

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 11, 2019

President Lawrence Tracy called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag, others present were William White, David Benefiel, Kristi Langkabel and Ralph Henderson. Also present was: Town Attorney Mark McNeely and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts.

Minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Council Member William White, seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 5/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded by Council Member William White. The motion passed. Vote 5/0

Council President asked for a moment of silence to remember the terror attack tragedy on September 11, 2001.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Larry Tracy opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 Town Budget. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer went over the 2020 Town Budget in detail. Asked Council Members and anyone in the audience if there were any questions. At this time the only major expenditure will be for a new police car. Council Member William White made motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2020 Town Budget. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

NEW BUSINESS:

Faith Baptist Church inquiring about connecting to the Morristown Water and Wastewater lines that run along the site for a new church. After discussion Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to okay the connections. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President still working with Monroe Body Works. No issues at this time. Letter was sent stating that water and wastewater was available.

Christmas Tree:

Don Smith explained the issues he was having in getting a Christmas Tree for the Municipal Building Area. Cost of tree will probably be more. Council continue looking.

CLERK-TREASURER:

Morrison Street Water Filtration plant construction moving forward. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stated that there would be a change order for additional concrete for the drive entrance. 10 inches of concrete is needed instead of 6 inches.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked about HSA contribution for Jeff Heck. Council Member William White made a motion not to contribute in 2019 because the year is about over. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked if it would be okay to purchase a large screen laptop computer Dedicated for the GIS mapping of water and wastewater lines. Estimated cost around \$600.00. Council Member William White made a motion to approve request. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked about the new rates for water based on the Cost of Use Study. Council Member David Benefiel stated he would like Baker Tilly to come back for some additional questions. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer stated he would contact Baker Tilly.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reported that pole barn costs were being obtained.

LEGAL:

Nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer gave Mr. McNeely a copy of the legal description for the additional 18 feet needed from Bunge for the water filtration plant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Marshall Albrecht stated that the dog kennel was installed at the Morristown Wastewater site. Looks good. Ramps are needed.

Marshall Albrecht asked about purchasing noise suppressors for town weapons. Noise could cause Hearing loss. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 suppressors For \$350.000 each. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Marshall Albrecht stated the cost for a new police car in 2020 if ordered now would be \$37,500.00. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the purchase. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 5/0

Marshall Albrecht informed the council Park Security Cameras were ready to install.

WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous Business:

Council Member William White inquired about alcohol in the park during the Morristown Community Fall Festival. No decision at this time.

Larry Tracy, President

Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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