

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, met on Tuesday, September 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 and Darrell Julian, Town Attorney. Absent: None.

Others present: Joey Jones, LaJuana Baker, Lee Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Chris Centracchio, Slayden Rogers, Jason Blalock, Jenny Jacobs, Adam Bouldin and Samantha Bouldin and Constable Junior Pennington.

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 August 7, 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 Vice Mayor Youngblood to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of August 7, 2023, and approve them as written. Alderman Dillard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to address the Board.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was a short discussion of where to place the new storage building. The building will store the Christmas lights and other items as needed.

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to set the building behind the current maintenance building on South Fair Street. The motion failed for lack of a second motion.

Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to set it on the concrete slab at the Town's vacant lot on the corner of North Main Street and East Maple Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dillard. Voting aye: Aldermen Dillard, Jones, Donald Miller, and Jeannine Miller. Voting nay: Vice Mayor Youngblood. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anderson stated the City of McMinnville has repealed its property rights voter ordinance. By repealing the ordinance, voters can vote in-person at the appropriate location and not have to strictly vote by mail (absentee voting).

Mayor Anderson asked if the Town's board members wished to do the same in Morrison. There was some discussion as to what repealing the ordinance would change. After clarification regarding which voters this ordinance affects, it was decided to repeal the Town of Morrison Ordinance No. 22-04.

Ordinance No. 23-04, an ordinance of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, to repeal and/or rescind Ordinance No. 22-04 requiring voters registered to vote in the Town of Morrison elections, as nonresident property owners, to vote only by absentee ballot, as set out in T.C.A. 2-6-205; and to express the time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Alderman Jeannine Miller made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 23-04 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

## 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 second and final reading.

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 23-03 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Donald Miller. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Anderson mentioned that if anyone had a request or inquiry, they should contact Town Hall instead of waiting to address the Board at the Board meetings. By doing this, the request can be addressed sooner, and it will cut down on lengthy meetings.

Alderman Jones asked the status of the ditch work on Hervy Jones Road. Vice Mayor Youngblood has not contacted anyone yet to clean the ditches, but he will do so.

Alderman Donald Miller commented that the Morrison Library website page looks good.

Alderman Miller then asked why the security cameras were still not accessible to the library. A short discussion followed with it being made known that the library has access to all outside cameras for town hall and the library.

Alderman Miller then asked about the dirt pile at the fire department that was discussed at the last regular session as it has since been removed. Mayor Anderson stated several people received the dirt, and now the pile is completely gone. A short discussion followed about the cost of removing the dirt.

Alderman Donald Miller pointed out that some of the outside lights at the fire department were out or not functioning for some reason. Mayor Anderson asked Lee Baker to check them.

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Blalock addressed the Board with a request for the purchase of some extrication equipment to be used for working vehicle accidents. Warren County has allocated money to the department, and he would like to request the funds to purchase this equipment. He will bring a quote to the next regular session.

Alderman Donald Miller requested that the Board members meet with Town Attorney Julian to discuss some communication issues of the Board.

The Board members and the town attorney agreed a meeting could be helpful to everyone. Town Attorney Julian advised that this meeting had to be conducted in a manner as not to violate the Open Meetings Act – no Town business could be discussed.

Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to hold the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Youngblood. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alderman Jeannine 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