

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, met on Monday, November 6, 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, posted at Morrison Town Hall and on the Town's website.

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. Absent: Darrell Julian, Town Attorney.

Others present: Joey Jones, LaJuana Baker, Lee Baker, Pamela Laxson, Luanne Laxson, Zach Wilson, Anker Patel, Dee Haley, and Samantha Bouldin.

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 October 2, 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 October 2, 2023, and approve them as written. Vice Mayor Youngblood seconded the motion. Voting aye: Aldermen Dillard, Jones, Donald Miller, Jeannine Miller, and Vice Mayor Youngblood. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to address the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anderson informed everyone that The Welcome Table Kitchen & Bakery had closed. The owners did not renew their lease agreement with the Town. She asked for ideas for getting another renter.

Alderman Jones suggested that applications need to be taken, and then reviewed by the Board. A short discussion followed.

Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to look at all applications. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones, and carried unanimously.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023. Traditionally, the Employee Christmas Dinner is held the same night prior to the meeting. Before any discussion was had, Alderman Jones commented that she nor her brother would participate if the Town paid for the meal.

Alderman Donald Miller commented that since Board members were not paid during the year, the meal was a small gesture to them. Alderman Dillard agreed.

Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to have the dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Youngblood. Voting aye: Aldermen Dillard, Donald Miller, Jeannine Miller, and Vice Mayor Youngblood. Voting nay: Alderman Jones. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 23-05, an Ordinance of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee to add a new Chapter 5 – General Provisions to Title 14 of the Morrison Municipal Code to regulate travel trailers; and to express the time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Vice Mayor Youngblood made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 23-05 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeannine Miller. Voting aye: Aldermen Dillard, Donald Miller,

Jeannine Miller, Vice Mayor Youngblood, and Mayor Anderson. Voting nay: Alderman Jones. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 23-06, an Ordinance of the Town of Morrison, Tennessee, to amend the “Zoning Ordinance of Morrison, Tennessee” to allow for tiny houses with a special exception; and to express the time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Alderman Donald Miller made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 23-06 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Youngblood. Voting aye: Aldermen Dillard, Donald Miller, Jeannine Miller, Vice Mayor Youngblood, and Mayor Anderson. Voting nay: Alderman Jones. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Anderson read a letter from the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury congratulating the Town of Morrison for adopting a timely budget without any issues for the current fiscal year 2023-24.

Alderman Donald Miller announced that although he has looked at the poles, he has not marked any of them for the Christmas lights to be installed. He will try to work on that tomorrow.

Vice Mayor Youngblood mentioned the mowing contractors he has contacted. There has been no real response from any of the companies. The county suggested he look at the state-wide contracts. He had some documentation, but it would need to be reviewed and discussed in greater detail. The Board members decided to look at it further at the next meeting.

Alderman Donald Miller asked Mayor Anderson about the status of the Morrison Post Office, to which she replied everyone is still trying to get it back.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED;

MAYOR SUE ANDERSON

DATE _____

RHONDA SPARKMAN, TOWN RECORDER