

July 22, 2013  
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor James Gerwig  
Councilman Richard Vanderlip  
Councilman Peppy Elizaga  
Councilwoman Paulette Redick  
Councilwoman Eleanor Worsham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerwig.

Motion was made by Ellie to accept consent agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peppy. All were in favor.

Linda and Sonny Mettler of the Morton Loggers Jubilee made a request for the council to think about funds for next years budget to purchase a reader board sign to have close to Hwy 12. Linda said she wants to start a conversation with the city and community to work toward having a community sign next year. Linda said the city could post all their events on the sign, the Loggers Jubilee, and any other information for visitors and residents. Jubilee has set aside some money for this and they think it would be beneficial to the whole city. After some discussion it was decided to set up a committee to look into further issues.

Larry Julius with Gray and Osborne presented the bid results for the Adams Ave, Westlake Ave, and Airport Way project. All bids were in the \$500,000.00 range, but the engineering firm was in the \$300,000.00 range. After discussion on the large gap in dollar amounts on the bids the council decided to reject all bids and to re-bid at a later date.

Conrad Amos owner of Bucksnot put in a request for a beer garden for Jubilee, and also wants a permanent beer garden, eating area in the front of his business on the sidewalk. Council did ok the beer garden for Jubilee but said they would need to explore the idea further for a permanent beer garden, eating area on the sidewalk. Conrad said he has a lot of requests. Mayor Gerwig said if he has support, contact the other businesses and see if they support it. Mayor explained that the businesses had to put money out for the new sidewalks and to block portions may not do well with other business owners. Decision was tabled until further information is available.

Mark Martin of the Knotty Pine Steakhouse requested a beer garden for Jubilee. After his presentation Richard motioned to accept, Peppy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Fred Schwindt with FMAC requested \$1,800.00 in tourism funds to pay for radio advertisement for the Morton Loggers Jubilee and Play at the Roxy Theatre. Fred explained there would be 44 radio advertisements reaching as far north as Bellingham WA. Ellie motioned to accept, Paulette 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor.

Ken Ulery from the Morton Chamber requested tourism funds to pay MK Marketing for the website until the end of 2013. The amount of \$3,200.00 is for the ongoing maintenance. Mayor Gerwig asked why it cost so much to maintain. Mary Kay Nelson said they pay an expert around \$75.00 an hour to build more content, post on facebook, and do online marketing for Morton. This is an ongoing website. After some discussion Peppy motioned to accept, Paulette 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.

