

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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
Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present
MVFD – Bria Elder

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None

INTRODUCTIONS - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2023 and the Work Session of August 8, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Admin** – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker provided a written & oral report.
- **Police Dept** – Chief Stevenson provided an oral & written report. Gave an update on the Sunday afternoon accident on Allentown Rd.
- **Code** – Code Enforcement Foster provided an oral & written report.
- **MVFD** – Chief McKnight gave an oral report
- **Council Member Fowler** – No report
- **Council Member Anthony** – No report
- **Council Member Mullins** – Thanked all involved with the NNO event. Reminded all to be careful when out-n-about.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report

- **Mayor Cann** – Thanked all involved with the NNO event. HE met with Glenn Ivey about crime in municipalities and what he can help with to battle it. He needs a couple of items for the “wish-list” to give to our lobbyists for the upcoming legislative session. Please get them to him by next week.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

- Don Isenberg spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TABLES & CHAIRS

- Vice Mayor Wade & Council Member Anthony have been working together on this project and presented several options for the Council to see.
- Discussion ensued regarding the options.
- The Council agreed to the Lifetime folding chairs and the Lifetime folding chairs and the carts to hold them all.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Fowler to purchase the chairs, tables and carts at a price not to exceed \$4500.00. Council Member Anthony & Vice Mayor Wade will procure these items as soon as possible. Council Member Mullins stated that the Council has promised the old tables and chairs to the MVFD. The Mayor stated that not all of the tables & chairs will be donated, but a goodly portion would. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the NNO event, saying that it was very successful.
- There will be a skate van/ice cream social on Friday, September 15. They will be purchasing 2 tablets as a raffle for back-to-school.
- They are working on the Halloween events to include a costume contest, trunk-or-treat and a movie.
- Upcoming planning meetings for the Senior Luncheon in November.
- Requested a budget of \$3,500 for National Night Out

M T LANEY PAVING PROPOSAL

- Council Member Mullins gave a report regarding streets & roads work proposed by M T Laney.

Motion by Council Member Mullins to do all of the repairs proposed by M T Laney. The motion died due to not having a second.

- Council Member Mullins will contact M T Laney regarding the MVFD apron that was approved at last month's meeting.

SPEED CAMERA VENDOR

- The Council has looked at 4 different vendors. Council Member Mullins recommends going with SiteStream, Vice Mayor Wade recommends going with RedSpeed.
- Discussion ensued on this topic.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade to award the Suitland Road Speed Camera project to RedSpeed, seconded by Council Member Fowler. More discussion was held. The Mayor called for a roll call vote.

Council member Fowler – yes

Vice Mayor Wade – yes

Council Member Mullins – no

Council Member Anthony – yes.

Motion carried.

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker will contact RedSpeed for next steps.

NOW TECHNOLOGIES INC

- Matt Deskin will be at the next work session.
- Please get all questions to Clerk-Treasurer Rooker by September 6 so she can give them to Matt so he will be ready to answer them at the meeting.

BUILDING CLEANING PROPOSAL

- Having looked at several companies, and none of them being able/willing to provide the services we are asking for at an acceptable price, Council Member Anthony recommends hiring Stratus Building Services as the company to do the cleaning of the municipal center.

Motion by Council Member Anthony, second by Council Member Mullins to award Stratus Building Services a 1-year contract to clean the municipal center on a weekly basis at a cost of \$365.00 per month. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

LARCHES COURT

- Code Officer Foster has been working with a property owner from Larches Ct to get her property back to residential standards.
- There has been progress made, but there is still much to do.
- The owner is asking to have more time to come into compliance.
- After some discussion, the Council agreed to a 10-day extension and a revision of the progress.

PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

- Code Officer Foster gave proposals from Morningside Tree Servies for 2 abatements: 6710 Pine Grove Rd - \$2,000.00 and 4010 Forest Grove Rd - \$350.00.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to have Morningside Tree Service do both abatements for a total of \$2,350.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ETHICS COMMITTEE - FYI

PAY BILLS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for July 19, 2023 through August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$52,834.26. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BANK ACCOUNTS UPDATE

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an update on the fraud on the General Fund Account.
- Suggested to go with Positive Pay for 3 months at a cost of no more than \$100.00 a month, the Council concurred.
- She has looked into opening a Police Grant account.
- PNC Bank has not been responsive.
- M&T Bank needs to have some paperwork and a face-to-face meeting with the account signers. An appointment will be made as soon as possible.

OPEN FORUM –

- Elizabeth Bennett asked about the Woodland Rd Project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer