

**AGENDA - CITY COUNCIL OF MORRIS, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 28th, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
5:15 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- V. PUBLIC HEARING**
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
 - A. DNR: Discuss Proposals for Crissy Lake Dam**
- VII. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. 01/14/25 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - B. 01/14/25 Condensed Minutes**
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Audit of City Bills**
 - B. Gambling Reports**
 - C. 11/19/2024 Planning Commission Minutes**
 - D. 12/18/2024 City of Morris Tree Board Minutes**
 - E. 01/08/2025 City of Morris Park Board Minutes**
 - F. Pay Estimate #4/Joe Riley Construction
Morris Street & Utility Improvements**
 - G. Pay Estimate/Melrose Electric, Inc.
Morris Electric Bus Charger**
- IX. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. Resolution Authorizing the Soliciting of Qualifications for
Airport Engineering**
 - B. Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan**
 - C. Resolution Setting the Annual Benefit Amount for the Morris
Fire Relief Association Firefighters at \$2,550 per Year
Starting January 1, 2025**
 - D. Resolution Approving Municipal State Aid Street Funds
Advance in 2025**
- XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. City Manager Newsletter**
- XII. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**
 - A. Board Updates**
- XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Mayoral Appointments to Boards & Commissions**
- XIV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- XV. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES – MORRIS CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 14TH, 2025

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Mayor Wohlers closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

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CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Wohlers moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda with the following items:

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City Manager Schrupp stated there have been numerous complaints about the bumps and cracks all along the 5 miles of trails around the bike/walk path. The active transportation grant is taking applications for funding such a project. The AT grants cover 80% of the project, not to include any engineering. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$791,600 with \$132,000 of that being engineering costs and 20% of the remaining amount at \$131,920, leaving the city's cost at \$263,920. Schrupp noted the grant asks for \$527,680 to go towards this project. If awarded, the city would need to have the project ready for construction in 2025 or 2026.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: City Manager Newsletter: This was informational for the Council.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL: Board Updates: Council member Gullickson stated the Library Board has resurrected their Library Foundation that has money in it held by West Central Initiative. They will start applying for different grants.

Mayor Wohlers stated the Annual Chamber Banquet is on Wednesday, January 29th.

OTHER BUSINESS: Appointment of Ex-Officios for the Tourism Board: Mayor Wohlers moved, seconded by Gullickson, to appoint Miller as ex-officio to the Tourism Board. Council member Gullickson noted the Tourism Board is also looking for one more member if anyone is interested.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Wohlers adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Tourism Board Marketing Recommendation: This request is regarding banners for Morris to go on the light poles, advertising for the Tinman Triathlon on 5/3/2025 and funds to pay for an inflatable arch at the finish line. Council member Gullickson moved, seconded by Mayor Wohlers, to approve covering half the bill for Morris banners to go on the light poles and advertising at a cost level 4 for the Tinman Triathlon plus the purchase of an inflatable arch. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Resolution for Ringdahl Professional Services Agreement for Liquor Store Build Project: Council member Miller moved, seconded by Gullickson to adopt Resolution #4013-01-25, Resolution for Ringdahl Professional Services Agreement for Liquor Store Build Project. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

Resolution for Supporting Active Transportation Project and Agreeing to Fund and Maintain Such Project: Council member Kroells moved, seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution #4014-01-25, Resolution for Supporting Active Transportation Project and Agreeing to Fund and Maintain Such Project. Upon a roll call vote taken and all present voting in favor, motion carried.

City Manager Schrupp stated there have been numerous complaints about the bumps and cracks all along the 5 miles of trails around the bike/walk path. The active transportation grant is taking applications for funding such a project. The AT grants cover 80% of the project, not to include any engineering. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$791,600 with \$132,000 of that being engineering costs and 20% of the remaining amount at \$131,920, leaving the city's cost at \$263,920. Schrupp noted the grant asks for \$527,680 to go towards this project. If awarded, the city would need to have the project ready for construction in 2025 or 2026.

Council member Miller stated there is tremendous use of the trails by citizens and visitors and definite complaints about how rough it is. Miller felt it would be an excellent project.

