

**MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

**Council Present:** Jake Golombeski (Assistant Mayor), Linda Murphy, Joe Caldwell, Leon Gregor

**Other Present:** Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Travis Mullenmeister (Public Works), Bruce Morris, (Fire Department), Jack Schwichtenberg, Brian Brunner, Sherrie Brunner, Rick Volbrecht, Mike O’Rourke, John Schlie, Ralph Barney, Sharon Krenik, Steve Nordmeier, Todd Schmidke, Arlen Krause, Lisa Karsten, Evelyn Millen, Jerry West, Richard Gauthier

1. **Call to Order:** Assistant Mayor Jake Golombeski called the meeting to order of the Morristown City Council on Monday, May 1, 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:**
	1. 4-H Club to Plant Flowers at Centennial Park – Added to New Business at I.

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to approve the Additions/Corrections to the Agenda.*

1. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present:** S. Nordmeier brought to the attention of the council that in last months meeting L. Dahle suggested having the county take over the intersection from Morris Mart to one block south when in fact is should have been from Morris Mart to the 2nd Street east which would connect it to highway 15.
2. **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.
	1. Police Report – April 2023
	2. Fire Department Report – April 2023
	3. Public Works Report – April 2023
	4. City Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting 4/3/2023
	5. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – 4/20/2023
	6. Financial Reports – 4/30/23
	7. Claims and Accounts
	8. Water Bill Delinquency Report

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

1. **Unfinished Business:**
	1. 304 Division St N – Vehicle Update - City Attorney sent a strictly worded letter to the property owners with respect to the excessive vehicles and informing them that the fines remain unpaid and that the next step would consist of court orders to remove the excess inoperable vehicles at homeowner’s expenses. Property owners have not reached out to City Hall yet.
	2. Parental Leave Policy – 60-day notice must be given of intention to take maternity/paternity leave. Eight weeks of leave at 65% of pay and C-Section policy consists of 10 weeks at 65% of pay starting at time of birth. 12 total weeks are allowed. It is within the employee’s discretion to use any accumulated PTO during this 4-week period following paid leave. Paternity policy is defined as a live-in spouse and/or committed partner the leave will consist of 65% pay up to 8 weeks.

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to approve with the re-wording the Parental Leave Policy.*

* 1. Park Bathrooms Update – Only one bid received. Consideration has now turned to updating/modifying existing bathrooms to include utility room.
1. **New Business:**
	1. Water Drainage – Arlen Krause to discuss – He has an issue and is concerned with the water over-flow from rain onto his property being caused by the new construction at 403 Sidney St., W. R. Barney and T. Mullenmeister will view area and take pictures to make sure setbacks and storm drains. Swill and drain tiles may be added to prevent overflow.
	2. Melchert: Fill in ditch in front of house – Mr. Melchert was not present at meeting. L. Murphy suggests before any plan to fill-in the ditch be made – Mr. Melchert must present to the council plans for filling ditch. Engineers need to evaluate the water conditions and approve/inspect the filling. Discussion was tabled.
	3. Seasonal Hiring Decision – The hours were discussed and agreed to change the 3 seasonal employees at 20 hours per week to 2 seasonal employees (Richard Gauthier and John Schlie) to 31 hours per week not to exceed 62 hours per week total for seasonal positions (2). Val Kruger will become a backup seasonal employee covering Richard’s and John’s scheduled vacations with a total time of 31 hours per week not to exceed 62 hours. Council discussed switching Richard’s title to Seasonal Lead and offering up the $21.30 he was previously paid.

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to approve the title change to Seasonal Lead for Richard Gauthier and approved the change in payrate to $21.30 for Seasonal Lead.*

* 1. Public Works Operator – Part-time – Hire for Position – Council discussed.

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to hire part time Richard Gauthier, Val Kruger, and Ralph Barney at the payrate of $20.00 for the purpose of weekend rounds.*

* 1. City Investment Plan –

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to approve $80,000 be placed in a CD with Lake Country Community Bank for 13 months at 4%; $250,000 be placed in a CD with Edward Jones for 12 months at 5.0%; and $100,000 be placed in a CD with Edward Jones for 12 months at 5.5%.*

* 1. Ralph Progress Report – Nothing new since his last updated.
	2. Baseball Field Fence Approval –

*Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and was carried unanimously to approve the bid by Prairie Creek Fence of $26,276.80 for the installation of a new fence at the baseball field.*

* 1. Elect new Zoning Board member –

*Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Murphy and was carried unanimously to elect Val Kruger to the Zoning Board.*

* 1. 4-H Club to Plant Flowers at Centennial Park – 4-H Club would also ask Public Works to supply some mulch for the planters.

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor and was carried unanimously to approve the 4-H Club to plant flowers at Centennial Park and use mulch from Public Works.*

1. **Correspondence and Announcements:** Bruce Morris with the Fire Department is looking into a tanker truck. They are looking to get approval from the council to begin the process.

*Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor to approve the Fire Department’s request to begin the process of purchasing a tanker truck not to exceed the $50,000.00.*

1. **Council Discussion and Concerns:** Gregor brought up 204 Franklin (abandoned house) was going to sell, what’s happening with that? The city attorney will again reach out to the son for an update with respect to the property and movement going forward.
2. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gregor to adjourn the City of Morristown Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.*
3. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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 Tony Lindahl, Mayor

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Connie Medeiros, City Clerk