

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN
"SPECIAL CALLED" MEETING
February 13, 2012**

The City Council for the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee, met in special called session at the regular meeting place of the Council in the Morristown City Center at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2012 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.

During discussion on Ordinance No. 3439 Councilmember Brooks requested this statement be placed in the minutes: I am going to have to abstain on this and I abstain with a sense of disgust and dismay at those who allowed this to happen in the past. In the past there are some members still here, some not here, but in the past twenty years we haven't done the work. We were warned by Lamar Dunn several times especially on Witt. We are under a State Commissions order because of over twenty years of neglect on this sewer. When I came on this council I found out that we were under a federal court order because previous councils didn't listen to the Witt residents who came to council and who told councilmembers they had serious problems at Witt. Lamar warned us several times but nobody took any action and now we are putting it all on the ratepayers. We all know the value of preventive maintenance and gradual replacement of the old worn piping; if previous councils and some of the current councilmembers had maintained the sewer system we wouldn't have a rate increase today. The reason I'm voting to abstain is because I just think we should have listened and now all the ratepayers are going to have to pay the price. Plus the other reason is I asked you Tony about Lakemore this is not going to give them any help at all right? City Administrator Cox stated that a limited amount of assistance would go to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Sludge Feed for separation of the flow to the presses a project cost of over \$500,000 so there will be some improvement planned at the Waste Water Plant but it is not the full blown response that will eventually be needed but it is better than what we are doing today.

Councilmember LeBel made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3439 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said Ordinance for February 21, 2012. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call, Councilmembers Garrett, Jinks, Bivens, LeBel, Senter and Mayor Thomas voted "aye"; Councilmember Brooks "abstained".

Ordinance No. 3439

Being an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code, Morristown, Tennessee, 2010, as Amended by Revising Title 18, Chapter 4 (Water Pollution Control Ordinance No. 3394) of the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee regarding Sewer Use Fees.

Mayor Thomas recessed the meeting for an Executive Session to confer with attorneys regarding legal issues.

Mayor Thomas re-convened the meeting with the following named Councilmembers present: Gene Brooks, Claude Jinks, and Kay Senter; absent Councilmembers Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett and Paul LeBel.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to adjourn the February 13, 2012 special called meeting. Councilmember Jinks seconded the motion and upon roll call, all voted "aye".

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY ADMINISTRATOR