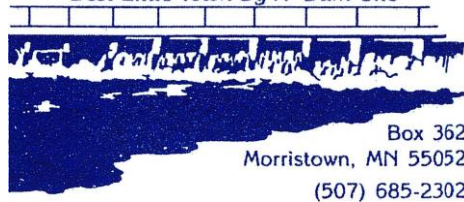


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MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 2023

Council Present: Mayor Tony Lindahl, Jake Golombeski, Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell

Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Connie Medeiros (City Clerk), Travis Mullenmeister (Public Works); Bruce Morris (Fire Department), Jesse Thomas (County Sheriff), Dennis Luebbe (Rice County Road Project), Jack Schwichtenberg, John Schlie, Michael Schumacher, Sharon Krenik, Eiden Eklund, Rick Vollbrecht, Ralph Barney, Jeff Jandro

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tony Lindahl called the meeting to order of the Morristown City Council on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at 402 Division St., S Morristown.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:** None,
4. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:** Rick Vollbrecht discussed his frustration at the Public Works plowing done in front of his driveway and that his trailer was damaged. He spoke with the County Sheriff's office about the situation. He is not happy that on two occasions his trailer was damaged due to plowing and ice removal. Mayor stated that he was certain that the damage was not done intentionally. Mr. Vollbrecht stated he will be filing a formal complaint.
5. **Consent Agenda:** These items are considered to be routine and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.
 - A. Police Report – January 2023
 - B. Fire Department Report – January 2023
 - C. Public Works Report – January 2023
 - D. City Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting 1/3/2023
 - E. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting 1/19/2023
 - F. Financial Reports
 - G. Claims and Accounts – 1/1/23 through 1/31/23

Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Gordy Adams Utility Billing Payment Plan – \$60 plus his current bill. *Mr. Adams will sign payment plan at City Hall this week.*
 - B. Ordinance Violation Letter, 106 Division St. S – *Snow removal from sidewalk, resident has complied*
 - C. Violation Letter, 304 Division St. N – Excessive vehicles on property. *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to levy a \$100.00 citation on property owner. Property owner will be informed of an Ordinance Violation hearing for March 6, 2023, to discuss remedy of excessive vehicles on property.*
7. **New Business:**
 - A. County Road Project Update – Dennis Luebbe presented an update of the county's road project. He stated that the prices went up 30% and that the project may not commence as previously scheduled but be pushed back a year. The county is still planning on upgrading Hgwy 60 to Franklin. Mr. Luebbe also discussed the need to speak to SEH and find out of any sewer or water lines that may need upgrading before county's work begins. Franklin to Bloomer was also discussed with the county's plans to include a sidewalk on the existing plans to connect to all existing city sidewalks. Mayor inquired that because of costs would a path/trail on Bloomer to Dollar General be more feasible. There is a major concern with the number of people who walk to Dollar General and the hazard of not having a sidewalk and/or pathway. Mr. Luebbe stated that the county will work closely with the city. Also discussed is the intersection of Franklin and 2nd that has no right of way clearly marked. There have been numerous complaints. Council will discuss further in the coming months remedies.
 - B. Mini Storage & Solar Panels – Jeff Jandro discussed his plans for the storage facility and also plans for areas of the property. He will blacktop portions of the property around the storage facility. He is also looking into a five acre

solar farm on portion of property in the far back. He mainly gave an update as to his thoughts on what to do with the remaining portions of the property outside from the storage facility. He wants to work with the council on ideas.

- C. SEH Service Agreement: *Motion by Golombeski, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to approve the SEH Service Agreement.*
 - D. Snow Plowing Procedures – Public Works is usually first out on streets during snowstorms. Snow plowing is going as expected. Clean up of built-up snow and ice is current being done.
 - E. Emergency Maintenance Position – *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Ralph Barney and Val Krugar for emergency maintenance at the payrate of \$20.00 for weekend rounds and any help T. Mullenmeister may need during J. West’s absence.*
 - F. Add Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday: *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to approve adding the Federal holiday Martin Luther King Jr. Day to City’s holiday calendar and amending Employee Handbook to reflect the addition.*
 - G. Use of Great Hall – Omega Polar Plunge is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th. The Cannon Valley Play is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th. *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to approve the Great Hall for the Cannon Valley play and Polar Plunge with the inclusion of a \$500 damage deposit and payment for water.*
 - H. Resolution 2023-6 Accepting Donations from Fire Relief Association – *Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to accept Resolution 2023-6 Accepting Donations from the Fire Relief Association with the exception of the \$4,000.00 donation for the Bouncing House. Also, add Centennial Park to the Nordmeirer Field donation.*
 - I. Delinquency Report – Report was presented at meeting. Council/Mayor directed delinquent letters be sent out immediately.
 - J. Administrator Report – E. Judd presented Administrator’s report.
 - * Sewer service is broken underneath road at 408 3rd St., E. City is responsible. T. Dahle suggests waiting until spring to fix.
 - * Playground vandalism – City will submit damages total including all work and supplies used to clean up vandalism.
 - * J. West workmen’s comp has been submitted. Waiting for doctor’s evaluation on light duty return.
 - * Banyon software is up and running.
 - * Special meeting is scheduled for 2/15/2023 on results of City audit.
 - K. Parking Signs – Council directed Public Works to order 18x12 Red/White Reflective signs “Public Parking 18 Hour Limit” along with 6x12 reflective “Violators will be towed at owner’s expense”. 18 hour parking limit sign will also be placed in ally behind Morris Mart.
 - L. Ordinance, Impoundment – *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Golombeski and carried unanimously to post Ordinance Amending Morristown City Code §71.09 at City Hall, Post Office and on the City of Morristown website.*
8. **Correspondence and Announcements:** B. Morris (Fire Department) stated that the Fire Department’s turnout gear has been received and is all set. All old turnout gear will be disposed of – some firefighters will keep their old gear as keepsakes.
9. **Council Discussion and Concerns:** Murphy addressed Mullenmeister with respect to monthly/weekly reporting on what has/is done and suggested maybe a standardized sheet/calendar of monthly/weekly activities/jobs to be completed on a regular basis. Mullenmeister stated that he has been turning in weekly sheets of completed project/jobs that are completed. Manhole on 3rd needs to be check every week.
10. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to adjourn the Morristown City Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.*
11. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Medeiros, City Clerk