

Council Meeting
05-12-15

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY MORGAN CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 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, Shelly Betz, and Mike Kendell.

Excused: Council Members Fran Hopkin and Jeff Wardell.

City Staff: Gary Crane, Attorney.

Others present: Natalie Crowther and Alyssa Nelson, Morgan Cheerleaders.

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

The opening ceremony was presented by Mike Kendell.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Shelly Betz.

Minutes and Warrants

MOTION: Tony London moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting and two sets of warrants.

SECOND: Mike Kendell. Vote: 3 ayes, Jeff and Fran not present.

Presentations

Morgan Cheerleaders

Flag Service Approval

Alyssa Nelson and Natalie Crowther are here representing the Morgan High Cheerleaders. They are here to ask the City to participate in the flag program they provide. In the past the City has purchased 6 flags through the program – the cheerleaders put them out for the holidays. They are at a cost of \$30 per flag.

MOTION: Shelly Betz moved to approve the purchase of 6 flags from this program, at a cost of \$30 each with 4 being placed at the City Office and 2 at Riverside Park.

SECOND: Tony London. Vote: 3 ayes, Jeff and Fran not present.

Albert Wilde, Chamber of Commerce

Request for Funds

Albert is not able to attend tonight; he has asked this to be put on the May 26th agenda.

New Business

2015-2016 Tentative Budget Approval
Set Date for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

MOTION: Tony London moved to approve the 2015-2016 tentative budgets and to set the date for the public hearing and final adoption for June 9, 2015.

SECOND: Mike Kendell. Vote: 3 ayes, Jeff and Fran not present.

Resolution #15-11
2015 Road Projects
Award Bid

This item was tabled from the last meeting due to some conflict in the award amounts – those items have been corrected. This resolution will award the bid for this project to Wilkinson Construction in the amount of \$257,632.50.

MOTION: Tony London moved to adopt Resolution #15-11, a resolution awarding the bid for the 2015 Road Projects to Wilkinson Construction, in the amount of \$257,632.50.

SECOND: Shelly Betz.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Shelly Betz – aye
Mike Kendell – aye
Jeff Wardell – not present
Tony London – aye
Fran Hopkin – not present

Tractor Supply
Conditional Acceptance

The City Engineer has prepared a letter recommending the conditional acceptance of the Tractor Supply Company improvements. They are also recommending \$43,314.50 be released from the escrow account, with \$39,391.28 remaining in the account to cover items as listed in his letter. Mike Kendell asked about the guarantee period. It was stated this is for one year.

MOTION: Shelly Betz moved to approve granting conditional acceptance to Tractor Supply, releasing \$43,314.50 from the escrow account and retaining \$39,391.28.

SECOND: Tony London. Vote: 3 ayes, Jeff and Fran not present.

Resolution #15-14
Fee Schedule, Special Events

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This resolution has been prepared to implement fees associated with special and single events. This will remove the event fees from the business license fee schedule to the special events. It also adds a rate to be charged for staff time.

Shelly stated the members need to decide what additional fees they want to collect. At the current time there is a \$50 base fee, then the event coordinator pays an additional \$10 per vendor fee. The staff would like to do this as an event permit and not an actual business license. Also, if a vendor wants to have electricity at their booth there needs to be a rate of \$20 per booth, per day added.

Shelly stated the members do not need to adopt this tonight if they are not ready. It could be put on the next agenda. Tony asked for clarification on the \$10 vendor fee. This would be a vendor permit not a business license. Mike stated he likes this proposal; it makes the event coordinator responsible for the vendors that will be at his event. It was explained to those present how the staff charge was calculated. Shelly stated there are some fees that are not covered in this resolution – she wants to table the item until it can be finalized and ready for adoption.

MOTION: Shelly Betz moved to table Resolution #15-14, a resolution approving the amendments to the fee schedule for special events to the May 26th meeting.

SECOND: Tony London. Vote: 3 ayes, Jeff and Fran not present.

Special Reports

Mike asked about the power outages that have been occurring the past few weeks. Mayor Little stated the outage today was due to a fire at the rest area that did damage to the electric line that is owned by Rocky Mountain. Morgan City has their own electric company; however the electricity is distributed over the lines owned by Rocky Mountain. If there is an outage on these lines Rocky Mountain can re-route the power into the City through another line, but it takes time to do this.

Mike asked if there is anything the City can do to make sure that Rocky Mountain is doing the maintenance required to keep these lines in good working condition. Mayor Little stated he could have Paul Simmons, Lead Lineman ask this question to Rocky Mountain.

Shelly was asked to give information on the item the Chamber of Commerce was going to present tonight and ask for funding. She stated there will be an event on Commercial Street on June 6th that will have vendors on the street. They will be asking for a donation to help with this event.

Mike Kendell stated in regards to the Commercial Street upgrade project, he feels it should be considered to install place on the north side/grass side of the street that could be used for a central point for these types of activities.

Shelly stated the July 4th celebration is being worked on diligently by Shayla Hurlbut, Event Coordinator. She has been working on the food, vendors, parade and other items. She asked if there are any members that want to volunteer, please let Shayla know.

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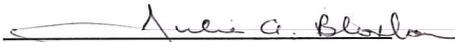
Shelly stated there has been a citizen come into the office with a concern about water usage. With the water shortage being high this year, the City needs to look at options and decide what steps to take. There are many ways the City uses water that include: splash pad, city properties, etc. Weber Basin has sent a notice stating the water rights for ditch companies/secondary water users are being cut back 20% this year.

Attorney Crane stated on June 9th there is a seminar being held in regards to Conditional Uses and grandfathered uses of property. He feels this would be worthwhile for members or employees to attend if possible.

Mayor Little read a letter that has been submitted by Shelly Betz in regards to her resignation from the City Council. She has stated this will be effective July 1, 2015. Mayor Little thanked Shelly for her time and effort as a Council Member. He stated no one realizes the amount of time Shelly has spent on various projects.

There was discussion on the process to fill this vacancy. This information will be looked up and given to the members. Mayor Little stated there are currently five of the 6 elected positions up for elections this year. He stated it is his intent to run for the position of Mayor.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Julie A. Bloxham, Recorder

These minutes were approved at the 05-24-15 meeting.