

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

AUGUST 7, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, met on Monday, August 7, 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; Aldermen William Dillard, Sr., Sue Jones, Donald Miller, and Jeannine Miller. Non-voting members present: Darrell Julian, Town Attorney. Absent: Vice Mayor Keith Youngblood and Rhonda Sparkman, Town Recorder.

Others present: Constable Phillip Young, Joey Jones, LaJuana Baker, Lee Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Margaret Dyer, Jean Ann Knudson, Chris Centracchio, Aaron Roberts, Pamela Laxson, Adam Bouldin and Samantha Bouldin.

The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Mayor Sue Anderson, with Mayor Anderson and Town Attorney Darrell Julian, recording the action taken at the meeting due to the absence of the town recorder.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Anderson stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 3, 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 then made by Alderman Dillard to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 3, 2023, and approve them as written. Alderman Donald Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to address the Board.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anderson brought up the credit card payments received at Town Hall. She stated that the Town was going to have to start paying up to \$20.00 per month for the service. Only 4 to 6 people have paid with a credit card since the service began.

Alderman Jeannine Miller stated she felt like we should keep the service until February 2024 because no one knows we have it.

Alderman Jeannine Miller made a motion to keep the service until February 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones with all members voting aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Anderson spoke about the dirt at the Morrison Fire Department. She recognized Morrison Fire Chief Aaron Roberts who addressed his displeasure with the dirt being at the fire department. He stated this dirt poses a legal liability, therefore, the landing zone at the fire department is closed until the dirt is removed. Chief Roberts expressed his disrespect for Mayor Anderson and that he thought she was a dictator and a liar.

Mayor Anderson commented that there were people who could use the dirt. Chief Roberts disagreed and called her statement a lie. Mayor Anderson asked Jean Ann Knudson to stand up. Mrs. Knudson stated she had gotten 2 loads of the dirt. Adam Bouldin also commented on the dirt being at the Fire Department.

After much discussion between the Board and Chief Roberts, Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to move the dirt from the fire department grounds immediately. Alderman Jones seconded the motion with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

A Request for Bids for a 12x20 storage building was advertised with sealed bids being received by 2:00 p.m., July 31, 2023 at Morrison Town Hall. Three vendors submitted sealed bids as follows:

U.S. Barn Builders McMinnville, TN	\$6,830.60
Watson Barn Rentals Morrison, TN	\$7,545.00
Mountain Barn Builders Clarkrange, TN	\$7,507.00 (cabin style) and \$9,212.00 (studio style)

Alderman Jeannine Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Watson Barn Rentals in the total amount of \$7,545.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

The location to put the building will be decided at the September Board meeting.

Alderman Jones suggested to hire someone to clean the ditches. Mayor Anderson stated Vice Mayor Youngblood was talking to someone about that. Alderman Donald Miller suggested to wait until Vice Mayor Youngblood got back to the Board with his findings.

Alderman Donald Miller spoke on the recent training at the fire department. Chief Roberts mentioned there are thirty-five members of the department. There is need for rip packs within the department. Prices and ideas will be brought back later for the Board to approve.

Alderman Donald Miller stated he thought there was a conflict of interest for the mayor to ask for money for the fire works since she was also a member of the Morrison Ruritan. Someone else from the Morrison Ruritan should make a request to the Board. He also spoke about the library supporting a ball team in their name.

Alderman Miller then asked why the library cannot access the Town's website to update the library's page, and why there is no access to the security cameras at Town Hall? There was some discussion.

Alderman Jones mentioned the café next to Town Hall needed to be rented to tenants so that people would be able to come and get a "meat and three". Mayor Anderson asked if Alderman Jones knew of anyone who would rent it, and she replied she did not. The lease will be up soon for the current renters.

Alderman Jones commented on the digital speed sign installed by the sheriff's department. She wants the sign moved to the top of the hill. Mayor Anderson stated she would call and ask if it could be moved.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 23-03, an ordinance of the Town of Morrison amending Title 12, Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, of the Morrison Municipal Code, by deleting certain provisions and adding others as described below; and to set the time the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Town Attorney Darrell Julian stated the need for this ordinance and the process of amending Title 12.

Codes Officer Stan Phillips then addressed the Board and explained by passing this ordinance, the Town will be compliant with current building codes. The wording of the ordinance is mirrored after that of Warren County. Mr. Phillips noted that it will also bring additional revenue to the Town.

After a short discussion, Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 23-03 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jones 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