

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN  
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN  
SEPTEMBER 21, 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. with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Kay Senter and Ken Smith.

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

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes as circulated. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney recognized City Administrator Anthony W. "Tony" Cox for receiving the 2021 City Manager of the Year Award from the Tennessee City Management Association. The award was presented to him in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments to the city management profession and the citizens of Morristown, Tennessee.

Mayor Chesney presented the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This is the eighth consecutive year to receive this award.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens comments related to Agenda items. Dorothy Kaplaneris, Heather Brooks and Linda Noe spoke.

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 3689.03. No one spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3689.03 on second and final reading. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 3689.03**  
**To amend Ordinance Number 3689, The City of Morristown, Tennessee Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and to reclassify funds totaling \$8,450; necessary to appropriate additional funds to the Morristown-Hamblen Library. This Amendment does not increase total appropriations.**

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-22. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Resolution No. 9-22**  
**Being a Resolution of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee to Accept the proposed division of the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement amount.**

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3696 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for October 5, 2021. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 3696**  
**Entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. {Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 034H I 019.00 from IB**

**(Intermediate Business) to R2 (Medium Density Residential District), the general location being shown on the attached exhibit A. Main Street.**

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3697 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for October 5, 2021. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 3697**

**Entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. {Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 032025 15910 from IB (Intermediate Business District) and Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID# 032025 15801 from R2 (Medium Density Residential District) to RP1 (Planned Development Residential District), the general location being shown on the attached exhibit A. 25E/Dalton Ford Road.**

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve to accept the recommendation from LOSE Design and award the best and lowest bid to Ziggurat Development in the amount \$224,491.00 for Morristown Park Building ADA Improvements. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve contract with Pitney Bowes for lease of postage mailing system. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion approve to accept the recommendation from LDA Engineering to award the best and lowest bid to East Tennessee Turf & Landscape for the Downtown Water Mains three phase project in a total amount of \$547,136. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney, Councilmembers A'Hearn, Bivens, Pedigo, Senter and Smith all voted "aye". Councilmember Garrett voted "no".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve to declare vehicles and equipment surplus and dispose of properly. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the Contract Addendum with David Purkey for Public Safety Communications Modernization. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve to proceed with the Public Safety Communications Modernization project with a final cost in an amount of \$2,693,400.15. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the Stormwater Easement for Durham Landing (John Bell/Summit Medical). Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve to close a portion of Peavine Alley for the month of October 2021 for the Downtown Morristown "pumpkin patch" event. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to appoint Patrick McGuffin to the Morristown-Hamblen Solid Waste System for a three (3) year term expiring October 1, 2024. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney appointed Councilmember Al A'Hearn to the Morristown Tree Board for a three (3) year term expiring September 1, 2024.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for members of the audience to speak subject to the guidelines provided; Paul Quentino, Jennifer Clark, Lui Chan, Rob Burke and Linda Noe spoke.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the September 21, 2021 Morristown City Council meeting at 6:12 p.m.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Administrator