

MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018
6:00P.M.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order. Council Member Payne offered the prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. A roll call was taken with seven (7) Council Members and the City Attorney answering "present." A quorum was established and the meeting was open for business.

A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Bowles to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held December 12, 2017. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present. No one present voted "no."

The Mayor acknowledged visitors then asked if anyone not on the Agenda wished to address the council. No one came forward.

The Mayor asked for reports from City Council Committees. Council Member Knapp gave the Fire Department and Fire Inspector's report. Council Member Andrews allowed City Inspector Greg Woodard to report on Planning & Zoning issues and give updates about ongoing projects around the City. Council Member Koch gave an update on C-4 and Parks activities. Council Member Hoelzeman gave the Police report. Council Member Payne gave the Landfill report. Council Member Hill gave the Street report. Council Member Bowles gave the Tech report and the Wastewater report. Council Member Hill reported on the Sales Tax and the City's financial position as per the Treasurer's Report. Mayor Lipsmeyer then gave his report which included updates on the projects and activities going on around the City, including Tractor Supply breaking ground with plans to open in April, inviting everyone to the Devil Dog Arena ribbon cutting scheduled 1/19/18 at 5:00 p.m., the subdivision on Sardis Road closed today, sales tax was up from last year, work has started on the gym at C-4, Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference is next week in which the Mayor, Sherry, Shawna, John Payne and Fred Hill will be attending and he thanked the council, department heads and staff for their continued support.

The Mayor asked for old or unfinished business. An Ordinance was presented for the second reading eliminating the railroad crossings at West Street and Morrill Street. After much discussion and a decision to post signs at each crossing stating they are up for closure, a motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hill to place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with six Council Members voting "yes"

to the motion. Council Member Koch voted “no.” Motion passed. The third and final reading will be done in the January City Council meeting.

The Mayor then asked for new business.

Chris Long, with Custom Network Solutions, Inc., presented a Maintenance Agreement to provide full-time computer maintenance for the City. The City Attorney had not reviewed the agreement at the time of the meeting so it was decided he would review it by the following Friday. A motion was made, upon the City Attorney’s approval, by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the Maintenance Agreement. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. No one present voted “no.”

Robert Gunderman resigned from Ward 3, Position 2 at the December Council Meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Council Member Andrews to declare the position of Council Member, Ward 3 Position 2, vacant. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. No one present voted “no.”

A motion was made by Council Member Koch and seconded by Council Member Payne to appoint Aaron Spivey to the position of Council Member, Ward 3 Position 2, to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. No one present voted “no.”

An Ordinance was presented by the City Attorney waiving the bidding for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel, primer oil, street materials, and tiles. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to place the Ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting “yes.” No one in attendance voted “no.” Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting “yes.” No one in attendance voted “no.” Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading with an emergency clause for passage at tonight’s meeting. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting “yes.” No one in attendance voted “no.” Motion passed. Ordinance No 1 of 2018 was passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to approve FTN Associates, LTD. For general engineering services, ground water monitoring, and annual Engineering Inspections for the City Landfill. A voice vote of “yes” was given by all Council Members present. No one in attendance voted “no.”

A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Payne to approve the Mayor's appointments and re-appointments to City Council Committees and City Commissions: Roger Alabach-Chair, Romie Price-Vice Chair, Fred Hill, Johnny Campbell, Randy Durdin and Dan Yarbrough to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Dan Yarbrough to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Roger Alabach-Chair, Romie Price-Vice Chair and Dan Yarbrough to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. City Council Committees: Aaron Spivey was added as a Member to the Sanitation/Recycling and the Street/Traffic Committee, Fred Hill was added as a Member to the Code Enforcement Committee and as the Chairman to the Street/Traffic Committee. Fred Hill was removed as a Member of the Sanitation/Recycling Committee.

The City Attorney presented and read an Ordinance authorizing business transactions between the City of Morrilton and Chase Montgomery, husband of City Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Montgomery, as a mechanic/truck driver for the Street Department effective January 2, 2018. A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Bowles to place the Ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Bowles to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Bowles to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading with an emergency clause for passage at tonight's meeting. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes" to the motion. No one voted "no." Motion passed. Ordinance No 2 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney certifying local government endorsement of Morrilton Packing Company to participate in the tax back program. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 1 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney authorizing the Mayor to submit an Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program grant application to the State on behalf of the City and to expend funds if the grant is awarded. A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 2 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 3 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney authorizing a Residential Anti-Displacement Plan. A motion was made by Council Member Knapp and seconded by Council Member Bowles to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 4 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney declaring the City is committed to Fair Housing Practices and encouraging adherence to the provisions and principles of the Federal Fair Housing Law. A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Hoelzeman to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 5 of 2018 was passed.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney establishing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hill to pass the Resolution. A roll call was taken with all Council Members voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. Resolution No. 6 of 2018 was passed.

The City Attorney presented and read an Ordinance approving the 2018 City of Morrilton operating budget. A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Council Member Andrews to place the Ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Payne to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." No one voted "no." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Council Member Andrews to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading with an emergency clause for passage at tonight's meeting. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes" to the motion. No one voted "no." Motion passed. Ordinance No 3 of 2018 was passed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Council Member Andrews to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

Meeting adjourned.

Sherry Montgomery, City Clerk/Treasurer

Allen Lipsmeyer, Mayor