

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN

August 15, 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., Tuesday, August 15, 2023 with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following Councilmembers present, Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Joseph Senter and Kay Senter.

Reverend Jacqui Griffin, Morristown Police Dept. Chaplain led in the invocation. Councilmember A'Hearn led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to adopt the August 15, 2023 agenda as presented. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Chesney presented Finance Director Michelle Woods with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022. He noted that the City has been the recipient of this certificate for the past 10 years consecutively, making this the 11th time to receive the award.

Mayor Chesney opened the floor for members of the audience to speak subject to the guidelines provided. William Burja, Blaine Kelly, Deborah Chance Helms and Tim Ely spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes as circulated. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-15. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2023-15

Resolution to approve an amended site plan, specifically Lot 2, of the Mixed-Use Master Plan originally adopted in 2007 to be constructed at the intersection of Cherokee Drive and Walters.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-16. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye". Councilmember K. Senter asked for the minutes to reflect that a Request for Proposals was advertised for financing of \$10 million on August 4, 2023. Responses were received from Regions Bank, Webster Bank and Truist Bank. All three banks agreed to guarantee an interest rate from August 4, 2023 to October 15, 2023, 65 days. TMBF Bond Fund did not respond to the RFP because banks issuing public building authority loans had issue with holding an interest rate over 60 days due to current interest rate volatility.

Resolution No. 2023-16

Initial Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of the City of Morristown, Tennessee or authorizing the City to enter into a loan agreement with a public building authority and to secure the annual payments thereunder through a pledge of the city's full faith and credit taxing power.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-17. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2023-17

A Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Morristown, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000, in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to table Ordinance No. 4757 on its first reading. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Ordinance No. 4757

Entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of a portion of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel # 034G A 01702 000 (East Andrew Johnson Hwy/Chestnut Ave.)

Councilmember Pedigo left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement (I&M) between the City of Morristown and Broadway Investment Company, LLC dba Dollar General, The Downs at Wallace Farms. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney and Councilmembers Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Joseph Senter and Kay Senter voted "aye". Councilmember Pedigo was absent for the vote.

Councilmember Pedigo returned to the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to accept the donation of a vest for the Morristown Police Department's K9 Rossi from Vested Interest in K9, Inc. at a value of \$1,000.00. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion of approval to apply for the Tennessee Department of Transportation – Statewide Partnership Program Grant in an amount of \$300,000.00 for the Central Church Road Improvement Project. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge receipt of proposals for CDBG Administration Services and authorize the execution of a Master Service Agreement with BluLynx Solutions. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize Task Order Number 1 with BluLynx Solutions in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the completion of the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report for CDBG Programs. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize Task Order Number 2 with BluLynx Solutions in the amount of \$18,500.00 for the completion of the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan for CDBG Programs. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to defer the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F250 Crew Cab 4WD Pickup, White via Statewide Contract (#209) totaling \$50,382.00 for the Public Works Department. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Ford Transit Van per the quote for \$51,743.98 from Duval Ford via an open governmental agreement between Duval Ford and Bradford County, Florida. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".



Councilmember Bivens made a motion to authorize the purchase of nine (9) Ford Interceptors per the quote for \$517,666.57 from Duval Ford via an open governmental agreement between Duval Ford and Bradford County, Florida. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve Change Order Number 2 with Eskola, LLC for a temporary roof solution and exploratory work in the amount of \$5,600 for the Rose Center Roof Replacement project. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute a Task Order with HB Clark Signature Disc Golf Course Design (HBC Group, LLC) in the amount of \$3,325.00 for the assessment of potential impacts of road access improvements to disc golf at Frank Lorino Park. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize a purchase order for storm drain lining and related services to Portland Utilities Construction Co., LLC for \$69,250.00 via a publicly solicited and awarded bid by the Town of Brighton, Tennessee. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the proposal from LDA Engineering to provide Professional Services for the Havley Springs Branch Stormwater Study in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 and authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement. Councilmember Kay Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) traffic cabinets from Temple, Inc. as a sole source provider in the amount of \$16,426.00. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Tera Howerton and Chuck Smith to the Morristown Tree Board for a three (3) -year term to expire on September 18, 2026 and appoint Councilmember Pedigo to fill the unexpired term of Councilmember A'Hearn; term expiring September 1, 2024. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney and Councilmembers Al A'Hearn, Chris Bivens, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Joseph Senter and Kay Senter voted "aye". Councilmember Pedigo abstained.

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the August 15, 2023, Morristown City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.


Mayor

Attest:


City Administrator