

Council Meeting
03-10-15

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET

Present: Mayor, Ray W. Little.

Council Members: Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Shelly Betz, Mike Kendell and Fran Hopkin.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney; Stephanie Roos, Deputy Recorder; and Jamie Grandpre, Wastewater Operator.

Others present: Nick Nielsen, Nathan Nielsen, J.D. Simmons, Shasta Breshears, and Abbi Ross.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ray W. Little.

The opening ceremony was presented by Jeff Wardell.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Nick Nielsen.

Minutes and Warrants

The Council had discussion on Small Town GIS and where Jeff Ward is on the project and where the budget is at.

It was brought up that with the warrant for Morgan County - the council would like a review of the animal control portion of the contract. Tony stated he will get the information needed - the Council will pass the warrant but requests the review.

MOTION: Tony London moved to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meetings and three sets of warrants.

SECOND: Shelly Betz. Vote: 5 ayes.

Presentations

Nick Nielsen
Eagle Scout Project

Nick has provided some information for an Eagle Scout project he wants to do. He would like to install dog waste pickup stations at the start and stop of the Mickelson Mile. He is asking the City to pay for the two stations and he would provide the labor and tools to install them. Tony clarified that Nick is asking the City to purchase two waste stations at \$99 per station.

There was discussion on properly installing these stations. Fran asked about the stations that are already along the walk way providing bags, Shelly stated no one is aware where these stations came from. The stations Nick is suggesting would be permanent and would be providing only the bags to pick up the waste. After installation the stations would be maintained by the City.

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Shelly posed the question that previous Eagle Scout projects have been funded by the individual doing the project and they haven't come before the council to ask for funding. Nathan Nielsen clarified the intention behind the project; the Nielsen's just want to know if this is a worthy project to pursue for the City, if not they will find another project

Mayor Little addressed and discussed concerns regarding the project. He ultimately recommended that a council member meet with Warren Welton, Park Coordinator for further clarification on the project and with the information brought back from this meeting the Council will make a decision on this project and Nick would be contacted next week with what was decided.

Public Hearings

- a. Public Hearing – for the purpose of adoption of Ordinance #15-05, an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 10-16, Section 10-16-16 of the Morgan City Code; providing for electronic message signs on public property

MOTION: Tony London moved to open the public hearing.

SECOND: Jeff Wardell. Vote: 5 ayes.

Tony talked about the discussion and questions that arose in work session regarding this ordinance and stated the council concluded they would like to continue the public hearing to next meeting so Attorney Crane can review the ordinance. The members feel there is clarification needed on the language regarding the ordinance.

Shasta expressed why they would like this completed as soon as possible. Shelly feels that it is the wording that needs to be addressed not that the Council has any issues with the sign. The school will continue moving forward with the sign. Mike addressed concern with moving forward with the installation and the school complying with the guidelines so there will be no problems.

Attorney Crane discussed what process this sign went through, starting with the Planning Commission. He asked whether it was just discussed/recommended or if it had gone through the Conditional Use Permit process before the ordinance ended up coming to the Council. Attorney Crane addressed the language as the ordinance stands now, also said there is a way to read the ordinance that would allow this but the question is still out there if the sign went through the correct permit process.

It was decided the sign has to go through the conditional use permit process with the Planning Commission. Their next meeting is Tuesday, March 17th.

Attorney Crane suggested a wording change stating signs are allowed in other zones within the city with the approval of a conditional use permit. In section 10-16-16 the change on the ordinance would add "...in any other zone in the city," & "... as a conditional use permit."

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MOTION: Tony London moved to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Fran Hopkin. Vote: 5 ayes.

Ordinance #15-05
Electronic Sign Amendment

This ordinance will amend the provisions of 10-16-16 of the Morgan City Code that governs electronic signs. There was recently a request from the High School to replace their existing sign with an electronic one. There will be a public hearing during council meeting on this item. The planning commission has recommended making the change to the ordinance.

MOTION: Mike Kendell moved to adopt Ordinance #15-05, with the following changes adding "... in any other zone in the city..." and "... as a conditional use permit." This ordinance is amending Title 10, Chapter 10-16, Section 10-16-16 of the Morgan City Code, providing for electronic message signs on public property; providing for repealer; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

SECOND: Tony London.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Shelly Betz – aye
Mike Kendell – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Fran Hopkin - aye

New Business

Resolution #15-06
Awarding Bid for Wastewater Treatment Master Plan

The City put out a request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering firms that are interested in doing a master plan for the wastewater treatment facility. There were 5 engineering companies that responded. A committee was formed to review these proposals. They have recommended that JUB Engineering be awarded the contract to perform the master plan.

MOTION: Fran Hopkin moved to adopt Resolution #15-06, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Morgan City and JUB Engineering for the wastewater treatment facility master plan. Amending the resolution to add JUB is not to exceed +/-10% of cost or to go over \$50,000.00 on the master plan without approval from the council.

SECOND: Jeff Wardell

Discussion on motion: The members had discussion on costs and circumstances which may arise from the engineering firm while completing the master plan. It was decided an amendment

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would be added to the resolution that would state the cost for the master plan could not exceed +/- 10% of the cost approval from the council.

VOTE ON MOTION AMENDMENT: 5 ayes

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: Shelly Betz – aye
Mike Kendell – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Fran Hopkin - aye

Resolution #15-07
Electrical Consultants, Inc.
Engineering Services Agreement

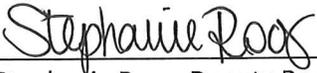
This resolution would approve an agreement with Electrical Consultants, Inc. for electrical engineering services. Paul Simmons, Lead Lineman has been working on obtaining an engineer for these services. He had Attorney Crane review and approve the contract that is being considered tonight.

MOTION: Tony London moved to adopt Resolution #15-07, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Morgan City and Electrical Consultants, Inc. for professional electrical engineering services.

SECOND: Fran Hopkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Shelly Betz – aye
Mike Kendell – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – aye
Fran Hopkin - aye

This meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


Stephanie Roos, Deputy Recorder

approved at the 04-14-15 meeting