regard to establishing a local improvement policy. The policy reflects basic decisions on financing local improvements such as water, sewer and streets. The public improvements were divided into three classes and it was determined how each class is going to be financed and accessed. The one change that was made to the draft addressed assessments to corner lots. The policy as adopted states that in any assessment made on the basis of frontage, except one for water or sanitary sewer, corner lots shall be assessed for footage along the front of the lot plus one-half of the side footage. The other one-half of the side footage will be spread among all the other assessed properties. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adopt the Local Improvement Policy as discussed. A copy of the Policy is on file with the City Clerk.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

A draft of a capital asset policy was presented. The purpose of the policy is to maintain appropriate procedures regarding the procurement, management and disposal of all capital assets in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34). Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt the City of Morristown Capital Asset Policy and set the capitalization thresholds for each asset class as follows:

CAPITAL ASSET CLASSIFICATION	CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD
Land and land improvements;	\$2,000
Other improvements	\$2,000
Buildings and building improvements;	\$2,000
Machinery and equipment;	\$ 2,000
Vehicles;	\$ 2,000
Infrastructure; and	\$25,000
Construction-in-progress.	Accumulate all costs and capitalize if over \$100,000 when complete.
Other assets	\$ 1,000

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker, Voting no: none, Absent: Allen.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$400 to be used for the fire poster contest.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$30,000 to be used for Community Center building bond payment.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$7,679.88 from the General Fund, \$108 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$233.55 from the Water Operations Fund and \$25.96 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Steve Felix announced that members of the Council are invited to walk along the Cannon River where it flows through the City with Department of Natural Resources personnel, Bill Pye and other members of the Community.

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8.10 p.m.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting no: None.

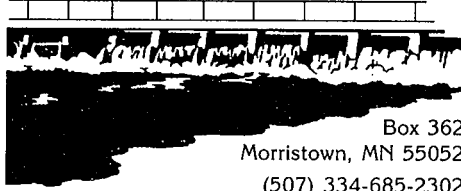
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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting November 3, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, November 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; John Schlie, Fire Chief; Wes Bell, Maintenance Worker; Jack Schwichtenberg, Maxine Nordmeier, Julie Minske, Darrel Haag, Larry Dahle, Jim Hermel, David Jacko, Nancy Morris and Dennis Merritt, Tom and Tammy Gruidl and Darrel Hopman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 6, 2003 and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held October 20, 2003 as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2003 which showed a balance of \$23,774.68 in the checking account and \$623,148.14 in the investment accounts

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the September, 2003 October Police Department report and November work schedule as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for October, 2003 as presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

John Schlie reported the Fire Department Board of Directors met and recommends that five new fire fighters be appointed January 1, 2004 and that fire call rates be increased from \$300 for the first hour to \$500 for the first hour, from \$200 for the second hour to \$300 for the second hour and \$100 for each additional hour. The recommendation will be discussed at the regular Fire Department meeting to be held November 10, 2003 and will be placed on the agenda of the Work Session/Special meeting of the City Council to be held Monday, November 17, 2003. There were no objections to the recommendation.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for an addition to the Fire Hall.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to purchase fire fighter equipment.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to submit a governmental request to the Morristown Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$10,000 to be used towards the purchase of a fire truck.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker.

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the maintenance report for the month of October, 2003 as presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Wes Bell reported that Utility Consultants will be here within the next few weeks to clean, inspect and disinfect the water tower.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the October 16, 2003 Zoning Board minutes as printed.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

The Zoning Board minutes included a recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow warehouse/storage buildings to support local business as a conditional use in the Central Business District. The minutes also included a list of suggestions for other amendments to the Ordinance. The Ordinance changes will be discussed at the next regular Zoning Board meeting and a recommendation will be sent to the City Council.

Steve Nordmeier reported that Brent Christensen with Prairie Grass Communities presented information to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) on building a senior residence facility. The facility includes independent living, assisted living and memory care. Prairie Grass Communities will coordinate professional research, project design, site acquisition, project construction and project operation. The EDA would be required to bond for the building. The EDA is will an open house sometime in December.

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Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Morristown Economic Development Authority has presented.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Julie Minske presented the following Community Center report:

- She announced that a flu immunization clinic will be held November 5, 2003 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Commercial Club requests approval to use the Community Center December 13th for a Christmas drawing.
- Since last month two more Community Center rentals have been booked.
- There does not seem to be a clear understanding of the division of duties between City staff and the Community Center manager. Julie suggested the council meet with her and Wes to discuss the Community Center manager's duties and the maintenance worker's duties. It was decided to discuss the matter at the next work session/special meeting.
- Julie stated the Commercial Club authorized her to spend up to \$200 per month to advertise the Community Center. It was suggested the City match this donation.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to allow the Commercial Club to use the Community Center for the annual Christmas drawing as requested.

