

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN

July 19, 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 Chuck Letterman, Chaplain, Morristown Police Department led in the invocation

Mayor Chesney led in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022, minutes as circulated. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to open the agenda for purpose of issues with Fire Department. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call all voted 'aye'.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to add an item under New Issues - 9e1. Approval of Hiring one Entry Level Fire Fighter for the Morristown Fire Department. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney presented Detective Corporal Jack Everhart with a Proclamation upon his retirement from the City of Morristown. Police Chief Roger Overholt presented him with his service weapon. Corporal Everhart was commended for serving the Police Department and the citizens of the city well.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens comments related to Agenda items. Louis Chan spoke.

A Public Hearing was held pertaining to Public Chapter 1101 regarding Plans of Services and Progress Reports for Ordinance No. 4700 Annexation of 363 Snyder Road. No one spoke.

Councilmember made a motion to renew and update the Plan of Services for Ordinance No. 4700 for the annexation of property currently addressed as 363 Snyder Road having the Hamblen County Tax Parcel ID #: 032034D D 00300 with the Zoning Designation of Medium Density Residential District R2. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

A Public Hearing was held related to Ordinance No. 4715. No one spoke.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4715 on second and final reading. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4715
Being An Ordinance of The City Council of Morristown,
Tennessee Amending Title 14 (Zoning and Land Use Control),
Chapter 14 HI-Heavy Industrial District, Section 14-1408.
(Building Height) of The Morristown Municipal Code.**

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-16. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2022-16

A Resolution of The City Council of Morristown, Tennessee authorizing The City of Morristown to participate in Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4716 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for August 2, 2022. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 4716

Entitled an Ordinance to Annex Certain Territory and to Incorporate same within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Morristown, Tennessee. Annexation of property identified as Hamblen County Parcel ID # 032024 13002 and currently addressed as 794 Noes Chapel with the Zoning Designation of High-Density Residential District, R3.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4717 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for August 2, 2022. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Councilmembers Bivens, Garrett, Pedigo, Senter and Smith voted "aye". Mayor Chesney voted "no".

Ordinance No. 4717

Entitled an Ordinance to Close and Vacate Certain Rights-of-Ways within the City of Morristown - Located along West Donaldson Drive in Lea Hills Subdivision #2.

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4718 on first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for August 2, 2022. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 4718

Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID #'s 034J A 011.00 and 034J A 012.00, from LI (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential), (1020 and 1026 E. Main Street).

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Task Order No. 2 for Mattern & Craig to provide Engineering Services for signal coordination for the Thompson Creek Road Reconstruction Project in the amount \$31,000. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve to purchase a Tire Balancer for the Equipment Shop from Mohawk Lifts, LLC in the amount of \$25,296.16 based on cooperative pricing. This is a planned expenditure in the FY23 budget. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for Bulletproof Vests and related components, accept the bid from Galls as the best and lowest bid, and authorize the City Administrator to enter a contract authorizing purchases at the bid prices through June 30, 2024 with options for extension per the bid documents. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve a Work Authorization for Gresham Smith Partners to design, create specifications, and manage bidding for upgrades to electrical service along Main Street, at the Downtown Green, and the Farmer’s Market – an ARPA project. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to the approval of the Purchase and Conveyance of property from Thompson Creek Apartments, LLC, Clingman Prospect, LLC and Cope Street Complex, LLC for the Thompson Creek Road Reconstruction Project in an amount of \$41,756. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to approve the sale of property to Wattum in the East Tennessee Progress Center consisting of approximately five acres along Power Drive at the purchase price of \$20,000 per acre. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.


Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to the approve the sale of property to Wattum in the East Tennessee Valley Industrial District at the purchase price of \$20,000 per acre. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted “aye”.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to hire Mitchell Elston as an Entry Level Firefighter. Councilmember Garrett 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, Gwen Holden and Louis Chan spoke.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the July 19, 2022, Morristown City Council meeting at 5:49 p.m.


Mayor

Attest:


City Administrator