

**MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2019
6:00P.M.**

***Public Hearing to address affixing lien for property clean-up cost:**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Lien Amount (Plus Penalty)</u>
1421 W. Rock St.	Juanita Martin Maxwell	\$6322.25
705 E. Commerce	Charles Pack	\$660.00
409 N. Oak St.	J.A. Hawkins	\$192.50
301 St. Vincent	Professional Housing & Land	\$165.00
311 W. Bennett	Denise Dozier	\$165.00
409 St. Jacob	Glen & Toni Newby	\$165.00
509 W. Church	Wolverton Mtn Ventures	\$165.00

No one was in attendance to challenge or address these issues. The Public Hearing was adjourned by the Mayor.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order. Father Jack Harris of Sacred Heart Church 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 Member Payne and Knapp 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 Bowles to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held July 8, 2019, and a special meeting held December 27, 2018. 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 Andrews gave the Fire Department and Fire Inspector’s report in absence of Council Member Knapp. Council Member Koch gave an update on the Community Center and Parks activities. Council Member Hoelzeman gave the Street report. Council Member Spivey gave the Police report. The Mayor gave the Landfill report in absence of Council Member Payne. Council Member Hill reported on the sales tax and the City’s financial position as per the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member

Bowles gave the Tech and Wastewater report. 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.

The City Attorney presented and read an ordinance to levy the City's portion of 2019 taxes collected in 2020. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Spivey 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 Spivey 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 Spivey 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. Motion passed. Ordinance No. 9 of 2019 was passed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Montgomery presented amended minutes from the June 10, 2019, council meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Spivey and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the amended minutes. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney to rezone property owned by David and Heather Drilling located on the corner of Hwy 9 and Sandtown Rd from B-3 and I-1 to R-1. A motion was made by Council Member Spivey and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the ordinance. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. The second reading will take place at the September City Council meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Montgomery asked for Council authorization to destroy old records. Certain records only have to be kept a certain amount of years due to retention laws; therefore, records outside that time frame can be destroyed. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Andrews to destroy the records. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

The City Attorney presented and read an ordinance to repeal ordinance no. 27 of 1995 and amending ordinance no. 28 of 1985. This changes the amount of expenditure for any purchase without bidding from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00, which is already a state law. A motion was

made by Council Member Andrews 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." 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." 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." Motion passed. Ordinance No. 10 of 2019 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney expressing the willingness of the City to partner with the Arkansas Dept. of Transportation for the Morrill Street railroad signals upgrade project. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 8 of 2019 was passed.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney amending the 2018 budget of the City of Morrilton. Each Council Member was presented with a copy of the amended budget prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Koch and seconded by Council Member Bowles to pass the ordinance. 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 Spivey 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 Hoelzeman and seconded by Council Member Spivey 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. 11 of 2019 was passed.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney amending ordinance no. 7 of 2013. This raises residential sewer rates from \$9.00 for the first 2000 gallons and \$2.10 per 1000 after to \$9.00 for the first 1000 gallons and \$3.10 per 1000 after. Commercial sewer rates from \$17.00 for the first 2000 gallons and \$2.10 per 1000 after to \$17.00 for the first 1000 gallons and \$3.10 per 1000 after. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the ordinance. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Andrews 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 Bowles 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." Motion passed. Ordinance No. 12 of 2019 was passed.

Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer asked for Council authorization to proceed with getting a survey to sell the land the city owns south of the Point Remove Creek. This land was given to the city by Perry Brown. Due to legislative audit standards, the city cannot donate the land; it has to be sold at fair market value. There is approximately 10-12 acres on that side and 18 acres on the other side. The Mayor suggests it all be surveyed so we know exactly where the city's land is since there are no markers on the land. After survey, it will be put back on the agenda to determine the price. A motion was made by Council Member Koch and seconded by Council Member Hoelzeman. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

A Resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney, affixing liens on properties:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>LIEN AMOUNT(PLUS PENALTY)</u>
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A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Andrews to pass the Resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 9 of 2019 was passed.

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