

MORRISTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 4, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 p.m. OR SOON THEREAFTER (Abate Public Nuisance)

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 p.m. OR SOON THEREAFTER (Tobacco Violation)

Members Present – Tim Flaten (Mayor), Leon Gregor, Joe Caldwell, Val Kruger, Anna Nusbaum

Others Present – Ellen Judd (City Administrator), Cassie Eldeen (City Clerk), Mark Rahrack, Kyle Green, Lee Istvanovich, Mike Mallow, Ernie DeMars, Niki Preuss, Nick Preuss, John Hiller, Mark Winter, Pam Petersen, Josh Malecha, Tony Lindahl, Steve Nordmeier, Adam Hackney

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| 1. | Call to Order: 7:02 | A regular meeting of the Morristown City Council was called to order on Monday, August 4 th , 2025, at 7:02 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: | Move to 6A, then 7A to hold public hearings. Remove item 7C. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to accept additions/corrections. |
| 4. | Citizens Comments: | Mark Winter, new WEM Superintendent, came to introduce himself. Caldwell asked if he had a timeline about future plans for the Morristown building. Winter stated that negotiations are in place with ISD 288 and contracts will go through around October/November. Mayor Flaten asked Mr. Winter to keep city officials in the loop. Mr. Winter stated that he will be in contact with the City of Morristown. Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum to close regular meeting and open public hearing at 7:07. |
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| PUBLIC HEARING | 204 Franklin St W. Property owner has been given notice to appear and be heard. Property owner is not present. Vote to approve order, served to owner, owner has time frame. Motion to approve moving forward with the process. Adopt the order to abate for the property. Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger to close the hearing and open the regular meeting at 7:12. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to adopt the Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 204 Franklin St. W. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to close regular meeting and open Appeal Hearing at 7:13 |
| APPEAL HEARING | John Hiller, owner of Hiller's Last Call, came to speak about a Tobacco Violation at his establishment. He is not appealing the violation; he is appealing the fine amount. City of Morristown's Ordinance states \$75, State Statute states \$300, but his fine from Rice County was \$140. Motion by Gregor, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to give a \$75 fine to follow City Ordinance. Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Gregor, and carried unanimously to close the hearing and open up the regular meeting at 7:21. |
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| 5. | Consent Agenda: | Motion by Nusbaum, seconded by Kruger, and carried unanimously to approve consent agenda. |
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| 6. | UNFINISHED BUSINESS: | |
| A. | Sheriff's Contract | Continued discussion on Hours and Contract. Kruger stated he has been asked by some residents why we are doing anything when we don't know what is going to happen with the school. Recommend locking in the contract for one more year as Sheriff Thomas offered. |
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| 7. | NEW BUSINESS: | |
| A. | Sewer Service | Adam Hackney came to Council to Discuss Sewer Service Issue. – A year ago their sewer started backing up. Dahle Enterprises replaced his sewer service from the house to the sewer main. When digging, Dahle's found that the sewer service was |

separated at the sewer main, and that repair was directly under the watermain. He is asking if the city will pay for fix, due to it being from water main work 23 years ago. Discussion was had between council members on possible ordinance adjustments. Maybe make a policy that could make it more of a case-by-case basis. Judd to check with insurance company to see if they would cover anything.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Fire Open House Fire Department will be hosting an open house/breakfast on August 16th National night out tomorrow night. Steve Nordmeier suggested to have paper copies of questionnaires available to residents. Clerk to have them ready.

9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & CONCERNS:** Lee with SEH went through status of project and what else is to be done. Caldwell would like to encourage the zoning board to re-look at the produce stand ordinance and propose a change.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Nusbaum, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

11. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.