

July 24, 2023
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Dan Mortensen
Councilman Richard Vanderlip
Councilmember Caro Johnson
Councilman Travis Cooper
Councilman Kevin Dunlap
Councilman Bob Boyer

7:00 pm - Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Mortensen

Consent Agenda vouchers and EFTs from June 26, 2023 passed. (Motion by councilman Dunlap, 2nd councilman Cooper, all in favor)

Public comment:
None

New business:

- Council approved Bucksnot request for a beer garden over Jubilee weekend. (Motion by councilwoman Johnson, 2nd councilman Boyer, all in favor)
- Morton Senior Center request for variance was removed from the agenda as City attorney Buzzard said it wasn't necessary.
- Council approved surplus of city police vehicle 2009 Ford Crown Victory. (Motion by councilman Vanderlip, 2nd councilman Dunlap, all in favor)
- John McKenzie gave a presentation of information to council he said indicates misuse of city funds and city attorney to damage his reputation and hurt his business. McKenzie stated he wanted to make sure the parade route was properly marked no parking to avoid a similar incident that happened last year where he and then Chief Morningstar had a disagreement regarding impounding of a vehicle.
- Council approved WWTF Improvements #27, after a brief presentation from PW Superintendent Anders Pollman stating all major work is done (Motion by councilwoman Johnson, 2nd councilman Vanderlip, all in favor)

Old Business:
None

Public Participation:

Mr. McKenzie again stated his charges against the mayor that he had a personal vendetta towards him and asked the council for a vote of no-confidence. Mr. McKenzie also stated that the townspeople wanted Cole Cournyer as the new police chief.

Audience member Tesha asked where the money was going for the surplus police cars. The money will go into the police budget.

Another audience member asked about the "millions of dollars" the city pays to Gray & Osborne and the mayor assured her the projects have been completed.

Another citizen stated that an apartment fire right next door to him was started by fireworks from what he has heard and urged the mayor and council to ban Fourth of July fireworks if we have hot dry weather again next year.

Motion to adjourn by councilman /Vanderlip, 2nd by councilman Cooper, all in favor)

Adjourn 7:40 pm

Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk

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Dan Mortensen, Mayor

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