

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 6th, 2025



Members Present: Tim Flaten (Mayor), Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell, Anna Nusbaum, Val Kruger
Others Present: Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Austin Schulz, Bruce Morris, Jack Schwichtenberg, John Schlie, Johnathan Chmelik, Pam Petersen, Jeff Wenker, Jake Duncan, Lisa Merritt, Mike Mallow, Kyle Green, Tim Dahle, Matt Rossow, Tony Lindahl, Linda Murphy

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall at 402 Division Street South by Mayor Tim Flaten.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Additions/Corrections:
Fire Dept. Discuss Retirement Benefits

Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting at 7:04 and open the Public Hearing on Master Fee Schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:04 – MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Mayor Flaten requested from the residents in attendance if anyone had any comments or concerns. No one spoke up.

Motion by Gregor, seconded by Nusbaum and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 and Open the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously at 7:08 to close the Regular Meeting and open the Closed meeting.

CLOSED MEETING – LITIGATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to close the Closed Meeting at 7:40 and re-open the Regular Meeting.

4. Citizens Comments: Lisa Merritt had a list of concerns: was wondering what the outcome was from the property that SEH missed assessing, also discussed Resolution 2024-19 and wondered who from the city was involved in calculating assessments, Resident also stated she still hasn't received her itemized bill from SEH, wondering what the outcome was from the directives that SEH was given that they needed to follow up on, placement of drains and the water not draining to them, when are SEH and Holtmeier coming to fix the damage from a dozer hitting construction.

Jake Duncan had concerns with the assessment policy and how the sidewalk assessments were calculated incorrectly. Both his property and the city's were both calculated at 100%, when they should have been 50%.

5. Consent Agenda: *Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.*

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Master Fee Schedule *Motion by Gregor, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve presented Master Fee Schedule for 2025.*
- B. Resolution 2025-1 *Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum and carried unanimously to approve resolution 2025-1, Approving Summary Publication of ordinance 2025-1.*
- C. Resolution 2025-2 *Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-2 Designating LifeEnterprise the official newspaper for 2025.*
- D. Resolution 2025-3 *Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-3 Designating Authorized Signors, Tim Flaten and Anna Nusbaum, for Official Depositories and removing Lindahl and Golombeski.*

<i>E.</i>	Community Appointments	Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve changes in Community appointments for 2025.
<i>F.</i>	Council Meeting Dates	Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to approve meeting dates for City Council Meetings in 2025
<i>G.</i>	2025 Elected Leaders Institute	Information shared with council on upcoming trainings available to them. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to approve up to 5 members to attend trainings.
<i>H.</i>	Zoning Administrator Job Description	Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to approve job description for Zoning Administrator.
<i>I.</i>	Zoning Board Backup	Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Caldwell to approve Val Kruger as a backup for the Zoning Board if needed for a quorum.
<i>J.</i>	Bonding Bill	Motion by Kruger, seconded by Caldwell and carried unanimously to NOT move forward in the pursuit of grants as there are no projects in the works.
<i>K.</i>	106 1 st St. SE	Discussion on ongoing issues with nuisance property. Nobody believed to be living in the house, but there are unattended dogs in the home. Clerk to contact deputy to discuss options.
<i>L.</i>	Seth Prescher	Tim Dahle attended in place of Seth Prescher on behalf of Cannon Valley Players requesting use of the Great Hall on Wednesdays and Sundays for practice and March 6-8 for the play. Clerk to follow up with Seth on potential scheduling conflicts and to confirm cost of last year. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to approve usage of Great Hall at last year's rental fee.
<i>M.</i>	SEH	Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger and carried unanimously to hold payments to SEH.
<i>N.</i>	Fire Dept	Tim Boese presents information to Council on increasing retirement benefits for the firefighters. He will come back another month or so after new members can get their questions answered.

8. CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.* Public Works will be picking up resident's Christmas trees and disposing of them. The trees just need to be at their curb and be a real tree and the city will pick them up this week, January 6-10.

9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:

- A.* Flaten thanked Linday Murphy and Tony Lindahl for their time and assistance.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Gregor and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular Morristown City Council meeting at 8:26 p.m.

- 11. NEXT MEETING:**
Regular Meeting: Monday February 3, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

Attested:

Mayor, Tim Flaten

City Clerk, Cassie Eldeen