

**MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2020  
6:00P.M.**

**\*Public hearing to address affixing liens for property clean-up cost:**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Lien Amount (Plus Penalty)</u>
202 S. Cherokee	Louis & Mary Goemmer, Jr.	\$165.00
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301 Saint Vincent St. N. Division St-	Professional Housing & Land, LLC	\$165.00
Parcel #006-01099-000	David Switzer	\$165.00
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**\*Public hearing concerning the confirmation of existing sewer rates and the proposed issuance of bonds. Ryan Bowman and Sarah Giammo with Friday, Eldredge and Clark and Jack Truemper with Stephens were in attendance to answer questions.**

**No one was in attendance to challenge or address these issues. The public hearings were adjourned by the Mayor.**

We started the meeting at City Hall due to the publication of the public hearings stating they were at City Hall. Once adjourned at City Hall, the Mayor and City Clerk then went to the Rialto where the City Council meeting was being held due to us not being able to meet outside because of the rain.

The public hearings were opened again in case someone was at the Rialto to address any issues. Jack Truemper with Stephens addressed the crowd regarding the bond issue. No one was in attendance to challenge or address these issues. The public hearings were adjourned by the Mayor.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order. Pastor Larry Miller of Morrilton Christian Center offered the prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. A roll call was taken with eight (8) Council Members 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 Spivey to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held May 18, 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 Wiedower gave the Fire Department and Fire Inspector's report. City Inspector Greg Woodard gave the report on Planning & Zoning issues and gave updates about ongoing projects around the City. Park & Rec Director Hanna Jones gave the Park & Rec. report. Council Member Hoelzeman gave the Street report. Council Member Wilson gave the Landfill report. Council Member Spivey gave the Police report. Wastewater Superintendent Wayne Dixon gave the Wastewater report since he was in attendance. 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. The Mayor thanked the citizens who did a great job during our protests. He called our City's protests more like meetings coming together for the betterment of our city. There were three events. Last Monday night (6/1/20) over 200 people met at the city park and walked to the Waffle House and back to the park. Wednesday night (6/3/20) there was a meeting with about 30 people and the whole Police Dept. to discuss police procedures. Saturday (6/6/20) the Mayor and Police Dept. met with some youth and walked to city hall and back to listen and keep our community safe. He also stated that as of today we have 1 active COVID-19 case in Morrilton and he commended our community for keeping our numbers low.

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

The Mayor then asked for new business.

Jeremy Kern, the 11-year-old boy that was being presented the Helping Hand Award from the Police Dept, couldn't attend the meeting. The PD will present that to him at their office.

Morrilton Police Chief Sonny Stover recognized Criminal Investigators Nathan Watkins, Chris Willcut and Kris Wilson for their work in solving a robbery case at Domino's Pizza and a break-in at Health Care Pharmacy, which led to the resolution of cases in other cities.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney confirming rates for services rendered by the sewer system. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles 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." 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." A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Andrews to adopt the ordinance. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. Ordinance No. 6 of 2020 was passed.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney authorizing the construction of betterments and improvements to the sewer system, authorizing the issuance and sale of sewer revenue bonds, providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Ryan Bowman with Friday, Eldredge and Clark addressed the council. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Hoelzeman 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 Bowles 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 Bowles 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." A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Spivey to adopt the ordinance. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Spivey for an added emergency clause for passage at tonight's meeting per Ryan Bowman with Friday, Eldredge and Clark. A roll call was taken with all Council Members present voting "yes." Motion passed. Ordinance No. 7 of 2020 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney seeking grant assistance through the Park & Rec. Dept. to improve the recreation facilities. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Spivey to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 12 of 2020 was passed.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney to re-zone property located at 1104 S. Bridge St. from R-2 to R-3. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Hoelzeman 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 Hoelzeman 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 Hoelzeman 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. 8 of 2020 was passed.

An ordinance was presented and read by the City Attorney to re-zone property located at 1000 Brookridge Lane from Inst/R-1 to C (Community). There was some discussion. 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 Andrews 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. 9 of 2020 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney stating Morrilton is essential in support of fair, direct federal emergency support. Arkansas Municipal League suggested all cities pass this resolution. A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Spivey to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 13 of 2020 was passed.

An ordinance was read by the City Attorney doing business with City Council Member, Jasmine Wilson, to continue performing contract labor as the Digital Marketing Specialist. A motion was made by Council Member Bowles 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.” 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 seven (7) Council Members voting “yes.” Council Member Wilson abstained. 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 seven (7) Council Members voting “yes.” Council Member Wilson abstained. Motion passed. Ordinance No. 10 of 2020 was passed.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney affixing liens on properties listed:

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A motion was made by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Bowles to pass the resolution. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Council Members present. Resolution No. 14 of 2020 was passed.

Park and Rec Director Hanna Ross addressed the Council regarding the opening of the pool and splash pad. She presented a detailed plan for opening the pool during the COVID-19 pandemic,

including the number of guests being 50 and below, regular sanitizing of facilities, limiting entry to Conway County residents only, requiring parents to accompany children under 13 and enforcing social distancing rules. She stated that Atkins, Russellville and the Morrilton County Club have already opened their pools with similar restrictions in place. There was much discussion, which included suggestions to hold a trial opening period and opposition to opening voiced by several council members. A motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Spivey to open the pool with the mentioned guidelines. A roll call was taken with Council Members Andrews, Wilson, Koch and Spivey voting “yes.” Council Members Wiedower, Hoelzeman, Bowles and Hill voted “no” forcing the Mayor to vote to break the tie. Before announcing his decision, he admitted that it was a tough choice and he stated that he knows there are a lot of kids who are anxious to have something to do, but there are also health questions to be considered as this pandemic continues to infect Arkansans. With that said, his vote was no.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Sherry Montgomery, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Allen Lipsmeyer, Mayor