

MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020
6:00P.M.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order. Pastor Jon Holbrook of Lewisburg Missionary Baptist Church offered the prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. A roll call was taken with seven (7) 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 Bowles to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held February 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. Council Member Koch gave the Park & Rec. report. Council Member Hoelzeman gave the Street report. Mayor Lipsmeyer gave the Landfill report. Mayor Lipsmeyer gave the Police report in absence of Council Member Spivey. 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 asked for old or unfinished business. There was none.

The Mayor then asked for new business.

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney expressing the willingness of the City of Morrilton to utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program funds to develop or improve Green Street/Bridge Street sidewalk improvements. 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. 6 of 2020 was passed.

The Mayor stated item B on the agenda, which is asking council approval to bid financing for the purchase of Gordon Warren's property, should have been council approval to purchase the property first. He stated they are very firm with their offer of \$180,000.00 and that it will be financed out of the Street dept. budget. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Koch to purchase the property from the Warren's. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present, except Council Member Bowles, who voted "no."

The Mayor asked for council approval to bid the financing for the purchase of the Warren property. A motion was made by Council Member Koch and seconded by Council Member Hill to bid the financing. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present, except Council Member Bowles, who voted "no."

A resolution was presented and read by the City Attorney supporting the House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 (HJR 1018 OF 2019), proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to continue a levy of a one-half percent sales and use tax for state highways and bridges; county roads, bridges and other surface transportation; and city streets, bridges, and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, as special revenue to be distributed under the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law. A motion was made by Council Member Koch 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. 7 of 2020 was passed.

The Mayor asked for council approval to reschedule the May City Council meeting from May 11th until May 18th. A motion was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Bowles to reschedule the May meeting. Motion passed with a voice vote of "yes" from all Council Members present.

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

