

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 7, 2025



Members Present: Tim Flaten (Mayor), Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell, Anna Nusbaum, Val Kruger
Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk)

Others Present: John Chmelik, Kyle Green, Mike Mallow, Kyle Morris, Tony Lindahl, Pam Petersen,
Rep. Keith Allen

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1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, July 7th, 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:
 4. Citizens Comments: Tony Lindahl came to speak about Memorial Park. Concrete has a black oily substance; the Legion is wondering if the water is causing that and what can be done about that to make it look better. Ellen and Austin will go look at it tomorrow. Rep. Keith Allen, District 19A, introduced himself. He spoke about what was accomplished in latest session: LGA \$ to continue, Bonding Bill, worked hard to stop tax increases given the increases that will be coming to a state/county level next year. He also stated he will be holding some listening sessions in the future.
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5. Consent Agenda: Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda.
 6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. Sheriff Contract Update on 20 hours per week – Come up with another list of questions. Fire Department stand point, it is nice to have them on hand when they are in the area. If there is a call that they don't feel comfortable going in, they wait for a deputy to go in first. The working relationship could be better. We should be talking to Josh more, but that didn't go well. Mayor Flaten was curious about the Sheriff's Office lack of following the contract. Set up a work session.
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7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Water Bill James Collins sent a letter to the Council regarding his water bill and endpoint issue. Motion By Gregor, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to approve a one-time waiver of late fees (\$245), sign an agreement that full balance is paid by August of 2026. Give option for ACH.
 - B. FEMA Payment Bruce Morris and Mayor Flaten are requesting to be paid for 73 hours of Emergency Management Time from the 2024 flood. Gregor questioned documentation and why the bill is submitted so late. Nusbaum asked for the notebook to confirm times worked. Motion by Caldwell to pay Tim & Bruce for the full 73 hours each. Motion died due to no second.
 - C. Paid Leave Administrator Judd shared the information that she has so far on state plans and private plans for the new Minnesota Paid Leave. No decision needs to be made now, but we need to decide by December. Should have private rates by next month's meeting.
 - D. Office Motion by Kruger, seconded by Caldwell, to divide office and create another office at Public Works. Motion passes with ayes – 3 ayes – 2.
 - E. Set Meeting Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to set work session for July 16th at 6 pm and closed meeting to start at or shortly after 7 pm.
 - F. Building Use Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously for Public Works to have the north half of the Old Maintenance Shop and other city organizations to have the other half of the space.

- G. Reviews Summary of Performance Evaluations and Event Set-up Wage Discussion.
Administrator Judd said everyone has been doing a great job and are all great assets to the City. Discussion was held regarding Event Set up Wages. Caldwell thinks wages should stay the same and we can reevaluate it at the next review.
- H. Closed Meeting Performance Evaluation for City Administrator
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8. **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fire Department Open House on August 16th. August 5th National Night Out at Centennial Park. City Wide Garage Sales July31 - August 2nd Corn Feed on August 2nd at the Legion.
9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** Mayor Flaten would like council to go around the street project and email Lee if there are any issues that need to be taken care of before the project wraps up.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gregor, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to close the regular meeting at 8:45 and open the Closed meeting for Performance Evaluation for City Administrator.
11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, August 4, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor, Tim Flaten

Attested:

City Clerk, Cassie Eldeen