

September 20, 2011

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

The City Council for the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee, met in regular session at the regular meeting place of the Council in the Morristown City Center at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2011 with Honorable Mayor Danny Thomas, presiding and the following named Councilmembers present: Gene Brooks, Bob Garrett, Claude Jinks, Chris Bivens, Paul LeBel and Kay Senter.

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to approve the September 6, 2011 minutes as circulated; Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Mayor Thomas presented a Proclamation for Constitution Week to Barbara Baker.

A public hearing was held on the following captioned Ordinance No. 3427. Councilmember Senter made a motion to adopt said Ordinance on second and final reading. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 3427

Entitled an Ordinance to Amend Title 18, Chapter 4 (Water Pollution Control Ordinance No. 3140) of the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee.

Councilmember LeBel made a motion to award the bid for 2011-2012 Annual Street Maintenance to Summers-Taylor, cost of \$3,588,712.95. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve a TDOT contract for the Industrial Access Road serving Freedom Energy Diesel. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve a contract to Lamar Dunn & Associates for Closed Circuit Television Projects for Fall Creek and Spring Creek Sewer Basins for \$140,000.00. Councilmember LeBel seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve a contract to Lamar Dunn & Associates for sewer line rehabilitation at South High Street and Norfolk Southern Railroad contingent upon a not to exceed figure to be presented at the October 4, 2011 City Council meeting. Councilmember LeBel seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Randy Corlew of Wilbur Smith and Associates presented to Council information regarding the Tiger III Grant application. Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates, subject to final review by the City Attorney, to complete a Tiger III Grant application. Councilmember LeBel seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Mayor Thomas received a common consensus from Council and moved the hiring of police department personnel from new business to this point in the agenda.

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to accept Chief Overholt's recommendation and hire Yesenia Sanchez as an Entry Level Police Officer. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to accept Chief Overholt's recommendation and hire James Waters as an Entry Level Police Officer. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to accept Chief Overholt's recommendation and hire Michael Lionts as an Entry Level Police Officer. Councilmember LeBel seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to accept Chief Overholt's recommendation and hire Ronald Collins as an Entry Level Police Officer. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Jinks made a motion to accept Chief Overholt's recommendation and hire David Griffith as an Entry Level Police Officer. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Anthony Cox, City Administrator, advised City Council of the following budget appropriation line item transfers:

Transfer of \$1,500 from Planning Commission 110-41700-330 (Legal Notices) to 110-41700-411 (Office Supplies).

Transfer of \$1,500 from Planning Commission 110-41700-399 (Other Contracted Services) to 110-41700-411 (Office Supplies).

Transfer of \$1,500 from Planning Commission 110-41700-413 (Office Equipment) to 110-41700-689 (Other Misc. Expenses).

Transfer of \$265,000 from Bond Proceeds 110-33840 to 110-33840 Fund Balance Appropriated for reimbursement to the Industrial Development

Board.

Mayor Thomas nominated Wallace "Walley" Long to the Morristown Utility Commission for a five year term to expire on August 1, 2016. Councilmember LeBel made a motion to reject the nomination. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call, Councilmembers Garrett, Bivens, Senter, Jinks and LeBel voted "aye"; Councilmember Brooks and Mayor Thomas voted "no".

Mayor Thomas nominated to re-appoint Jean Sawyer to the Tree Board for a three year term to expire on September 18, 2014. Councilmember Brooks made a motion to accept the nomination. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Mayor Thomas nominated Tera Bunch to the Tree Board for a three year term to expire on September 18, 2014. Councilmember Brooks made a motion to accept the nomination. Councilmember Jinks seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to re-appoint Doug Deering to the Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Disposal System Authority for a three year term to expire on October 1, 2014. Councilmember Jinks seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the reopening of Jaycee Park and designate it a dog park. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

Council discussed providing funds for the abating of three current nuisance buildings, three potential nuisance buildings, and mowing of overgrown lots for \$66,600.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year. This issue will be further evaluated at the October 4, 2011 City Council meeting with a budget appropriation and report from City Attorney as to how the City might recover the money.

Councilmember Brooks asked that Council take a vote on the issue of sharing Mayors Office and removal of the Mayors Cell phone. Mayor Thomas called for a motion; no motion was made.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the September 20, 2011 meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

September 20, 2011

City Administrator