Nancy Morris presented the following Emergency Management Report:

- Skywarn plans to purchase a base radio and pagers with money they have received from donations and dance profits.
- She asked for permission to attach an antenna on the roof of the Community Center and if holes could be drilled for the cable wires. She was told there is an extra pipe the phone company did not use that can be used for the cable.
- She asked the council to decide which door the Skywarn members are to use when they come into their office and how many keys will be issued to them.

- Nancy asked if and when the wall is going to be built dividing the police office from the Skywarn office. She stated that it didn't make any difference to Skywarn how the wall was built or if they shared an office without building a wall.
- Nancy stated they would have to have a phone line installed if they are going to sound the siren from the Skywarn office.

It was decided that she should prepare a list of all the items she wants the Council to consider.

Dennis Merritt reported that the old ComAlert warning system no longer exists. He stated that Cannon Valley Telecom upgraded its system to comply with FCC standards.

Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:

- Jack Schwichtenberg asked when a light is going to be installed at the west end of Sydney Street East. Mayor Felix said he would take care of having a light installed.
- Jack Schwichtenberg questioned the frequent absent of Councilmember Scott Allen. It was discussed that it is difficult to conduct business without a full council present.
- David Jacko asked if the blueprint that he asked to see last month for the wall that is to be constructed in the police office is available. He was told no.
- David Jacko stated that the handicapped door is not working. The Council is aware of this and it has been reported to Larson Contracting.
- Randy Baumgard stated that he discussed the wall that is to be built in the skywarn/police office with Nancy Morris and he recommended that the Council try to make it workable for all parties.
- Randy Baumgard presented a copy of an ordinance from the City of Dundas that states that last call at liquor establishments be made at 1:45 a.m. and that no person shall consume or possess liquor within a licensed business after 2:00 a.m.
- Randy Baumgard stated that Archie's Bar and Old Town Tavern are in violation of 12.4.b. of Ordinance 162 because the interior of the establishments are not visible from the street when authorized persons are on the premises during the hours when sales are prohibited.
- Darrel Haag asked if the American Legion can have a bring your own bottle tailgate party on December 14th in the American Legion parking lot. The request was tabled.
- Dennis Merritt stated that he feels it is very important to order acoustical baffles and have them installed in the Community Center.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$9,669.33 from the General Fund, \$788.83 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$25,412.50 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Fund - Debt Fund, \$824.40 from the Water Fund, \$92.60 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,808.71 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$3,173.42 from the General Fund, \$92.97 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund and \$92.55 from the Water Fund.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to have an open house at the Community Center on Saturday, December 13, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Virginia Schmidtke reported that she received the following quotations for acoustical baffles for the Community Center:

- Cloudlite acoustical baffles (PVC film covered), baffles only - \$5,105, baffles and installation - \$8,325.
- Cloudlite acoustical baffles (sailcloth covered), baffles only - \$7,268, baffles and installation - \$10,488
- Cloudlite acoustical baffles (polyester fabric), baffles and installation - \$16,700.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to order the PVC film covered baffles in either off-white or white, baffles only with the Council to install the baffles and to order them tomorrow.

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Discussion was held concerning a request from Tom and Tammy Gruidl, owners of the Old Town Tavern and also from Darrel Haag, Commander of the American Legion Post 149 to allow sale of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried to adopt Resolution 11, adopting Ordinance 2003-175.

Resolution 2003-11

WHEREAS, requests have been made by the owners of Old Town Tavern and the American Legion Post 149 to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUONCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN, MINNESOTA to adopt Ordinance 2003-175, entitled *An Ordinance Amending Ordinances No. 162 and No. 167 to Allow Sales of Alcoholic Beverages until 2:00 a.m.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance be effective upon publication.

Voting Yes: Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: Felix

Absent: Allen

A letter was received from Darrel Hopman stating that he contacted a surveying firm to survey a 50' x 226' area to be transferred to the city. Virginia Schmidtke reported that she received an email from Carol Caron, Bolton and Menk and they surveyed and staked the property today. As soon as the paperwork is completed the property will be transferred to the City.

