

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Present

Vice Mayor Wade – Present

Council Member Anthony – Present

Council Member Fowler – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works - Mike Johnson - Present

MVFD – Chief McKlveen - Absent

INTRODUCTIONS

Swearing-In of Police Officer Stephen Huddleston

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes of the Tax Rate Hearing on May 17, 2022; Regular Meeting of May 17 2022; Budget Meeting on May 24, 2022 and Work Session on June 7, 2022. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- There was no one to speak.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Introduction of Emergency Ordinance 23-001 Budget for FY 22-23

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade to accept and allocate the FY22-23 Budget in the amount of \$2,240,560.00, second by Council Member Mullins. There were not too many questions. The following roll call vote was taken:

Council Member Fowler – aye; Vice Mayor Wade – aye; Council Member Mullins – aye; Council Member Anthony – aye. All voted aye – Motion carried. This ordinance becomes effective as of July 1, 2022.

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Code – Code Officer Foster gave an oral & written report. She also gave a written report on her attendance at the MML Summer Conference. There was a brief discussion regarding the ownership of 4418 Morgan Rd.
- Police Department – Chief Stevenson gave an oral & written report. The Mayor requested a more fleshed-out/comparison report in the future.

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- Public Works – Chip Adams gave an oral report.
- Administrative Office – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an oral report.
- Council Member Fowler – gave an oral report – MML Conference was light, class schedule was not the best.
- Vice Mayor Wade – no report.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report. Suggested a different hotel next year, this year's was not so good.
- Council Member Anthony – Agreed with Council Member Fowler regarding the MML Conference offerings this year. He gave an oral report that the security cameras are all installed & operational, audio is only available during playback. The municipal center has a raccoon problem again.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report that included: the flag ceremony at the MML conference was all video and we did not get to participate, wants Morningside to have a booth in the exhibit area next year and asked Admin Associate Foster to check into it.

Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public, no one chose to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burch Contract

- Council Member Anthony would like better communications with Burch.
- This contract is missing the amendment concerning reimbursement to the Town from Burch for damaged carts

Council Member Mullins made a motion to approve this contract as is expecting the addendum regarding the cart damage reimbursement from Burch, seconded by Council Member Fowler. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Parking Exemption 6704 Pine Grove Dr

- Mr. Flores needs to get an updated registration, the one he supplied has expired.
- This was tabled until the July meeting.

Parking Exemption for 6707 Larches Court

Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Vice Mayor Wade to issue a parking exemption for 6707 Larches Ct. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Golf Cart Rental for July 4

- There will be 1 6-person and 1 4-person golf cart paid for by the Town.
- Council Member Mullins is renting his own cart.
- Council Members Mullins & Anthony will pick the carts up on Saturday, July 3 and they will be returned on Tuesday, July 5th.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to pay \$245 to rent two golf carts from United Metro Golf Carts for use on the 4th of July. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Take Home Cruiser Policy

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade that all Police Officers that use the Town's Cruisers for part-time employment pay the Town \$50 every pay period to help off-set some of the cruiser/gas expenses, starting with the first full pay period of the 22-23 fiscal year.

There was discussion regarding how to get this payment from the officers. PayChex will have to be contacted to see how to deduct this payment from the officers' paycheck. *No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

July 4th

Ms. Foster gave an update on the fireworks.

Permits have not been obtained by the fireworks company yet.

The school has not signed off on the required permission yet.

Need to confirm the Fire Dept attendance at the fireworks.

Parade is looking good; the Town float was discussed.

Ms. Foster will call Mickey D the DJ

Communications Calendar

- FYI for the Council.
- Add Huddleston's Info.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Shirts

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade that the Town pay for embroidered shirts for the Council to wear at the MML Conference in Ocean City. The shirts cost \$245 for the 5 shirts. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sno-Cone & Cotton Candy Machines

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase a commercial grade sno-cone machine and cotton candy machine for the Recreation Committee rather than keep renting them. The cost is up to \$500 to include the machines and the supplies needed for them. They need to be delivered so they can be used for the July 4th event. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NTI Bill

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker explained the \$99 monthly charge for off-site storage of the information on our server.
- This charge has been waived for the last 2 months because we were not notified correctly, but it will kick-in July 1, 2022.

HillTop Signs

- Still need to check if we can put signs near Red Octopus, Jay's Store and by the Fire Department.
- Call HillTop regarding electricity.

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Newsletter

- All articles due to the Mayor By July 15th.
- Hopefully finished by the week of the 18th of July for distribution.

Pay the Bills

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$132,005.5659,941.29. the cruisers were paid off and the deposit was made for the LED signs. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum – There was no one signed up to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer