

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING

Public accuracy testing of the electronic voting equipment to be used for the November 3rd, 2020 State General Election in the County of Stevens will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 9:00 am in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 400 Colorado Avenue, Morris, MN.

Stephanie Buss
County Auditor/Treasurer

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2769
MORRIS, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2769, Morris, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing four (4) school board members for four (4) year terms each.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2769
MORRIS, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2769, Morris, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing one (1) school board member for a two (2) year term.

SAMPLE BALLOT

State General Election Ballot form with columns for Federal Offices, County Offices, and State Offices. Includes candidates like Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence, Slater Johnson, and Dave Lonergan.

Vote front and back of ballot

State General Election Ballot

State General Election Ballot form with columns for School District Offices, School District Questions, and School District Question 3. Includes candidates like Nicole M. Fuhrman and Jennifer Goodnough.

Vote front and back of ballot

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State General Election Ballot

State General Election Ballot form with columns for City Offices, Town Offices, and School District Offices. Includes candidates like Donald Kill, Richard Buro, and Cimmeron Gahm.

Vote front and back of ballot

State General Election Ballot

State General Election Ballot form with columns for School District Question 4, School District Question 2, and Judicial Offices. Includes questions about school building bonds and revenue authorization.

Vote front and back of ballot

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the regular General Election of the City of Morris, Minnesota will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to fill two Council Member offices for four-year terms. The polling places are as follows:

Precincts 1A and 1B Precincts 2A and 2B Precinct 3A and 3B	Evangelical Free Church, 901 Scotts Avenue National Guard Armory, 722 Iowa Avenue Federated Church, 200 South Columbia Avenue
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Sandy L. Anderson
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY PERMIT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Riverview, LLP – Riverview Dairy, has made an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to add 999 animal units to the existing dairy farm located in the NW ¼, Section 25, Darnen Township, Stevens County.

The existing dairy farm houses 10,390 dairy cows (10,390 Animal Units) in free stall confinement barns and the manure is stored in synthetically covered manure storage basins. The total number of animal units will increase to 11,389.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2769 (MORRIS AREA SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2769 (Morris Area Schools), Minnesota, on November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

School District Question 1 Renewal of School District Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2769 (Morris Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$252.50 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation, that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2020. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2020 for taxes payable in 2021 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum
 proposed by the Board of Independent School District No.
 2769 (Morris Area Schools), Minnesota be approved?
 NO

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE

School District Question 2 Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2769 (Morris Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$207.50 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2021 for taxes payable in 2022 and applicable for nine (9) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the increase
 in the general education revenue proposed by the board of
 Independent School District No. 2769 (Morris Area Schools),
 Minnesota be approved?
 NO

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The polling place and precincts for the special election will be in conjunction with the General Election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places for the precincts in which they reside during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Un-registered individuals may register to vote at their polling places on Election Day.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

STATE OF MINNESOTA - COUNTY OF STEVENS - CITY OF HANCOCK MINUTES OF MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice the regular monthly council meeting was duly held in the council room on the 14th day of September, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Bruce Malo, Jeff Kisgen, Jeff Flaten, Annette Kratz, Bob Staples

Mayor Malo presided at the meeting.

Public Hearing was opened. The public hearing was held regarding a Variance Request for building a new structure within the setbacks. Nobody was present for the hearing and the public hearing was closed.

Bedel asked to have item D. under New Business: Crosswalk painting added to the agenda.

On Motion by Flaten seconded by Kisgen, the council approved the consent agenda with the addition under New Business, the claims list of \$28,687.17 and disbursements of \$12,608.92 along with the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2020.

Resident Phil Millette came before the council to look for input regarding putting a shed on the easement/boulevard located on the adjoined property of his. Millette was looking for input to install an approximate 20x20 shed on skids in the 20 foot easement/boulevard located on the adjoining property line. Millette explained what he owns and discussed the easement and how utilities could access the alley thru his driveway if the shed was in the easement location. Millette explained his reasons to locate it in this location were due to it being the easiest, cheapest and made sense to him. Malo stated it would be silly to approve an item to not be located on Millette’s property. Millette continued to explain how he feels the utilities could be reached around the shed in the location. Kisgen explained if there were not utilities in this location there could be more discussion regarding abandoning it. Millette continued to explain that he felt with the shed in this location it would still be possible for utilities to be accessed and it makes sense to him to put it there. There was no action taken.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Bedel gave her report. Bedel informed the council of a couple of upcoming events: City Wide Garage Sales, September 18th from 2-7, Commercial Club Soup Supper postponed, Flu Community Vaccination clinic dates to be determined. Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th due to Columbus Day Holiday. Current cash control statement was presented and matched with most recent bank statement and year to date budget report along with resident credit report.

Fire Chief report provided: Fire Prevention Week October 4-11th and some firemen will be visiting the Hancock School. Fireman’s Burger and Chili Feed scheduled for Friday, October 9th and it will be a curbside/to-go only event. Cellphone reimbursement was presented for the Fire Chief reimbursing a monthly fee of \$35.00. Motion by Kisgen, seconded by Kratz approving the Cell Phone Reimbursement to the Fire Chief. All Approved.

Maintenance Director Adam Hanson gave his report. Hanson reported completion of compost, trees trimmed, spraying, alley grading, mowing and assembling hand sanitizer stations. Upcoming items include Flushing Hydrants September 22-25th with possible Street Sweeping. Hanson will be attending Wastewater course September 7-9. No Parking signs were installed.

Zoning permit was received from Christian Felix for addition to residence structure. Motion by Kisgen, seconded by Staples approving the zoning permit from Christian Felix. All Approve. Zoning permit was received from Eric Lytle for reconstruction of porch and deck structure to residence property. Motion by Staples, seconded by Kratz approving the zoning permit from Eric Lytle. All Approve. Zoning permit was received for Mike Mogler to construct a garage on to the residence with the variance approval with setbacks of 5’ from the property line. Motion by Kisgen, seconded by Malo approving the zoning permit from Mike Mogler. All Approve.

Correspondence was received from County Attorney Aaron Jordan which included and article he recently wrote. The article was titled “We Are All In The Fight Against COVID-19”.

In old business Morris Sealcoat was contacted to receive quote for Chip and/or Fog Seal. After discussion and the short time frame that was presented to make decision it was discussed to add to next year’s agenda in the spring to revisit this project.

In new business the Final Plan was presented for the proposed 8th Street Sub-division. The ponds needed to be moved to revised location with the price changes included. Motion to approve the final plans for the 8th Street Subdivision to be advertised in the paper for September 22nd and opening of the bids on October 8th authorizing advertising with project for bids with changes was made by Flaten, seconded by Staples. All Approve. The bid for the Adams Avenue project was presented in the amount of \$50,624.50 from Riley Brothers Construction. Motion to accept bid from Riley Brothers Construction in the amount of \$50,624.50 for the Adams Avenue project was made by Flaten, seconded by Kisgen. All Approve. Resolution 2020-06 Resolution Adoption 2019 Preliminary Tax Levy Collectible in 2021 in the amount of \$344,735.00 was presented. Roll call was presented: Kisgen=Yes, Flaten=Yes, Malo=Yay, Kratz=Yay, Staples=Yay. Resolution 2020-06 Adopting 2021 Preliminary Tax Levy Collectible in 2020 in the amount of \$344,735.00 was approved. Resolution 2020-07 allowing Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (Known as the CARES Act Funds) to Local Government Activities. Allotations of \$3,297.50, Other General Government-CARES \$3,297.50 presented. Roll Call Accept Resolution 2020-07 allowing Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (Known as the CARES Act Funds) to Local Government Activities: Kisgen=Aye, Flaten=Aye, Malo=Aye, Kratz=Aye, Staples=Aye. Resolution Passed. Bedel presented a request from Hancock School to have the 2 crosswalks painted on Hancock Avenue and 3rd Street. Motion by Kisgen, seconded by Staples for Bedel to gather quotes and go with the lowest price to have project completed. All Approve.

A Motion was made by Flaten, seconded by Kisgen to adjourn the meeting. All Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Bedel, City Clerk

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CALL FOR QUOTES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES

OWNER - Morris Area Public Schools
201 S Columbia Ave
Morris, MN 56267

PROJECT - The work shall consist of reconstruction of a shed south of the School District Campus, 201 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267.

TIME - Quotes will be received until 2:00 pm local time, on Friday, October 23, 2020 in the District Office of Morris Area Public Schools, 201 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267.

TIME OF COMPLETION
Project start date: October 26, 2020
Final Completion: November 27, 2020

INFORMATION - Please contact Scott Rollag, Head of Buildings & Grounds to make an appointment to walk through the previous building and see what all needs to be done. Specs are as is:

Specs for Refurbishing 24 X 50 South Storage Shed (HS)

1. Install one new overhead garage door (provided)
2. Install one new service door (provided)
3. Install garage door opener
4. Remove and frame in existing service doors and windows
5. Repair any existing framing lumber with damage or rot
6. Remove all interior walls/sheetrock down to outside studs
7. Re-skin exterior with tin matching new bus garage
8. Install 7/16 OSB on all interior walls and ceiling

QUOTE SUBMITTAL - All quotes shall be addressed to Morris Area Public Schools, c/o Mr. Scott Rollag, Head of Buildings & Grounds, 201 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267.

Quotes shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the company and the contract for which the quote is being submitted on the outside of the envelope.

QUOTE REJECTION - The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in quoting or to accept the quote which best serves the interests of Morris Area Public Schools.

Published by the authority of Morris Area Public Schools.

Mr. Scott Rollag
Head of Buildings and Grounds
Morris Area Public Schools
(320)589-4840

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 768 HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 768, (HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL), State of Minnesota, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:	
School Board Member Vote for Up to Three	
<input type="radio"/> Troy Hausmann <input type="radio"/> Kevin Koehl <input type="radio"/> Justin Cronen <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____ <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____ <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____	

This election will be held in conjunction with the state general election. Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. Dated: August 17, 2020 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Kevin Koehl
School District Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Grit + Grace Boutique**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **20775 464th Ave Morris, MN 56267 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S): **Brittany C. Collins 20775 464th Ave Morris, MN 56267**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Brittany Collins**

MAILING ADDRESS: **none provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **britz_noll@hotmail.com**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RENTAL REHABILITATION GRANT

A Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the Morris City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:20 pm. in the Morris City Council Chambers for public comment on an active Rental Housing Rehabilitation project. The City of Morris, with the assistance of the Stevens County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, was awarded a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for rehabilitation of Rental Housing in targeted areas of Morris. Comments from the citizens regarding the active grant are encouraged at the hearing. Please call #320-208-6559 to reach the Stevens County HRA prior to October 27, 2020 if special accommodations are needed for accessibility or for non-English speaking persons.

City of Morris 610 Oregon Avenue Morris, MN. 56267
#320-589-3141

Equal Opportunity Housing

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

STATE OF MINNESOTA - COUNTY OF STEVENS - CITY OF HANCOCK MINUTES OF MEETING - SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice the special council meeting was duly held in the council room on the 21st day of September, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Bruce Malo, Jeff Kisgen, Jeff Flaten, Annette Kratz

Not Present: Bob Staples
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Jeff Kuhn (Widseth), Michael Joos, Matt Nesvig

Mayor Malo presided at the meeting.

