

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 2, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Tim Flaten, Leon Gregor, Anna Nusbaum, Val Kruger, Joe Caldwell

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Mark Rahrack (City Attorney), John Schlie, Kevin Green, Jessie Thomas (Sheriff), Kyle Morris, Brian Brunner, Johnathan Chmelik, Brian Merritt, Steve Nordmeier, Tony Lindahl, Adam Hackney

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, February 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Tim Flaten.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Additions/Corrections: Remove item D. Administrator and Clerk to re-visit the ordinance. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to approve correction.
 4. Citizens Comments:
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5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items and motions:
 - Routine* Motion to approve the Police report, Fire Department report, Public Works report, City Council minutes, Zoning Board minutes, financial reports, and the Claims and Accounts, as presented.
 - Resolution 2026-6 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 Accepting a Donation from the Coffee Club.
 - Resolution 2026-12 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 Approving a Minor Subdivision of 205 Division St N.
 - Resolution 2026-7 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-7 Accepting a Donation from Morristown Fire Relief.
 - Resolution 2026-8 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-8 Approving New ACH Vendor.
 - Resolution 2026-9 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-9 Approval of Dam Days Celebration Requests.
 - Purchasing Policy Motion to approve the redline changes in the Purchasing Policy, as presented.
 - Master Fee Motion to set the Master Fee Schedule Public Hearing for March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.
 - Resolution 2026-10 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 Fire Department 2026 Elected Officials.
 - Resolution 2026-11 Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 Adopting the Rice County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. Ordinance Enforcement Jesse Thomas addressed the council regarding ordinance enforcement. He then handed out a revised contract with cost change from \$159,536 to \$153,400.
 7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Dam Days Steve Nordmeier stated that they have the Dam Days liquor license applications submitted. He will be in contact with Rice County for Law Enforcement and road closures. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to approve liquor licenses for Commercial Club during Dam Days.
 - B. Buc's Night Out Steve Nordmeier is requesting a temporary liquor license for the Commercial Club on April 18th for Bucs Night Out. City Clerk stated that she heard from the organizer that they have secured a different alcohol caterer for that evening. Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to approve the temporary liquor license if the Commercial Club is needed for that evening.
 - C. Project Close Discussion on amounts to hold back from the final payment to the construction company. Money being held back is for the Watermain Tracer Wire discontinuity and

the still needed curb replacement on Ann St. Council thinks there will be more concrete replaced than they are estimating, so that number needs to be increased to around \$7,000. They also think that the Tracer Wire should be closer to \$10,000. Administrator will communicate with the engineer.

- ~~D.~~ Permit Violation ~~Start Fine Process for Permit Violation~~
E. FEMA Discussion regarding extra FEMA money, possibly park trail improvement. Estimates will begin once winter is over.
F. Letter of Support Motion by Kruger, seconded by Nusbaum to donate \$5,000 to Support the Hazard Mitigation Grant, Cannon River Watershed.
G. Operator The City of Waterville's Licensed Wastewater Operator will be retiring. They are currently hiring for the position, but they are wondering if Ellen could help them out if they need it. They have another Wastewater Operator, but he doesn't have his license. So, if they need assistance, it would be very minimal.
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8. **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Thank you A big thank you to the Coffee Club for the seven new Council Chamber chairs!
B. Play The Cannon Valley Players will be performing their annual all-male play, 'Destination Desolation' February 27th at 7:00 p.m. and February 28th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** Congratulations to the 2026 Fire Department Elected Officials – Mayor Flaten

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Kruger, seconded by Caldwell, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, March 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

Attested:

Mayor, Tim Flaten

City Clerk, Cassie Eldeen