

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMBLEN  
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN  
September 19, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Morristown, Hamblen Count, Tennessee, met in regular session at the regular meeting place of the Council in the Morristown City Center at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2023 with the Honorable Mayor Gary Chesney presiding and the following councilmembers present, Al A'Hearn, Bob Garrett, Tommy Pedigo, Joseph Senter and Kay Senter. Absent, Chris Bivens.

Reverend Don Lamb, Morristown Police Department Chaplain led in the invocation. Councilmember A'Hearn led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to adopt the September 19, 2023 agenda as presented. Councilmember K. Senter 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. Charles Cook, Martha Anderson, Tim Heely, Gwen Holden, Lakeia Comer, Linda Noe and Louis Chan spoke.

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to defer the approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-19 as amended. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Councilmembers A'Hearn, Garrett, Pedigo, K. Sentner and Mayor Chesney voted "aye"; Councilmember J. Senter voted "no".

**Resolution No. 2023-19  
Being a Resolution of The City of Morristown, Requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to amend the Private Act Charter of The City of Morristown.**

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to reject Ordinance No. 4758 on its first reading and recommend that the Planning Commission request it be zoned R-P1. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4758  
Entitled an Ordinance to annex certain territory and to incorporate same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Morristown Tennessee; Annexation of 14.68 acres as described in Hamblen County Warranty Deed Book 2001, Pages 808-812, having Hamblen County Tax ID #032024 06201 (intersection of Cherokee Drive and Noe's Chapel Road).**

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4759 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to the final passage of said ordinance for October 3, 2023. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4759  
Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of The City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID #032042 01500 from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to IB (Intermediate Business District) located at 455 Fish Hatchery Road.**

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4760 on its first reading and schedule a public hearing relative to the final passage of said ordinance for October 3, 2023. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4760**

**Entitled an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of The City of Morristown, Tennessee, Appendix B. Rezoning of Hamblen County Tennessee Tax Parcel ID # 034B B 00700 000 from LI (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) located at 432 North Liberty Hill.**

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the one-time purchase of eighteen (18) X26P Tasers and eighteen (18) Batteries for the Police Department from Axon as a sole source purchase totaling \$24,439.32. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to declare Police Vehicle #438, 2007 Crown Victoria, that has been removed from service as surplus (VIN#2FAFP71W97X128594). Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to declare real estate at 709 Talbott Rd and 1021 Ridgecrest St to be surplus and authorize disposition of both properties by sealed proposal or bid. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of a grant and the Mayor's execution of a grant contract between the City and Tennessee Department of Transportation for preliminary design in anticipation of rehabilitating certain areas of apron at the Morristown Regional Airport (\$59,850 state / \$3,150 local). Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve the agreement with LDA Engineering to provide surveying, engineering, and design services for the Cherokee Drive at Walters Drive Roundabout project in an amount of \$85,000.00. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Councilmembers A'Hearn, Garrett, Pedigo, K. Senter and Mayor Chesney voted "aye". Councilmember J. Senter "abstained".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to accept the recommendation from Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP and award the best and lowest bid to Herrco, Inc. in the amount of \$38,200.00 for the Overhead Pedestrian Bridge Repair over Henry Street at Main Street project and allow Tony Cox, City Administrator to enter into contract. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to extend the term of contract with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. dba Verra Mobility through December 31, 2023. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to accept the donation of construction services from MB&R Contractors in an approximate amount of \$6,000.00 as related to the replacement of both pedestrian bridges at Fred Miller Park. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize the one-time purchase of one hundred and fifty (150) Holsters and accessories for the Police Department from Dana Safety Supply via an open governmental agreement between Dana Safety Supply and Bradford County, Florida, in the amount of \$18,509.00. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for the Equipment Trailer, accept the bid from Smokey Mountain Trailer Outlet as the best and lowest bid, and authorize a one-time purchase of the Equipment Trailer for the Public Works Dept. totaling \$30,818.83. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

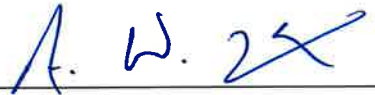
Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve the Mayor's nomination of Nancy Renner to the Morristown Tree Board to fill the unexpired term of Chris Lloyd; term expiring September 18, 2025. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

The City Administrator presented the FY 2022/2023 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the September 19, 2023, Morristown City Council meeting at 6:20 p.m.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Administrator

