

**MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Hearing 7:05 p.m. (204 Franklin St.)**

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

**Council Present:** Tony Lindahl (Mayor), Linda Murphy, Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell

**Others Present:** Travis Mullenmeister (PW), Jerry West (PW), Bruce Morris (FD), Tim Dahle, Jack Schwichtenberg, Gladys Merritt, Brian Brunner, Sherrie Brunner, Keith Remund, Arlen Krause, John Schlie, Karen Schlie, Kyle Ackerman, Ralph Barney, Todd Schmidtke, Ellen Judd, Nick Preuss, Niki Hartman

1. **Call to Order**: Mayor Tony Lindahl called the meeting to order of the Morristown City Council on Monday, August 7, 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:** Addition H. Cheyenne Timm Resignation; I. Hometown Heros; and J. Violations

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to approve the 3 additional items to the Agenda.*

1. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:**
* Arlen Krause discussed the drainage issue on his property with respect to 403 Sidney St. Water breached ditch between the 2 houses. R. Barney will investigate and report back to council.
* Street Project – Tim Dahle the sod contractor has not been paid in over 285 days. 60% of invoice has been paid but remaining 40% ($6,104.00) is still outstanding. Council discussed that it is not the city’s responsibility to pay the outstanding balance – needs to refer back to contractor and/or SEH. SEH will be notified of outstanding balance.
* N. Preuss discussed the complaints of standing water in ditches. Contractor has not completed all work in the city. Council directed T. Mullenmiester to investigate the standing water issues and report back to council.
1. **Consent Agenda:**
	1. Police Report – July 2023 –
	2. Fire Department Report – July 2023
	3. Public Works Report – July 2023
	4. City Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting 7/5/2023
	5. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – 7/20/2023
	6. Financial Reports – 7/31/23 –
	7. Claims and Accounts – 7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023
	8. Water Bill Delinquency Report

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.*

1. **Unfinished Business:** 204 Franklin St. – Public Hearing

*Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to close regular meeting and open public hearing with respect to 204 Franklin St.*

Kyle Ackerman was present and discussed his efforts to clean the premises. He has hired a landscaping company to mow the premises every 2 weeks. The City attorney presented an Order Relating to Property at 204 Franklin St., that outlined the grounds for the order and the necessary corrective steps to be taken at the property. After discussions amongst the city attorney, council members and Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Ackerman agreed to all the corrective actions that need to be taken. Mr. Ackerman has up to 90 days to accomplish all the corrective measures that were outlined in the Order.

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to accept the Order Relating to Property at 204 Franklin St. as presented by the City Attorney.*

The Order Relating to Property at 204 Franklin St., was signed by the mayor and city clerk and filed at City Hall.

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting.*

1. **New Business:**
	1. Soil Boring Proposals (AET, Braun, and CVT) -

Soil boring proposals were presented to council along with SEH’s recommendations of contracting CVT at the cost of $4,045.

*Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to accept the proposal for geotechnical evaluation to Chosen Valley Testing, Inc.*

* 1. 3 quotes for Garage Door replacement (Public Works)

T. Mullenmiester presented to the council the 3 quotes for the garage door replacement at the public works building. Prime Garage Door, DG Garage Door, and Hometown Garage Door. Council discussed the 3 quotes and agreed that DG Garage Door at the cost of $1,864.00 including sensors, be contracted to replace/repair the garage door at the public works building.

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to accept the quote of DG Garage Door to replace/repair the garage door.*

* 1. R. Barney – Discuss Zoning Board Admin compensation –

R. Barney discussed the need to have the zoning board administrator position a paying position with the city. He discussed the time and money spent on gas to visit sites. The council inquired about what he exactly wanted in terms of compensation i.e., mileage reimbursement, paid monthly for opened and closed permits, etc. R. Barney will consider the options and report back to council at the next meeting with an exact proposal for the council to consider.

* 1. 2nd and Bloomer – Gas company never hard surfaced (Travis)

The council discussed the surface that was never completed and the need for Travis to contact the gas company for reimbursement for hard surfacing that the city provided.

* 1. Review Peddler’s License – Ice Queen (Ice cream truck)

The council reviewed the Peddler’s License and approved.

* 1. Fire Department Relief Association – Approval of Retirement Benefits

The Fire Department Relief Association presented the Retirement Benefits audit to the council.

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department Relief Association’s Retirement Benefits audit.*

* 1. Jerry Review – Moved to end of meeting (closed meeting)
	2. Cheyenne Timm resignation

*Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Cheyenne Timm from the Events Set-Up position.*

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to post the Community Center Events Set-Up position at the payrate of $25.00.*

* 1. Hometown Heros

Keith Remund in association with the American Legion is looking for approval to purchase and showcase banners of local hometown veterans on polls in city’s mail streets. Banners and brackets will be purchased – only looking for PW to install on city polls.

* 1. Violations

The council discussed the violations with respect to excessive vehicles and parking. The city clerk will call violators to remedy violations. If no contact is made letters will be sent to residents.

1. **Correspondence and Announcements:**
2. **Council Discussion and Concerns:**
3. **Adjournment:**
4. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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 Tony Lindahl, Mayor

Attest,

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Connie Medeiros, City Clerk