

September 26, 2022
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Dan Mortensen
Councilman Richard Vanderlip
Councilmember Caro Johnson
Councilman Travis Cooper
Councilman Kevin Dunlap
Councilman Bob Boyer

7:00 pm - Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Mortensen

Consent Agenda vouchers and EFTs from August 22, 2022 passed. (Motion by councilwoman Johnson, 2nd councilman Vanderlip, all in favor)

Mayor asked to amend the agenda add #9 Contract for Civic Plus bought out Municode. #10 Linda Mettler from Jubilee Committee and #11 Surplus generators (Motion made Councilman Vanderlip, 2nd Councilman Dunlap, all in favor.

Public comment:

Judy Ramsey expressed concern if water and sewer productivity could keep up with the new sub-divisions coming in. Anders replied per DOH we're ok for now.
Marc Fisher stated the new sidewalks look good.

New business:

- Council approved vacating the alley way on Adams Ave. into church property on 7th Street. Anders stated there are no issues with utilities. (Motion by councilman Dunlap, 2nd councilman Cooper, all in favor)
- Council approved Daren Jones request short plat property 277 7th Street. (Motion by councilman Dunlap, 2nd Councilman Cooper, all in favor)
- Council agreed to table Daren Jones request to re-zone properties Hwy 508/Chapman Rd. Advised by attorney need to have public hearing and notify neighbors. Public hearing set for October 24, 2022. (Motion by councilman Dunlap, 2nd councilman Vanderlip, all in favor)
- Mitch representing E. Lewis County chamber spoke about how they welcome new business and support local business throughout Lewis County.
- Sharlotte representing CRVHS asked for \$15,000 in lodging tax dollars. They spent \$10,000 on utilities, supplies and wages last year.
- Council agreed to table Dana Hamars' request for short plot Aberdeen Rd./Kosmos Ln. as neighbors need to be notified. (Motion by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Boyer, all in favor)
- Council agreed to table international funding groups request to re-zone property 229 Temple Rd. until after public hearing, a public hearing is scheduled for October 24, 2022. (Motion by councilwoman Johnson, 2nd councilman Vanderlip, all in favor)
- Anders gave brief update on progress regarding WWTP project and stated Damen gave high praise to Donni Chamberlin for his work at the sewer plant. Council approved WWTF

Improvements Progress Estimate No. 17 (Motion by councilman Dunlap, 2nd councilman Cooper, all in favor)

- Council approved signing the new contract with Civic Plus who bought out municode. (Motion by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Boyer, all in favor)
- Linda Mettler on behalf of jubilee committee requested \$10,000 of lodging tax for work in arena, concession stands and ADA access improvements.
- Council passed a motion allowing the surplus of 2 generators o (Ritchie brothers auction) from the lift station and wwtp (Motion councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Cooper, all in favor)

Old Business:

- Council approved Main Ave. Sidewalk Changer order no. 1 with the adjusted amount \$6349.00 (Motion by councilwoman Johnson, 2nd councilman Boyer, all in favor)
- A discussion was held between council and Chief Morningstar and comments from Sheriff Snaza regarding interlocal agreement between City of Morton and PeEll, Mayor Mortensen stated the contract will be reviewed again end of the year. Council approved the contract (Motion by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Dunlap, all in favor)
- Council approved Resolution 526 partnership with City of Morton and CRVHS as visitor center (Motion by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Cooper, all in favor)

Public Participation:

- Paulette Redick filed a citizen complaint regarding Collar Ave. Ms. Redick states the police have not done anything as of yet and it's a junk yard. Chief Morningstar stated they are working on it.
- Gentleman in audience (name not given) stated Adams Ave by the hospital needs a yellow center line painted. Public works will investigate this.
- Andalynn from the Senior Center announced they need volunteers
- Marc Fisher announced the speed limit sign on east end of Adams is gone. Public works will take care of this.
- Councilman Vanderlip questioned why the gate is closed at Backstrom Park and if the park is open. Mayor Mortensen stated gate is closed while they're dumping fish.
- Motion to adjourn by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd by councilman Dunlap, all in favor)

Adjourn 8:07 pm

Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk



Dan Mortensen, Mayor

