

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN
December 20, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

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: Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Kay Senter and Ken Smith. Absent: Al A'Hearn.

Captain Charles Letterman, Master Chaplain Morristown Police Department, led in the invocation.

Mayor Gary Chesney led in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes as circulated. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to defer the action on Ordinance No. 4729 to the January 3, 2023 City Council meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

Ordinance No. 4729

Being an Ordinance of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee Amending Title 1, Chapter 2, Section 206 of the Morristown Municipal Code (Order of Business).

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-30. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

Resolution No. 2022-30

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Morristown, Tennessee directing payment of Electric Tax Equivalent.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-31. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

Resolution No. 2022-31

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Morristown, Tennessee directing payment of Wastewater Tax Equivalent.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4730 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for January 3, 2023. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney, Councilmembers Bivens, Garrett, Pedigo and Smith voted "aye". Councilmember Senter abstained.

Ordinance No. 4730

Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 032050 10701 from R2 (Medium Density Residential District) to IB (Intermediate Business District) (Hwy 25E/Hwy 160).

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4731 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for January 3, 2023. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 4731

Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of Buffalo Trail Baptist Church, located at 1829 Sherwood Drive; Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 032025P K 00400 from R2 (Medium Density Residential District) and OMP (Office, Medical, and Professional District) to IB (Intermediate Business District).

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4732 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for January 3, 2023. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 4732

Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning 1510 Old Liberty Hill Road from LI (Light Industrial) to IB (Intermediate Business).

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to refer the request for rezoning as it relates to Ordinance No. 4733 back to Planning Commission for further consideration. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney and Councilmembers Pedigo, Senter and Smith voted "aye". Councilmember Bivens and Garrett voted "no".

Ordinance No. 4733

Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning a part of Lots 3, 4 and 5 of the Robert Campbell Property as shown on a plat of same from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to R-3 (Heavy Density Residential) (1934 Shields Ferry Road).

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the contract with CPS-HR Consulting for Civil Service Testing Materials. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve the contract with Mark III Employee Benefits to provide Insurance Broker Services effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 in an amount of \$30,000 per year. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve amendments to the Internal Control Policy Manual. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to the Concession Contract with the East High Band Boosters, exercising the option for a second year of concession operation at certain park facilities through February 28, 2024. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Continental Protection to provide alarm monitoring services for the City of Morristown Police Department armory in the amount of \$420 (\$35 per month). Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Johnson Controls to provide fire alarm monitoring services for the Morristown Landing Recreation & Events Center in the amount of \$500 annually. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to acknowledge receipt of proposals and approve an agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC to provide services related to a classification and compensation analysis and plan for the amount of \$42,500, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the same. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to acknowledge receipt of proposals for Turf Management and Mowing Services and authorize the City Administrator to enter into two (2) – two (2) year agreements with Oak View Landscaping and Tennessee Turf Masters totaling \$290,278.00 annually. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for Generator Maintenance Services, accept the bid from Clarke Power Services as the best and lowest bid, and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a 3-year contract with Clarke Power Services at a total cost of \$54,150.00 (or \$18,050.00 annually). Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion of the approval to surplus phone booths. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for Police Department Tasers, accept the bid from Axon as the best and most qualified bid, and authorize the one-time purchase of (7) X26P tasers from Axon totaling \$8,540.00. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve the purchase of miscellaneous squad car equipment to include emergency lighting and radars utilizing statewide contracts #202 and #349 totaling \$87,664.92 for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve the amendment to contract with Mattern and Craig in the amount of \$21,000 for the Design Phase of the East Morris Blvd Rehabilitation Project. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion of the approval of Supplement No. 1 in an amount of \$48,005 with Rummel, Klepper and Kahl, LLP (RK&K) for the Turkey Creek Greenway Phase 5 project. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Smith made a motion of the approval for the Morristown Police Department apply for the FY23 Violent Crime Intervention Fund Formula Grant in the amount of \$369,978 to be used to replace an almost twenty-year-old explosive ordnance disposal tactical robot use for explosive material removal and tactical response. This grant requires no match. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion of the approval for the Morristown Police Department to apply for the FY23 Violent Crime Intervention Fund Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$400,000 to be applied for in cooperation with the Hamblen County Sheriff's Department to provide an armored personnel transport vehicle for tactical response. This grant requires no match. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to reappointment David Wild to the Stormwater Violations Board of the City of Morristown for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2026. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for members of the audience to speak subject to the guidelines provided; Linda Noe, Louis Chan and Daryl Brady spoke.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the December 20, 2022, Morristown City Council meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



City Administrator