

TOWN OF MORRISON, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 5, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, met on Monday, June 5, 2023, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Morrison Town Hall. Adequate public notice of the meeting was given by notices published in the Southern Standard and posted on the Town's website and the window at Town Hall.

Present were the following voting members Mayor Sue Anderson; Vice Mayor Keith Youngblood; Aldermen William Dillard, Sr., Sue Jones, Donald Miller, and Jeannine Miller. Non-voting members present: Rhonda Sparkman, Town Recorder; Darrell Julian, Town Attorney; and Junior Pennington, Constable; Absent: None.

Others present: Joey Jones, Margaret Dyer, Jean Ann Knudson, Lee Baker, LaJuana Baker, Luanne Laxson, Pamela Laxson, Adam Bouldin, Samantha Bouldin, Carl McDaniel, Wayne Cantrell, and Peggye Cantrell.

The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Mayor Sue Anderson, with Rhonda Sparkman, Town Recorder, recording the action taken at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Anderson stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of May 1, 2023, were presented to each member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. She asked if any member of the Board wished to make any corrections, additions, or modifications to the minutes.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Youngblood to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of May 1, 2023, and approve them as written. Alderman Donald Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and recognized the people who had signed up to address the Board: Luanne Laxson inquired about mowing the ROWs on state highways, moving the fireworks show to the Morrison Ball Fields, the status of the proposed traffic lights at Sunny Acres Road & South Mill Street, and when the agendas are posted. Her inquiries were answered. Mayor Anderson thanked her for her comments.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Anderson asked the Board if they would like to sponsor this year's fireworks show and entertainment. Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to give the Ruritan the amount they are requesting which is \$4,500.00. There was a lack of a second motion. Motion failed.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Jones to give the Ruritan \$3,500.00, which was the amount they received last year, if it would be used for fireworks. The motion was seconded by Alderman Donald Miller, and the motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jeannine Miller explained the Length of Service Award Program to Board members. This program would give an incentive to the Morrison Volunteer Firefighters for their volunteer service based on certain qualifications. The program is comparable to a 401(k) and is managed by the State of Tennessee. A short discussion was had. Vice Mayor Youngblood suggested to postpone further discussion until more information could be obtained. Discussion ceased.

Wayne Cantrell, Certified Public Account, Denning & Cantrell, CPAs, discussed the Town Audit for FY 2021/2022. He noted that he may have to revise the audit report to reflect ARPA funds being shown as a liability instead of income. He stated sales tax had increased about \$50,000 and the cash balance had increased about \$100,000 from the last audit. He informed the Board that there were no findings in this year's audit. Going forward, per the Federal government, all municipalities will have to input their Trial Balances into the State's CARS site. He replied to Board members' questions and comments.

Mayor Anderson thanked him for his presentation and for performing the Town's audit.

Resolution No. 2023-01, a resolution of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, providing support of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's plans to complete roadway safety improvements at the proposed site of Project Steel was introduced for adoption.

Mayor Anderson explained the need for the Resolution No. 2023-01, and that there would be no cost to the Town.

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeannine Miller. All members voted Aye. Motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Anderson mentioned the Morrison Post Office had closed and has left town. She is still in contact with State and Federal officials to try to get it back. Alderman Jones asked about the possibility of buying the building or constructing a building to get the Post Office back in Morrison. Mayor Anderson replied that she has sent communication but has not received any replies. There are no answers as to what will happen at this time.

Alderman Jeannine Miller asked if West Warren-Viola Utility District was finished with their utility work to which Mayor Anderson responded they were. Suggestions were made to contact them to look at some of the streets that need additional work to correct the street cuts.

Alderman Jones suggested hiring summer help to take care of the Town Park so that Lee Baker could focus on mowing and other tasks. Mayor Anderson opened the suggestion up to discussion. Vice Mayor Youngblood inquired about the age limit required to hire summer help. No further discussion was had.

Mayor Anderson mentioned an increase in street sign thefts, and asked for suggestions of what could be done to alleviate them. Several ideas were mentioned. As no clear solution was decided upon, this item will be re-visited on another date.

There will be a Special Called Session on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for first reading of the FY 2023/2024 budget ordinance. There will be another Special Called Session on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for second reading of the FY 2023/2024 budget ordinance with a Public Hearing to be held at 5:45 p.m. to hear comments on the budget.

Town Attorney Darrell Julian informed the Board that the Tennessee State Legislature had passed several state laws which will take effect on/before July 1, 2023. One of the laws pertains to the section on the agenda "Recognition of Visitors." This section should be changed to "Public Comment." This will take effect for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alderman Donald Miller. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED;

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MAYOR SUE ANDERSON

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RHONDA SPARKMAN, TOWN RECORDER