On Motion by Flaten seconded by Kisgen, the council approved the consent agenda. All Approve

Jeff Kuhn (Widseth) presented the council with the revised final plan for the proposed 8th Street Subdivision. After reviewing the moving of the pond from the original location to Lot 5 further discussion needs to be taken to how it will affect the trees and the natural flow of the runoff water. Kuhn explained the natural flow is for the water to flow to the original location of lots 15 and 16. If located in another location some concerns would be the size of the current lot, the drainage grade possibly overflowing the football field and it would need to cross the road twice and the outlot trees would need to be removed. Kuhn recommended moving the pond to the original location of lots 15 and 16 and opened it up for discussion.

Discussion was held between the council, Jeff Kuhn (Widseth), Michael Joos (Subdivision Property Owner) and Matt Nesvig (adjoining Property Owner). Discussion continued suggesting moving the pond, eliminating the road rightaway thru Nesvig property, keeping lots 4 & 5 empty, moving pond and tree line, keeping the road rightaway and extending pond across lots 4 & 5.

Motion by Malo that the pond be located in the original location of lots 15 and 16 and move forward with the final plan without a road access. Motion died to a lack of a second.

Motion by Flaten to move the pond to the most southwest 2 lots, the city purchases lot 5 and Nesvig will purchase lot 4 in exchange with Joos’s for the road access thru his property to 7th street with no assessments to be administered to Nesvig properties and no structures to be located on lot 4 or 5 and if Nesvig ever sells Lot 4 then the city would be able to sell lot 5 allowing construction at that time. Seconded by Kisgen. All Approve.

A Motion was made by Flaten, seconded by Kisgen to adjourn the meeting. All Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Bedel, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of that certain mortgage dated May 7, 2013, executed by Riverwood Bank, mortgagee, to Craig Michael Lesmeister and Sandy Lesmeister as mortgagors, and filed with the Stevens County Recorder May 29, 2013 document NO. 195423.

That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all notice provisions and conditions precedent as required by law; and that the mortgagee or assignee has elected to declare the entire sum secured by the note and mortgage to be immediately due and payable as provided in the note and mortgage.

That the original or maximum principal amount secured by the mortgage is: \$329,550.51.

That there is due and claimed to be due on the mortgage, including interest to through October 5, 2020, the sum of Three Hundred, Twenty Thousand, One Hundred, Fifty-Five and 98/100 DOLLARS (\$320,155.98)

And that pursuant to the power of sale therein contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed and the tracts of land lying and being in the County of Stevens, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit: See Exhibit “A”

Exhibit “A”

Lot A and B of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township One Hundred Twenty-six (126) North, Range Forty-one (41) West, described as follows:

Lot A: That part of the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 31, Township 126 North, Range 41 West, Stevens County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the south line of said Section, 1459.72 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continuing South 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds East, along said South line, 340.47 feet; thence North 70 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 321.74 feet; thence North 49 degrees 39 minutes 49 seconds East 153.46 feet; thence North 33 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds East 161.29 feet; thence North 06 degrees 05 minutes 26 seconds West 461.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West 314.30 feet; thence South 01 degrees 11 minutes 04 seconds West 62.85 feet to a point on a 864.84 foot radius curve which center of circle bears North 82 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds West from said point; thence southwesterly, along said curve, central angle 53 degrees 25 minutes 53 seconds, 806.51 feet; thence South 36 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds West 74.69 feet to a line bearing North 10 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds East from the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 33.51 feet to the point of beginning. The tract contains 8.19 acres more or less.

AND

Lot B: That part of the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 31, Township 126 North, Range 41 West, Stevens County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the south line of said Section, 1459.72 feet; thence North 10 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds East 33.51 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds West 1465.24 feet to the west line of said Section 31; thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds West, along said west line, 33.00 feet to the point of beginning. The tract contains 1.11 acres, more or less.

will be sold by the Sheriff of Stevens County, at public auction on December 3, 2020, at 10:00AM, at the Stevens County Sheriff’s Office, 400 Colorado Avenue, Morris, Minnesota, to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage on said premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law, subject to redemption by the mortgagors, their personal representative or assigns within six (6) months from date of sale.

