

MINUTES OF THE MORRILTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2017
6:00P.M.

Mayor Lipsmeyer called the regular City Council meeting to order. The prayer was given by Alderman John Payne after which the pledge of allegiance was repeated in unison. A roll call was taken with six (6) Aldermen , the Mayor and the City Attorney answering “present”. Alderman Knapp and Alderman Hoelzeman were absent. A quorum was established and the meeting was open for business.

A motion was made by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderman Payne to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held April 10, 2017. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote of “yes” from all Aldermen present. No one present voted “no”.

The Mayor welcomed everyone, then asked if anyone who was not on the Agenda wished to address the council. No one came forward.

The Mayor asked for reports from City Council Committees. In the absence of Alderman Knapp Alderman Andrews gave the Fire report, and the Fire Inspector’s report. Alderman Koch reported on the Airport, Park & C-4 updates as well as reporting on future television City promotional advertising that will be done. Alderman Payne gave the Landfill report. Alderman Bowles gave the Website Tech report and Alderman Hill reported on the City and County Sales tax and City’s financial position as per the City Treasurer’s report. Mayor Lipsmeyer gave his report which included updates on the activities and groundbreakings going on around the City, he announced that a ribbon-cutting will be done on May 30 at 5:30 for a new “free pantry” structure beside City Hall. Included in his announcements was that the City closed April 20, 2017, on the purchase of the Conway County Community Center and that there are plans for remodeling. Kelly Millwood with Legislative Audit is here and starting the 2016 Audit of the City of Morrilton.

The Mayor asked for Old Business. The second reading of an Ordinance annexing property on Hwy 287 for Magie Ford and Rob Harris was done by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Alderman Gunderman and seconded by Alderman Andrews to place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Aldermen present voting “yes” to the motion. No

one present voted “no”. Motion passed. The third and final reading will be done in the June meeting.

The Mayor then asked for New Business. American Legion representative Coyt Kidd addressed the Council with a proposal requesting the permission of the City Council to construct a 33x40ft Memorial Garden for military service members on the South East corner of the grounds in front of the City Hall Building. His proposal would include a flagpole and would be at no cost to the City. Funds for construction would come from grants to the American Legion. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderman Gunderman to approve the request for the Memorial Garden to be constructed in the area stated. The motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from All Aldermen present. No one present voted “no”.

An Ordinance was presented by the City Attorney rezoning property. The Inspector Greg Woodard who came forward to answer questions and stated that the rezoning was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The property is located in an area of Old Lewisburg and is being rezoned from I-1 to R-2 for building a house. The rezoning is requested by Susan Henderson, who was in attendance, and she is asking for passage at tonight’s meeting. The City Attorney read the Ordinance. Alderman Payne made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Andrews to place the Ordinance on the first reading. A roll call was taken with all Aldermen present voting “yes” to the motion. No one present voted “no”. Motion passed. A motion was made by Alderman Payne and seconded by Alderman Andrews to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on the second reading. A roll call was taken with all Aldermen present voting “yes” to the motion. No one present voted “no”. Motion passed. A motion was made by Alderman Payne and seconded by Alderman Andrews to place the Ordinance on the third and final reading with an emergency clause for passage at tonight’s meeting. A roll call was taken with all Aldermen present voting “yes” to the motion. No one present voted “no”. Motion passed. Ordinance No 5 of 2017 was passed.

Fire Chief Eichenberger came forward. He stated that two bids were received for the purchase of (6) Self- Contained breathing Apparatus: Metropolitan Fire Extinguisher Company, \$36,132.00 and EVS, \$36,393.28. Chief Eichenberger is asking Council approval in accepting the low bid of \$36,132.00 from Metropolitan Fire Extinguisher Company. A motion was made by Alderman Andrews and seconded by Alderman Gunderman to approve the low bid from Metropolitan Fire Extinguishser Company of \$36,132.00 for the purchase of six self-contained breathing apparatus. Motion passed with a voice vote of “yes” from all Aldermen present. No one present voted “no”.

Fire Chief Eichenberger then discussed a Resolution to be presented at tonight's meeting asking for City Council support of the Firemen's Pension's request for a benefit increase for retirees utilizing the alternate cash flow projection valuation method/Rule #4. There was some further discussion. The City Attorney read the Resolution. A motion was made by Alderman Bowles and seconded by Alderman Payne to pass the Resolution in support of a benefit increase for Firemen's Pension retirees using the alternate cash flow projection valuation method/Rule #4. A roll call was taken with all Aldermen present answering "yes". No one present voted "no". Motion passed. Resolution No. 4 of 2017 was passed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Payne and seconded by Alderman Bowles to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote "yes".

Meeting adjourned.

Charlotte Kindle, City Clerk/Treasurer

Allen Lipsmeyer, Mayor