Discussion was held with regard to a letter that was received from Edward Lucz, Loss Control Consultant with Berkley Risk Administrators Company concerning recommendations conducted at the Community Center that include developing a detailed evacuation plan, keeping all doorways closed and removing the doorstops and posting the occupancy capacity of the facility. Virginia Schmidtke reported that Keith Haas would send her the occupancy capacity information and a detailed evacuation plan to post at the Community Center. It was decided to leave the doorstops on the doors but to only use them when moving large items in and out of the rooms.

A memo was received from Kurt Fischer, City Attorney, notifying the Council that he closed the file concerning the Ackerman Property because the property has been cleaned up, the fire load on the porch has been removed, the house is in orderly condition and there is no evidence of extraordinary accumulation of material that would create a fire hazard or other health danger. Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to close the case as per the City Attorney's recommendation.

An application was received from American Legion Post 149 to renew their gambling permit license to sell pull-tabs. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-12.

Resolution 2003-12

WHEREAS, the American Legion Post 149 has submitted an application to renew their Class A Gambling Permit License to sell pull-tabs at the American Legion Post 149, 101 Main Street West.

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

Adopted this 3rd of November, 2003
Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting No: None
Absent: Allen

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to approve the same snowmobile route as last year.
Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker
Voting No: None
Absent: Allen

A letter was received from Bill Pye stating that he, Darrell Haag, Randy Meyers Tim Strobel, Hugh Valiant and Lori Barth walked the Cannon River from the Don Marsh residence east through Jim Hermel's property and back to the Mill. They talked about developing a trail on the south side of the river that could connect the State Trail, putting a bridge across where the old rail spur went, money that may be available for bike trails, a fish ladder at the dam, dredging behind the dam, river cleanup and zoning ordinance changes. It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Pye stating that the City is in favor of the ideas and willing to help and be involved.

A letter and final copy of the Rice County Water Resources Management Plan 2003-2004 was received from Rice County Planning and Zoning.

A flyer was received with information concerning a recommendation by a 38-member task force to build a new school for the W-E-M district. Question and answer forums and public meetings will be held in November and December and the issue will be voted on December 11, 2003.

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

Voting Yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

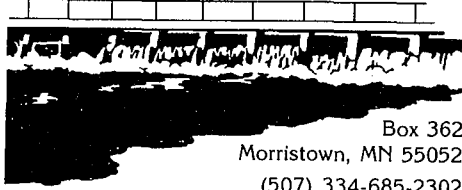
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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting November 17, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, November 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten and Steve Nordmeier. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; John Schlie Fire Chief and John Byers. Councilmember Jeffrey Wenker was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

John Schlie reported that the Fire Department recommends the appointment of five new fire fighters. They are Mike Ahlman, John Chmelik, Nick Sammon, Matt Schmidtke and Adam Uttenbogaard. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried to add the five fire fighters effective January 1, 2004.

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Motion by Flatten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to approve the fire call rate increase as presented at the November 3, 2003 council meeting and approved by the Fire Department. The rates to be effective January 1, 2004, are \$500 for the first hour, \$300 for the second hour and \$100 for each additional hour. *12-1-03 VS*

Voting yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Wenker

Discussion was held with regard to building a dividing wall in the Public Safety Center to make separate offices for the skywarn and the police department. Those present went over to the office to discuss where to build the wall. The discussion included building the wall as originally planned and finding someone to build it. A copy of the plan is on file with the city clerk.

Mayor Felix left the meeting at this time (7:15 p.m.). Councilmember Steve Nordmeier presided during the remainder of the meeting.

An e-mail was received from Julie Minske outlining her responsibilities regarding the Community Center. The e-mail stated that she will advertise and promote the Community Center, manage all rental contracts, correspondence and communications concerning the rental of the great room, e-mail the City Clerk with the dates and times of the events and clean and maintain the refreshment area.

The Council discussed the City's responsibility concerning the Community Center, which includes putting up and taking down the tables and chairs, removing the garbage and recycling, and cleaning the facility. Wes Bell was present and stated that he could do most of the cleaning during his regular 40 hour workweek. Discussion was held concerning whether to hire someone to do the setup and cleanup before and after events held on the weekends. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to hire Wes and Tammy Bell for cleaning on a trial basis and to pay them \$10 per hour.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Felix and Wenker

It was discussed to have an open house in the Community Center on Saturday, December 13, 2003, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and to advertise in the Rice County Shopper, Lake Region Life, Cable Channel 7 and the Southern Minny Buzz. Councilmembers will be on hand to conduct tours of the Community Center.

