

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN
JANUARY 5, 2021**

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, January 5, 2021, with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Tommy Pedigo, Kay Senter and Ken Smith. Absent: Bob Garrett

Councilmember Al A'Hearn led in the invocation and "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes as circulated. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney presented Lieutenant John Fassler with a Proclamation upon his retirement from the City of Morristown recognizing him for 24 years of service to the City of Morristown. Police Chief Overholt presented Lieutenant Fassler with his service weapon and commended him for serving the Morristown Police Department and the citizens of the city well.

Mayor Chesney presented Detective Todd Davidson with a Proclamation upon his retirement from the City of Morristown recognizing him for his 32 years of service to the City of Morristown. Police Chief Overholt presented Detective Davidson with his service weapon and commended him for serving the Morristown Police Department and the citizens of the city well.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens comments related to Agenda items: no one spoke.

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance 3665; no one spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3665 on second and final reading. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 3665

An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B and that the rear portion of 2307 West Andrew Johnson Highway currently designated as Light Industrial; thereby, resulting in Hamblen County Tax Parcel ID# 041B B 006.00 as being rezoned as Intermediate Business in its entirety.

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance 3651.03; No one from the public spoke. Councilmember Pedigo asked that the record reflect that the Market Survey Update Austin Peters performed provided a market study across the state with both private industry and local government and based on the data collected the City of Morristown is now up to the sixty-percentile level for being competitive in compensation.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3651.03 on second and final reading. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 3651.03

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3651, the City of Morristown, Tennessee Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to appropriate/reclassify funds totaling \$695,230 for the implementation of the Market Survey Update as presented by the Austin Peters Group, Inc. with a two percent cost of living adjustment added to the updated survey retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve to enter into a new contract with Verizon Wireless to provide Cellular Phone Service via Statewide Contract 811. Councilmember A’Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement for Training and Facility Use. Councilmember A’Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the supplement to the existing contract with LDA Engineering for the Multiple Stormwater Drainage Project in the amount of \$12,000. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the surplus of the service weapon assigned to Lieutenant John Fassler, Glock 9mm Model 17 serial number BAZB690 to be transferred to Lieutenant Fassler in honor of his 24 years of service to the Morristown Police Department and to surplus the service weapon assigned to Detective Todd Davidson, Glock 9mm Model 19 serial number BAVN964 to be transferred to Detective Davidson in honor of his 32 years of service to the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember A’Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Mayor Chesney appointed the following Councilmembers to the 2021 Finance Committee: Tommy Pedigo - Chair, Al A’Hearn and Ken Smith

Councilmember Senter made a motion to reappoint Joe Molitor to the Stormwater Violations Board of the City of Morristown for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2024. Councilmember A’Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to hire Garrett Johnson as a full-time Patrol Officer for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember A’Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

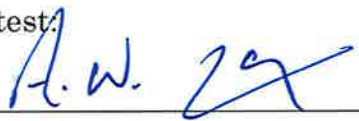
Councilmember A’Hearn made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Besser, William Boyle and Dustin Reed as Reserve Officers for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

City Administrator, Anthony Cox reported on the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for members of the audience to speak subject to the guidelines provided; Linda Noe spoke.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the January 5, 2021 Morristown City Council meeting at 5:35 p.m.


Mayor

Attest:

City Administrator