



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mayor John J. Lampl II
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran
Councilwoman Dorothy Dean
Councilwoman Renee S. Knight
Councilman Khoa Vuong**

Regular Meeting Minutes

September, 14 2021

Minutes

7:37pm

Mayor John Lampl, Councilwoman Dorothy Dean, Councilwoman Knight, Councilman Khoa Vuong, and Mayor Pro Tem Van Tran were all present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John J. Lampl II
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All
MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor John J. Lampl II

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of August 24, 2021 Regular Minutes
2. Approval of August 24, 2021 Work Session Minutes
3. Approval of August 24, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Regular, Work Session, and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Councilwoman Tran called for a motion to defer the motion of the approval of Work Session and the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2021, seconded by Councilman Vuong. Councilwoman Tran and Councilman Vuong voted "Yay". Councilwoman Knight and Councilwoman Dean voted "Nay" Mayor Lampl voted "Nay" to break the tie.
Motion failed 3-2

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a new motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Regular, Work Session, and Executive Session Minutes. Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Knight. Motion passed unanimously.



2. PRESENTATIONS:

~Presentation introduction by Chief Renan Lopez de Azua (Meritorious Service Award) ~
Awards Presented by Lieutenant Beard

1. Sergeant Matthew Beaver
2. Officer Cory Byrdlong
3. Officer Bethany Mills

~Proclamation for Lana Labay read by Mayor Lampl.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

Chris Pike discussed this will be the first year property tax will show up consolidated with the school and county taxes. He also discussed what is required by law. City has to compute the throwback rate which is based on the property evaluation, growth through increased home value or inflation. The state looks at the average to determine whether you can advertise as an increase in taxes or not. The City also has to calculate the amount from sales tax, issue a press release, post on website, newspaper, and hold three public hearings to make all citizens are aware and understands the process. Based on Tax Digest the average home value in Morrow is under 150,000 meaning the average home owner in Morrow does not pay any property taxes for city taxes based on the homestead exemption.

~Opened at 7:58 pm~

Cherie Crisp had questions in regards to the information in the public notice ad is stating notice of tax increase in property taxes but the letter from Mayor states there would **not** be a increase in property millage rate.

Mayor Lampl explained millage rate verses dollars and how the State of Georgia requires both. Mayor referred to document confirming millage rate from 2020 was 9.081 and confirmed millage rate for 2021 will remain 9.081.

Mayor discussed how the city lost money due to taxes in the past and is working on recovering those funds to make sure city employees can be compensated fairly. He also followed up on the salary survey.

~Closed at 8:02 pm~



4. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Agreement with Waste Pro to extend their contract for 90 days with 1300 Homes X \$35.00=\$45,500~ 11,575 yards X 6=\$69,500 total amount being **\$115,000** based on the need of the residents: and to authorize Mayor Lampl to execute the contract and any other related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the Agreement with Waste Pro to extend their contract for 90 days in the total amount of \$115,000. Councilwoman Dean made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the City Manager recommendation of Southeastern Tank & Tower to put the Clayton State logo on the Water Tower in the amount of \$14,500 from the Product Development portion the Hotel Motel tax: and to authorize Mayor Lampl to execute the Agreement and any other related document.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the City Manager recommendation of Southeastern Tank & Tower to apply the Clayton State logo on the Water Tower in the amount of \$14,500 from Product Development portion of the Hotel Motel tax. Councilwoman Dean made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Knight. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of City Manager recommendation for MC's Painting and Decorations INC for the commercial concrete floors in the Dark Space in the amount of \$98,656.00 from SPLOST 2014; Category Facilities; and to authorize Mayor Lampl to execute the Proposal and any other related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the recommendation for MC's Painting and Decorations INC for the commercial concrete floors in the Dark Space in the amount of \$98,656.00 from SPLOST 2014. Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2021-17- Creating of the Task Force Officer Position (DEA)



A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF MORROW POSITION ALLOCATION CHART AND FULL-TIME SALARY PAY SCALE BY CREATING THE POSITION "TITLE" OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TASK FORCE OFFICER

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17. Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2021-18- Promotional Assessment Policy Amendment

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MORROW POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT POLICY (A175) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MORROW CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 4-1-2 POLICE DEPARTMENT RULLES AND REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18. Councilwoman Dean made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2021-19 - Police Lieutenant and Police Sergeant Job Description Amendment

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POLICE LIEUTENANT AND POLICE SERGEANT BY AMENDING THE QUALIFICATIONS CATEGORY FOR THEIR RESPECTED POSITIONS

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-19. Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

6. GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Knight- Thankful to be a participant in helping Morrow get where we are today. She is pleased with the relationship with Clayton State and all the good visions for the City in the future.

Councilwoman Dean- Moving in the right direction with curb appeal making the city looks fresh.



Councilwoman Tran-Excited to see we are working together and moving the projects forward o make the city better. Also had a comment for Interim City Manager Jeff Moss stating the he was able to save the city close \$110,000 on the concrete floors proposal that was approved on tonight's meeting for \$98,656. She discussed this item was originally on a earlier agenda to be voted on at a higher cost. She wants to keep moving forward and on behalf of the tax payers she thanked him for doing a good job.

Mayor-Garbage issues residential and commercial. Business did not get trash picked up we are aware and working on it and will continue to do the best we can. City is looking at future bids and we ask for residential and commercial to work with us while we are in the process of evaluating the best course of action for the city and thank you for your patience.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Lampl adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

NOTICE: City Council Work Sessions and Council Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers. The meeting is open to the public, and any interested party is encouraged to attend. Work Session starts at 6:30pm and operates until the regular council meeting begins at 7:30pm. Council will **CONTINUE THE WORK SESSION AFTER** the regular council meeting and it will last as long as required to conduct the business of the city.

Minutes Approved this September 28, 2021.

Attest



City Clerk, Markeeta Lee

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA



John J. Lampl II, Mayor