

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMBLEN  
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN  
March 7, 2023  
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: Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo and Kay Senter. Absent: Ken Smith.

Reverend Jacqui Griffin, Morristown Police Dept. Chaplain led in the invocation.

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

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to adopt the March 7, 2023 agenda as presented. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney presented the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 to Finance Director Michelle Woods and commended her and the Finance Department on a job well done.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for citizens' comments related to Agenda items. No one spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes as circulated. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

**Resolution No. 2023-01 Plan of Services**  
**Resolution adopting a Plan of Services for the annexation of property located at 255 Milburn Street, Morristown, TN.**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4733. No one spoke.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4733 on second and final reading. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

**Ordinance No. 4733**  
**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 # 032047E C 00800 and currently addressed as 255 Milburn Street with the Zoning Designation of Medium-Density Residential District, R-2.**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4734. No one spoke.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4734 on second and final reading. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."



**Ordinance No. 4734**

**Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. {Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 032034 02202, 855 Thompson Creek Road, from PCD (Planned Commercial District) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential District).**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4735. No one spoke.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to table Ordinance No. 4735 upon request from applicant. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

**Ordinance No. 4735**

**Entitled an Ordinance to close and vacate certain rights-of-ways within the city of Morristown as located along Combs Lane in the Eastern Quadrant of the City of Morristown.**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4736. No one spoke.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to deny Ordinance No. 4736 on second and final reading due to spot zoning. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney and Councilmembers Bivens, Garrett, Pedigo and Senter voted "aye." Councilmember A'Hearn voted "no."

**Ordinance No. 4736**

**Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to LI (Light Industrial), parts of Tract 1R and Tract 3 of the Final Plat of Jason Leffew Property (Buffalo Trail).**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4737. No one spoke.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to deny Ordinance No. 4737 on second and final reading due to spot zoning. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

**Ordinance No. 4737**

**Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to IB (Intermediate Business), being a portion of the property addressed 644 Witt Road.**

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-02. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye."

**Resolution No. 2023-02**

**A Resolution to Ratify the Amended Morristown-Hamblen Growth Plan.**

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4713.07 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to final passage of said ordinance for March 21, 2023. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4713.07**

**To amend ordinance number 4713, the City of Morristown, Tennessee annual budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 necessary to appropriate additional funds in relation to a donation, the issuance of the 2022 General Obligation Bonds for the land**

**expansion at the Morristown- Hamblen County Landfill, a legal settlement, various operational needs, and a grant-funded airport project; and to appropriate and establish the funding source for each appropriation.**

Councilmember Senter made a motion to authorize a service agreement with GEOServices, LLC for geotechnical exploration services related to the proposed site of the new Fire Station No. 3 on Thompson Creek Road in the amount of \$11,000. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for the Landing's HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services, accept the bid from Interstate Mechanical Services as the best and lowest bid, and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a two (2) year agreement with Interstate Mechanical Services to provide HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services totaling \$24,750.00 per year. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids on February 7, 2023 for the Slate Roof Replacement for Rose Center and authorize the negotiation and execution of a contract with Eskola, LLC for \$314,330. Councilmember Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Senter made a motion of the approval to declare Public Works equipment as surplus. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor reappointed Frank McGuffin and Ventrus Norfolk to the Morristown Regional Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire March 1, 2027.

Councilmember Senter made a motion to appoint Rosemary Wigington to the Civil Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Joel Hice; term expiring October 1, 2024. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion of the approval to hire Hayden Chase Bewley, Cory Bryant, Jarod Bond, Aaron Davis, Tabitha Dykes, Aaron Greene, Ryan Johnson, and Oliver Kallal, as Entry-Level Officers for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion of the approval to hire Michael Boswell as a part-time Reserve Officer for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

City Administrator Anthony Cox reported on Line-Item Transfers in the General Fund #110, Drug Fund #126, LAMTPO Fund #172, Sanitation Fund #435 and Storm Water Fund #440. He reported that the Morristown Police Department was awarded the Violent Crime Intervention Fund Grant in an amount of \$269,978.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the March 7, 2023, Morristown City Council meeting at 5:34 p.m.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Administrator