Transaction agent: N/A
Transaction agent’s Mortgage identification number: N/A
Mortgage originator: Riverwood Bank

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Section 580.23, is 11:59 PM on December 3, 2021.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGORS’ PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OR LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Dated: October 8, 2020.

FLUEGEL, ANDERSON,
MCLAUGHLIN, & BRUTLAG,
CHARTERED

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

MINUTES MORRIS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

The regular meeting of the Morris City Council was called to order at 5:15 p.m. this 22nd day of September, 2020, by Mayor Giese.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with the following members present: Council members Wohlers, Solvie, Miller, Gullickson and Mayor Giese were present via Zoom. Also present via Zoom was Finance Director Raasch and Police Chief Wells. City Manager Hill was present via Zoom from the Council Chambers.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/8/20 Regular Meeting Minutes: Council member Solvie moved, seconded by Gullickson, to approve the 9/8/20 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Giese moved, seconded by Council member Solvie, to approve the consent agenda which included the following items: Audit of City Bills, 8/18/20 Planning Commission Minutes, 5/13/20 & 7/8/20 Library Board Minutes, Gambling Report and Application for Exempt Permit – Assumption Church. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Resolution Approving the Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy for Collection in 2021: City Manager Hill reviewed the 2020 preliminary budget. Hill stated the city may not know until May or June of next year what will happen with LGA. Hill indicated the preliminary budget shows a 3% increase, which is only for planning purposes. Hill anticipated the final levy would be frozen by December.

Council member Miller moved, seconded by Wohlers to adopt Resolution #3708-9-20, Resolution Approving the Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy for Collection in 2021. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

Resolution Adopting the Preliminary 2021 Budget for the City of Morris: Hill stated this budget resolution sets the final budget hearing for December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Hill reviewed some highlights of the 2021 budget, which include:

- The budget includes a major increase in work comp insurance costs. There are two major work comp claims right now.
- This budget includes the same work force numbers. There is another budget that looks at the what ifs but most of the workforce is allocated to areas where they can’t be cut and the city doesn’t have a large number of employees anyway.
- There is no new bond levy for 2021, but probably will be for 2022.
- Liquor store revenues are projected to keep increasing.
- The fire relief benefit is increased from \$2,200 to \$2,250.
- The budget includes \$200,000 allocated for funding of private sidewalk improvements. The city would establish an assessment program where residents could petition to have their sidewalks replaced.
- Water rates may need to be adjusted in 2021.

Hill noted Jordan Staples from the Morris Hockey Association would be at the next meeting to discuss a donation of \$25,000 for the hockey arena.

Council member Wohlers moved, seconded by Mayor Giese, to adopt Resolution #3709-9-20, Resolution Adopting the Preliminary 2021 Budget for the City of Morris. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

Resolution to Execute MN DOT Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition: Council member Gullickson moved, seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution #3810-9-20, Resolution to Execute MN DOT Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

Resolution Appointing Judges for the State General Election, November 3, 2020: Mayor Giese moved, seconded by Council member Gullickson, to adopt Resolution #3811-9-20, Resolution Appointing Judges for the State General Election, November 3, 2020. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: City Manager Newsletter: Hill informed the council he has received complaints about the liquor store and customers not wearing masks. Hill stated the question is what to do when people don’t wear a mask and will not wear a mask. Hill explained it is a requirement to wear a mask but questioned if a person should be denied service if they come in the liquor store without one. Hill noted the city has to do everything it can to try to make people comply but when you get to a point where there’s going to be a confrontation that shouldn’t happen. Hill encouraged his recommendation is to put some masks in the lobby of the liquor store, encourage people to use them and have signage drawn up as to whom to contact if people are unhappy with what is happening.

Solvie stated he is not in favor of any kind of fine for anyone not wearing a mask. The council agreed with Hill’s recommendation of masks and education. Anyone who has a problem can contact City Manager Hill.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor G