

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTRY OF HAMBLLEN  
CORPORATION OF MORRISTOWN  
APRIL 2, 2024

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, April 2, 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.

Robert Montgomery, Morristown Fire Department Chaplain led in the invocation. Councilmember A'Hearn led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to adopt the April 2, 2024, agenda as presented. Councilmember A'Hearn 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. No one spoke.

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve the March 19, 2024, minutes as amended as related to the approval of Ordinance 4757 *{Councilmember Bivens made a motion to amend the original motion to include that zero traffic be allowed to flow through the residential streets of Morningside Subdivision (Chestnut Avenue and Bushong Avenue) during construction or after completion of construction of commercial development}*. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Under Old Business Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to bring Ordinance No. 4757 and Resolution No. 2023-10 Plan of Services back from the table and set for Public Hearing and Second Reading on April 16, 2024. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4757**

**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 Highway/Chestnut Avenue).**

**Resolution No. 2023-10 Plan of Services**

**A Resolution adopting a Plan of Services for the Annexation of Properties located between Merchants Greene Boulevard and S. Bellwood Road.**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4774. No one spoke.

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4774 on second and final reading. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4774**

**An Ordinance to close and vacate certain Rights-of-Ways within the City of Morristown as shown on the Shade-Wilder Subdivision recorded as Plat B, page 66 in the Hamblen County Courthouse and, as shown on the attached Exhibit A (Between Witt Road and Railroad).**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4775. No one spoke.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4775 on second and final reading. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4775**

**An Ordinance to close and vacate certain Rights-of-Way within the City of Morristown. Portion of the South Economy Road right-of-way with the general location being shown on the attached Exhibit A.**

A Public Hearing was held relating to Ordinance No. 4757. Ruth Helms spoke.

Councilmember Pedigo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 4757 on second and final reading. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion. Councilmember Bivens asked to clarify that Baylor Avenue is to be included in the list of residential streets (Chestnut Avenue and Bushong Avenue) that zero traffic be allowed to flow through during construction or after completion of construction of commercial development. Mayor Chesney called for the vote and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Ordinance No. 4757**

**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 Highway/Chestnut Avenue).**

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-10. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

**Resolution No. 2024-10**

**A Resolution to Accept and Dedicate Public Streets, Rights of Way and Street Names Located within the City of Morristown, Tennessee. {Southwood Subdivision: Greenway Drive and Southwood Circle}.**

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of two (2) eligible responses to the Request for Proposals for the Data Wiring at City Center, accept the proposal from Southeast Communications LLC as the best proposal, in the amount of \$25,480.00. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for Public Works Uniforms, accept the bid from Perfect Fit Image Apparel as the best and lowest bid. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize the repair to Fire Truck Unit #456 by Pierce Siddons-Martin Emergency Group as a sole source, in the amount of \$27,181.77. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for a Split System at Fire Station #1, accept the bid from Russ Norton as the best bid, and authorize the purchase of two (2) 96% Efficiency Split System for \$15,200.00. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for the Ballistic Helmets, accept the bid from Dana Safety Supply for the Team Wendy Epic Specialist Helmet as the best bid, and authorize a purchase quantity of 72, totaling \$58,380.40. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the purchase of Lighting for twelve (12) Vehicles from Dana Safety Supply via statewide Contract #202 in addition to other equipment, per the attached quote for the upfitting of the new police department vehicles, in the amount of \$59,965.94. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to authorize the purchase of Radar Equipment for twelve (12) Vehicles from Kustom Signals via Statewide Contract #349, per the attached quote for the upfitting of the new police department vehicles, in the amount of \$29,390.04. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to authorize the purchase of Patrol & K9 Equipment for twelve (12) Vehicles from Dana Safety Supply, per the attached quotes for the upfitting of the new police department vehicles, in the amount of \$45,736.21. Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to approve the naming of the new Fire Station 3 and Training Facility. Councilmember A'Hearn seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to authorize the receipt of a grant from the "Cop Fleet Forum" to reimburse the cost of travel for one staff member to the June 2024 fleet conference. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember A'Hearn made a motion to approve Amendment One of Grant Contract AERO-22-295-00 (ARPA Grant) with the Department of Transportation (TDOT) extending the term to January 19, 2025. Councilmember K. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember K. Senter made a motion to reappoint Bill Daniel to the Hamblen County Board of Equalization for a two (2) year term to expire May 1, 2026. Councilmember Bivens seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to reappoint Max Cook, Michael Price, and Sonja Shannon to the Construction Board of Adjustments, Appeals and Examiners for a three (3) year term to expire May 1, 2027. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to confirm a 40-hour suspension as a result of employee disciplinary action for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember J. Senter seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Councilmember Bivens made a motion to confirm a 12-hour suspension as a result of employee disciplinary action for the Morristown Police Department. Councilmember Pedigo seconded the motion and upon roll call; all voted "aye".

Mayor Gary Chesney adjourned the April 2, 2024, Morristown City Council meeting at 5:56 p.m.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Administrator