A request was received from the walkers for an extra key to the Community Center so they can open the doors at 7:45 a.m. to walk. It was discussed that they should not be allowed in the Community Center until 8:00 a.m. when the City employees come to work. It was decided to deny them the request.

Wes Bell presented a yearly sanitary sewer manhole inspection report. Infratech, Inc filmed several sanitary sewer lines on February 2, 2003. Wes showed a video of two areas that are cracked and broken and where roots and rocks could be seen protruding through the lines. Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to hire Dahle Enterprises to repair the two lines. It was decided to look into the cost to jet and camera an additional four blocks of sewer line.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Felix and Wenker

Wes Bell reported that the new street light poles cannot support more than 20 – 30 pounds and some of the Christmas decorations are too heavy to be hung on the poles. The poles are also shorter so the banners may hang too low. Wes stated there are eight wooden poles and ten wooden poles that lights can be hung on.

Virginia Schmidtke reported that notices will be sent to delinquent water, sewer and garbage customers notifying them that an assessment will be levied against their property if their bill has not been paid. Motion by Allen, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to have a public hearing Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. to give the property owners an opportunity to discuss their assessment with the council.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Felix and Wenker

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Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$3,255.31 from the General Fund, \$198.87 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$253.52 from the Water Fund, \$926.35 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$23 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

Absent: Felix and Wenker

Scott Allen apologized to the Council for missing several meetings and stated he would try to attend more of the meetings in the future.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8.20 p.m.

Voting yes: Allen, Flaten and Nordmeier.

Voting No: None

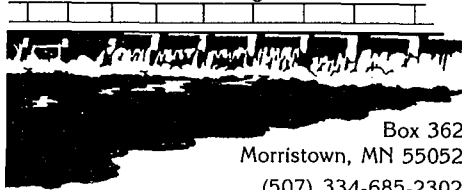
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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 1, 2003

A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 1, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Scott Allen, Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Randy Baumgard, Police Officer; John Schlie Fire Chief; Jack Schwichtenberg, Julie Minske, Larry Dahle, Dave Walz and David Jacko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Corrections to the minutes were as follows:

- November 3, 2003, page 3, paragraph 2, was corrected to read "is willing to sponsor an open house" instead of "is will an open house",
- November 17, 2003, page 1, paragraph 4 was corrected to read January 1, 2004" instead of " January 1, 2003".
- November 17, 2003, page 2, paragraph 5 was corrected to read "eight to ten wooden poles" instead of "eight wooden poles and ten wooden poles",

Motion by Nordmeier seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 3, 2003 and the minutes of the work session/special meeting held November 17, 2003 as printed and corrected.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to accept the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2003 which showed a balance of \$25,770.85 in the checking account and \$623,420.378 in the investment accounts.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to approve the November, 2003 Police Department report and December work schedule as printed.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Wenker seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department report for November, 2003 as presented.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Verdis Flaten stated that he had received complaints the last 30 days concerning dirty water and water pressure. It was explained this happened when the water tower was drained, cleaned, disinfected and refilled.

There was no Zoning Board, Economic Development Authority or Emergency Management report.

Julie Minske, Community Center manager, presented copy of the events scheduled to date at the Community Center. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to accept the report as printed.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

There were no comments or suggestions from the citizens present.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$1,065.31 from the General Fund, \$1,336.36 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$29,524.77 from the Public Project Lease Revenue Bond Fund – Construction Fund, \$26.30 from the Water Fund, \$997.51 from the Wastewater Operations Fund.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to pay the late claims totaling \$7,835 from the General Fund and \$2,280 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Discussion was held concerning the Community Center Open House to be held Saturday, December 13, 2003 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It was decided to have a short program and provide coffee, cider and cookies to those who attend.

At 7:30 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a public hearing was held on the city's 2004 proposed budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 2004. The proposed budget is as follows:

2004 Proposed Budget			
<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 391,628.00	\$ 389,919.00	\$ (1,709.00)
Morristown Fire Department	79,170.00	79,170.00	0.00
Revolving Loan	150.00	150.00	0.00
Revenue Bond - Debt Fund	85,825.00	85,825.00	0.00
Water	87,500.00	87,500.00	0.00
Waste Water	130,600.00	130,600.00	0.00
Refuse	39,700.00	39,700.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 814,573.00	\$ 812,864.00	\$ (1,709.00)

The 2004 proposed property tax levy is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 90,600.00
Fire Department Fund	18,400.00
Fire Relief Fund	2,000.00
Total	\$111,000.00

The payable 2003 tax rate was 29.993%, the payable 2004 no levy increase tax rate is 26.189% and the payable 2004 proposed tax rate is 31.427%.

