

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2008**

The town council met in regular session August 27, 2008 at 7pm. All members present. President Bill White called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to accept minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

OLD BUSINESS

1. It was asked if Josh West can supply proof of insurance and worker's compensation before demolition process begins on the bowling alley. Town attorney Jennifer Messer will work with West to have all legal documents necessary. Council member Benefiel motioned for Messer to work with West. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
2. Town Marshall Henry Albrecht to contact original owners of bowling alley to remove memorabilia. He will also contact vendor to remove machine.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Blacktop repairs are needed on 300 E., Locust St., and at the intersection of Wood St. and Industrial Dr. Some of the money needed for repairs can be taken from Sewer Fund because damage on 300 E. was due to installing sewer lines. CGS Services will provide all asphalt mix by the ton. See attached quote accepted for repairs. Additional bids to make repairs at railroad crossings were received from Koors Contracting, but were not accepted at this time. Council member Benefiel motioned to only make quoted repairs to Locust St., 300 E., and the corner of Wood St. and Industrial Dr. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
2. Council member Justus asked if the Masonic Lodge sign will be put back up at entrance of town. Town does not pay for organization signs. Jim Wilson to ask local organizations about possibly working together for a new sign.

CLERK TREASURER

1. Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber asked if Albrecht will be on the clock for the town while conducting the DARE Program. Albrecht will be using his vacation days.
2. Reber asked for the contact person for Verizon to possibly be changed from Richard Kesar to Reber. Reber is unable to work with Verizon to look at lowering monthly cell phone bill unless he is the contact person listed with Verizon. President White said he would have Richard contact Reber.
3. Clerk Treasurer Reber reported employee overtime is high right now. Reber stated with budgeting tight that overtime needs to be restricted. Projects should also be planned ahead to keep back and forth travel time at a minimum. President White stated he would speak with employees.
4. Clerk Treasurer Reber inquired about police car use being kept to a minimum for personal use. Albrecht stated that on occasion officers do use their personal money for gas in the police cars. President White stated to just not use the police cars more than needed for personal use.
5. Clerk Treasurer Reber suggested due to mowing season soon ending that Benny Barnes be laid off until next mowing season begins to be in compliance with Mr. Barnes' job description. No response from the council.

6. Clerk Treasurer Reber reported the mowing incident has been settled between the homeowner and insurance company. Reber suggested looking into a shield for mowers to prevent debris from flying through air. Estimate at \$300.

POLICE BUSINESS

1. Deputy Marshall Brad Trittipo reported that Shelby County is 1 of 8 counties to be participating in the E Ticket Program. The necessary equipment will be donated if town wishes to participate. Equipment would allow officers to decrease pull-over time by half or more. Various reports would be readily. Officers would have to sign agreement to download tickets within 48 hours of traffic stop. If it was ever decided to not use equipment, it must be given back. This will also open possibilities of more federal grants. Equipment would also make trips to the Sherriff's office less frequent. Council member Benefiel moved to pass. President White 2nd. 2 ayes. 1 no.
2. Marshall Henry Albrecht reported new hand-held radar has been received, but battery pack was not in the handle as was shown in literature.
3. Marshall Albrecht reported a new grant from the Drug Free Coalition for the DARE program has been granted. The approval for the grant for vests will be by the beginning of November. Albrecht also requested a separate fund account for the DARE Program to comply with State Board of Accounts.
4. Police car repairs are almost complete.
5. Police Department has received a donation from Eliza Goble for helping with the POG Run. Albrecht wants the money to be put in the computer fund. Two laptop batteries were purchased for a total of \$300.
6. Police Department and Clerk Treasurer offices' to be switched soon.
7. Deputy Marshall Trittipo reported he was asked by local churches on Washington St. about lowering speed limit permanently or possibly during church hours. Possibly have children crossing signs in front of Boys & Girls Club.
8. Albrecht stated the crosswalk in front of school does not look complete, but State believes their work there is finished. Attorney Messer will call the State to inquire more on the subject.
9. Fire hydrant on Johnson and Washington Streets is leaking.

LEGAL BUSINESS

1. Town Attorney Jennifer Messer gave report from Mary Atkins with M.D. Wessler. She is working with Greg Glover to provide services that will prevent any further violations with IDEM. Atkins has proposed a 5 year contract at \$8500. Messer will ask Mary Atkins to attend the next scheduled meeting to answer questions.
2. FMLA was looked into and the town is responsible in specific areas. Employee requesting FMLA needs to contact Messer to go thru application process.
3. Council member Benefiel moved to pass Ordinance 7-2008. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. The Water Rate Increase will go into affect in September. October bills may have rate increase on them.
4. Ordinance concerning annexation can go into affect in 90 days at the earliest. Council member Benefiel moved to pass Ordinance 4-2008. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. A final notice will be published in newspaper.
5. Messer mailed letter to citizen advising to trim shrubbery blocking traffic view. Shrubs have not been trimmed at this time. Town cannot force citizen to trim shrubs, but only advise citizen of their personal liability.

LICENSE BRANCH

I. No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

I. Two more utility hook ups are complete. Town will not hook up at Mr. McDaniel's home until he is returned from vacation.

Council member Benefiel motioned to adjourn meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

William D. White
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer