

MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order at the Rialto. Council Member Jasmine Wilson offered the prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. A roll call was taken with six (6) Council Members answering "present." Council Members Wiedower and Spivey were absent. A quorum was established and the meeting was open for business.

A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hoelzeman to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held November 9, 2020. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

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 Bowles gave the Fire Department and Fire Inspector's report in absence of Council Member Wiedower. City Inspector Greg Woodard gave the report on Planning & Zoning issues and gave updates about ongoing projects around the City. Council Member Koch gave the Park & Rec. report. Council Member Hoelzeman gave the Street report. Council Member Wilson gave the Landfill report. Council Member Andrews gave the Police report in absence of Council Member Spivey. Council Member Bowles gave the Wastewater report. Council Member Hill reported on the sales tax and the City's financial position as per the Treasurer's Report. Fire Chief Earle Eichenberger addressed the public regarding the luminaries that were found on Carruthers Hill. He informed everyone to call dispatch and let them know if you will be setting those off so the Fire Dept. can track them because they can cause fires. Mayor Lipsmeyer then gave his report which included updates on the projects and activities going on around the City.

The Mayor asked for old or unfinished business. There was none.

The Mayor then asked for new business.

An ordinance was presented by the City Attorney granting Sgt. Joe Dube ownership of his service weapon, a Glock Model 22 40 caliber handgun, upon his retirement January 1, 2021. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Koch to place the ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Koch to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. A motion

was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Koch 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." Ordinance No. 24 of 2020 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney revoking Resolution No. 3 of 2008- Providing for Nonpartisan Election of Candidates for Municipal Offices. Jerry Bolin with the Democratic Party addressed the council as to why he did not support it. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews. The Mayor asked for a second and no one spoke up which made the resolution die from lack of a second motion.

The Mayor asked for Council approval awarding the bid for the new Street Dept. truck to Magie Ford as their bid was the only one received. It was opened November 30, 2020, at 4:15 pm with Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer, City Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Montgomery and Street Dept. Superintendent Eddie Murray present. A motion was made by Council Member Koch and seconded by Council Member Wilson to award the bid to Magie Ford. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

The City Attorney presented and read an ordinance to rezone property owned by Butch Gunderman located at 1306 N. Oak St. from R-2 to B-3. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Hill to place the ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Wilson to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Koch 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." Motion passed. Ordinance No. 25 of 2020 was passed.

The Mayor informed the council that the City of Morrilton 2019 audit was presented to the Standing Committee on Counties and Municipalities of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for its review on December 3, 2020. The council has reviewed the audit and all of our offices were in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws except the Airport. He stated the rent wasn't being billed properly, therefore some renters were not paying without a bill so collections from several renters were behind. Billing has now been turned over to the City Clerk's Office.

The City Attorney presented and read an ordinance to amend the allocation of funds under Ordinance No. 21 of 1984; and to provide for the assessment, care, treatment, supervision and adjudication of juveniles. The Mayor explained that the Juvenile Probation Office is currently

located inside the Community Service, Inc. building and the city has an agreement with CSI to pay them \$8.00 for each fine paid through District Court monthly. With this change, the city will keep that money and pay for the utilities at the Sullivan building where the Juvenile Probation Office will now be housed. Judge Terry Sullivan addressed the council and expressed his gratitude towards the city for this opportunity. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hill to place the ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting “yes.” Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hill to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting “yes.” Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Koch 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.” Motion passed. Ordinance No. 26 of 2020 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney approving the 2021 budget of the City of Morrilton. Each Council Member was presented a copy of the budget prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Wilson to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 23 of 2020 was passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Wilson to add the resolution declaring the holidays to the agenda. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney designating December 23, 2020, and the afternoon of December 31, 2020, a holiday. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Wilson to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 24 of 2020 was passed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Hill 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