David Jacko questioned the amount budgeted for revenue from the Community Center rentals. He stated that at another meeting only 20 events were estimated to be held versus 24 as printed on a handout distributed at the hearing. He was told that \$12,000 was budgeted no matter how many events that included. He felt that since Community Center rental was lowered there would not be as much rental money as projected.

No one else spoke at the hearing.

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to close the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to hold a subsequent hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:15 p.m. to adopt the 2004 property tax levy.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Discussion was held concerning whether to install a telephone in the water well house. It was decided there is no need for a telephone in the building. Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to disregard installing a telephone at the well house.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with Abdo, Eick and Meyers, certified public accountants, to provide audit services for the year ended December 31, 2003 for a fee of \$3,255 as per agreement dated November 19, 2003.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

It was announced that the acoustical baffles have been installed at the Community Center. Thanks were expressed to Jeff Wenker and his family, Steve Nordmeier and Steve Felix for installing the baffles.

Jeff Wenker reported that the baffles were dirty and had to be cleaned before they could be hung and that two baffles were torn. He stated that 19.5 hours were spent cleaning the baffles. Motion by Allen, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to send a letter to the A.J. Strobel asking for a price reduction for the cost of cleaning the baffles and also for the torn baffles.

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

It was decided to send a thank you letter to Park Electric for the free use of their hydraulic lift.

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

Voting Yes: Allen, Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

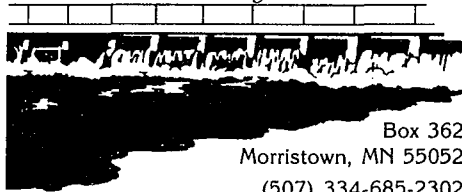
Voting No: None

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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Work Session/Special Meeting December 15, 2003

A work session/special meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, December 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Steve Felix. Councilmembers present were Verdis Flaten, Steve Nordmeier and Jeffrey Wenker. Also present were Virginia Schmidtke, City Clerk/Treasurer; Dave Walz and Sheila Willing. Councilmember Scott Allen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Nordmeier and carried unanimously to pay the printed claims totaling \$2,777.61 from the General Fund, \$821.68 from the Morristown Fire Department Fund, \$1,907.33 from the Wastewater Operations Fund and \$2,933.94 from the Refuse Fund.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Motion by Wenker, seconded by Flaten and carried unanimously to pay a late claim of \$90.12 from petty cash.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a water softener for the Community Center. It was decided to get prices for one. Wenker volunteered to contact the architect to see if one was called for in the plans and specifications.

It was announced that Senator Norm Coleman's representative will be at the American Legion on Tuesday, December 16th to meet with local residents on issues of concern and to discuss Coleman's Rural Renaissance Act.

A letter was received from Keith Haff, Paulsen Architects, clarifying the ponding problem in the driveway entrance at the Community Center. It is recommended that the most cost effective way to fix the problem is to remove a section of curb and bituminous on the west side of the driveway, reshape the grade and replace the curb and bituminous. Larson Contracting will pay this cost.

At 7:15 p.m., in accordance with advertised notice, a subsequent public hearing was held to adopt the 2004 budget and 2004 tax levy. No one was present at the hearing. Motion by Nordmeier, seconded by Wenker and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2003-13.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY
RESOLUTION 2003-13**

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2003 TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2004

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Morristown, County of Rice, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2004, upon the taxable property in the City of Morristown for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$111,000.00
TOTAL	\$111,000.00

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

Adopted by the city council on December 15, 2003.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen

The hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Virginia Schmidtke announced that it was not necessary to hold hearing to discuss delinquent utility accounts.

A memo was received from Carol Caron, Bolton and Menk, updating the council on the statues of projects in Morristown and a list of items the Council may want to consider in the future. A copy of the memo is on file with the city clerk.


Dave Walz and Sheila Willing were present and questioned plans that are being discussed to clean and enhance the river and whether or not a trail will be developed along the river. The council responded by stating that a small group met and walked the river to discuss alternatives and ides on what to do about the river but that the talk is in the very preliminary stage. Both Mr. Walz and Mrs. Willing expressed interest in being informed of future meetings.

Motion by Flaten, seconded by Allen and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Voting yes: Felix, Flaten, Nordmeier and Wenker

Voting No: None

Absent: Allen


Virginia Schmidtke
Clerk/Treasurer