

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HAMBLEN
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN
February 06, 2024
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, February 6, 2024 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 Don Lamb, Morristown Fire Department Chaplain led in the invocation. Councilmember Al A'Hearn led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to adopt the February 6, 2024, 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. Linda Noe spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024, minutes as circulated. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-03. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2024-03

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

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-04. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2024-04

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

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-05. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2024-05

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Morristown, Tennessee authorizing application for the 2024 HOME Grant with the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-06. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2024-06

A Resolution of the City Council of Morristown, Tennessee Adjusting Sick Leave Balances for Shift Fire Personnel.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-07. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion. Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to amend the original motion and insert into the Resolution that the {employment agreement is to be reviewed "and approved" by the City Council}. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye". Mayor Chesney called for a vote of the original motion as amended and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Resolution No. 2024-07

A Resolution of the City of Morristown, Tennessee to allow Mayor Chesney to negotiate an employment agreement with Andrew Ellard to fill the position of City Administrator.

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to declare miscellaneous office furniture, items and equipment as surplus. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids from pre-qualified general contractors for the construction of the new Fire Station No. 3 project on Thompson Creek Road, and award the project to McSpadden, Inc. based on their bid of \$5,499,228 including alternate No.1. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the repair to Fire Truck Unit #52 in the amount of \$10,189.84. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Lose Design for the design and construction administration services for a storage building for the Police Department and an open storage building for Public Works. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for the Command Post Mobile Trailer, accept the bid from Smokey Mountain Trailer Outlet as the best and lowest bid, and authorize a one-time purchase totaling with freight \$71,150. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of two (2) eligible responses to the Request for Proposals for the Police Alarm System, accept the proposal from Trimble Security Integrations as the best proposal, total for equipment and installation \$29,995.93. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the purchase of twenty-nine (29) protective gas masks and necessary accessories for the Police Department via a cooperative purchasing agreement. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute Façade Improvement Awards to the recommended property owners/applicants. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of proposals and authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract for Professional Services with Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation (TCAC) for HOME grant administration. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve an amendment to the ground lease with Minor's Marine, Incorporated (dated February 17, 2004) to allow for the early termination of the same. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the proposal from Michael Baker International for a Phase I Environment Site Assessment/Optional Desktop Research for the Central Church Road/Pilot Oil #295 in the amount of \$10,322. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for the Demolition of 112 W. 2nd North Street Property, accept the bid from Demolition Environmental Companies, LLC as the best and lowest bid. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve the Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Morristown and Dick's Sporting Goods for the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of two (2) eligible responses to the Request for Proposals for the Lorino Park Irrigation, accepting the proposal from Oak View Landscaping and Lawn Care as the best proposal. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the purchase of a portion of property at 750 Thompson Creek Rd (Parcel 034 022.00) pursuant to the attached purchase and sale agreement and subject to satisfactory due diligence. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; Mayor Chesney and Councilmembers A'Hearn, Bivens, Garrett and J. Senter voted "aye". Councilmember K. Senter voted "no". Councilmember Pedigo "Abstained".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement (I&M) with O&A Properties, LLC for property located at 4374 Erica Greene Circle (Huey Magoo's) Morristown, Tennessee. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize The Sports Facilities Companies, the operator of the Morristown Landing, to enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System for Athletic Trainer Services. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

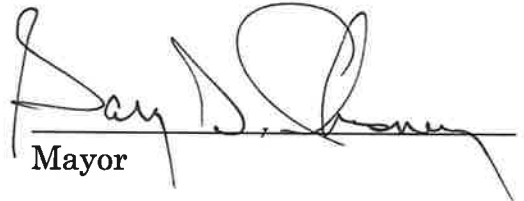
Mayor Chesney appointed Tim Coley to the Tennessee Valley Housing Services Board (formerly Morristown-Hamblen Housing Authority) for a five-year term to expire February 15, 2029.

Mayor Chesney reappointed John Wallace to the Morristown Regional Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire March 1, 2028.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to hire James Buck as an Entry Level Firefighter, Morristown Fire Department. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".


Councilmember Bivens made a motion to confirm the disciplinary action for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the February 6, 2024, Morristown City Council meeting at 5:44 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



City Administrator