

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 25, 2023
FIRE STATION TRAINING ROOM

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order, present were Kristi Langkabel, Ralph Henderson and Tamera Davis. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts and Town Attorney Briane House.

Minutes of the October 11, 2023 regular meeting. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve regular meeting minutes as written. Council Member Tamera Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded by Council Member Tamera Davis The motion passed. Vote 4/0

PUBLIC HEARING:

Town attorney went over the process and explained what was being presented. Petitioner went over the plans for the annexed area.

Eric Thompson resident in the area asked about square footage and outside covering of the proposed homes. Petitioner stated they planned to build similar to what is in the area.

Town attorney stated that because of the type of annexation no fiscal plan needed.

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Attorney presented Ordinance 2023-20.

This Ordinance was read on first reading with a clerical error. Council Member Kristi Langkabel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-20 on first reading with corrections. Council Member Tamera Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Planning Book:

HWC Engineering went over the proposed project of updating the Morristown Planning Book and what steps they would take. Project would take 3 to 4 months with expected input from Morristown residents. Estimated cost \$42,500. Billed monthly.

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to proceed with HWC Engineering.

Council Member Tamera Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Shelby Eastern Schools – Morristown

Mr. Jeff Scott asked if the Council would consider changing the intersection of West Johnson Street and South Patterson to a no left turn into the school parking lot.

After discussion Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to have the town Attorney to draw up an ordinance for the requested change. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Heating Craney Building:

Clerk-Treasurer presented the one quote received for the heating furnace.

ORIGINAL

Quote: \$15,000.00

Council Member Kristi Langkabel made a motion to accept. Council Member Tamera Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Clerk-Treasurer:

Appropriation Reduction Ordinance:

Clerk-Treasurer went over Ordinance 2020-19 and its purpose.

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-19 as presented. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0.

Clerk-Treasurer presented the September financial statements including bank reconciliation for all funds. There were no comments.

Clerk-Treasurer presented a copy of the advertised 2023 tax rates and how they related to the Town of Morristown and Hanover Township.

Clerk-Treasurer plans to explain how to fund paid fireman in 2024 in November.

Clerk-Treasurer advised the council that because of increased employee medical insurance cost that employee cost of \$1.00 per week was not feasible.

Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney will meet to discuss the Kopper Kettle storm water issue that has been going on for several years and maybe ways to solve.

Police Department:

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve candy for Halloween.

Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Brad Trittiipo stated they were still working on cameras in the fire station.

Legal:

Nothing

STREET, WATER AND WASTEWATER:

Craig Jones stated small dump truck was beginning to rust from the salt spreader box And needed to be refurbished. Mr. Jones presented a quote from Ziebart to fix the issue.

Estimated cost: \$3,980.00


Council Member Tamera Davis made a motion to approve the request. Council member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

MUNICIPAL PARK:

Dede Allender went over the Morristown Community Development Partnership Report.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Ralph Henderson a motion to adjourn. Council Member Tamera Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0


David Benefiel, President

Don Roberts – Clerk-Treasurer

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