OTHER BUSINESS: Appointment of Ex-Officios for the Tourism Board: Mayor Wohlers moved, seconded by Gullickson, to appoint Miller as ex-officio to the Tourism Board. Council member Gullickson noted the Tourism Board is also looking for one more member if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Wohlers adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**CITY OF MORRIS
BILL LIST
January 28, 2025**

1	ACE HARDWARE	JETTER REPAIRS - WW	\$15.99
2	AGRALITE COOPERATIVE	AIRPORT ELECTRIC CHARGES - DEC	\$1,620.90
3	AMERICAN BOTTLING CO.	LS MERCHANDISE	\$309.81
4	AMERICAN WELDING SUPPLIES, INC.	WTP CHEMICALS \$7,952.13 & SHOP SUPPLIES	\$8,441.53
5	ARTISAN BEER COMPANY	LS MERCHANDISE	\$536.75
6	ASPEN MILLS	FIRE DEPT. CLOTHING	\$564.78
7	BELLBOY CORPORATION	LS MERCHANDISE	\$100.00
8	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	LS MERCHANDISE	\$23,082.51
9	BRANESS PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$160.00
10	BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE	LS MERCHANDISE	\$8,612.97
11	BREMER CARDMEMBER SERV.	WW - SUPPLIES & TOOL KITS \$461.68 & SUPPLIES VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$995.63
12	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	GAS CHARGES - WTP	\$2,601.83
13	COCA-COLA	LS MERCHANDISE	\$237.50
14	COLE PAPERS, INC.	LS SUPPLIES	\$579.89
15	CULLIGAN	CITY HALL SUPPLIES	\$56.88
16	CUSTOM FABRICATION & REP.	SHOP PARTS	\$159.77
17	DALY ELECTRIC INC.	CHRISTMAS LIGHT REPAIR \$140 & EMERGENCY EXIT LIGHTS @ CITY HALL	\$784.16
18	DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL COVERAGE - 2025	\$5.62
19	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	FIRE DEPT. HELMET	\$480.10
20	DJN ELECTRIC	SHOP PARTS	\$261.79
21	D-S BEVERAGES, INC.	LS MERCHANDISE	\$11,781.10
22	DSC COMMUNICATIONS	TRANSIT BUS CAMERAS	\$4,236.32
23	ENGBRETSONS SANITARY DISPOSAL	MONTHLY REFUSE \$24,514.85 & SHOP REFUSE	\$24,643.84
24	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD.	LS ADVERTISING	\$230.60
25	FEDERATED TELEPHONE	INTERNET/PHONES - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$157.00
26	GRAINGER	SHOP PARTS	\$97.50
27	GRANITE CITY JOBBING	LS MERCHANDISE	\$955.41
28	GRAYMONT	WTP CHEMICALS	\$6,896.61
29	GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE & LTD INSURANCE - FEB	\$924.20
30	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	WTP CHEMICALS	\$40.00
31	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	LS SHELIVING	\$239.76
32	JERRYS U-SAVE INC.	AIRPORT PROPANE	\$2,858.69
33	JJ,S GARAGE	SHOP PARTS	\$284.00
34	JOHNSON BROTHERS LIQUOR CO.	LS MERCHANDISE	\$9,139.76
35	KILLORAN TRUCKING & BROKERAGE	WTP SODA ASH	\$14,182.09
36	L & S ENTERPRISES	LS ADVERTISING	\$300.00
37	LAKE REGION FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	2025 FIRE DUES	\$40.00
38	LAKE REGION HEALTHCARE	TRANSIT - DOT PHYSICAL	\$130.00
39	MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN	ATTORNEY FEES - FORMER EMPLOYEE \$1,664.62 & ESST PROF. SERVICES	\$1,750.62
40	MCKINNON COMPANY, INC.	LS MERCHANDISE	\$96.70
41	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	TECH CONFERENCE - R. BREEGGEMANN	\$350.00
42	MN BCA	BACKGROUND CHKS - TRANSIT / LS	\$30.00
43	MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - LS	LS SALES TAX - DEC	\$23,511.00
44	MN DEPT. OF REV. - GENERAL	GEN. SALES TAX - DEC	\$6,546.00
45	MN DNR WATERS	WATER USAGE - 2024	\$2,912.79
46	MN PEIP - C/O MMB FISCAL SERV.	HEALTH INSURANCE - FEB	\$33,895.18
47	MN VALLEY TESTING LABS	WATER TESTING	\$72.00
48	MORRIS BEARING & SUPPLY	SHOP PARTS	\$1,647.37
49	MORRIS CO-OP	SHOP OIL \$2,820.97 & FUEL - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$13,580.67
50	MORRIS GRAIN CO.	SNOW LOT - 2025	\$2,000.00
51	MORRIS LUMBER & MILLWORK, INC.	PDT PARK DOORS	\$3,400.00
52	NORTHBRIDGE 7 MEDIA LLC	MONTHLY MAINT. ACCESS CHANNEL - OCT-DEC	\$675.00
53	NTS TIRE SUPPLY - REDWOOD FALLS	SHOP PARTS	\$150.00
54	OK TIRE STORE MOTLEY	SHOP PARTS	\$8,184.76
55	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	ELECTRIC - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$16,947.85
56	PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS	LS MERCHANDISE	\$7,445.72
57	POSTMASTER	JAN UB POSTAGE	\$484.38
58	SCEIC	1ST QTR. ALLOCATION	\$8,240.00
59	SEARLE FARMS	LIME DISPOSAL - NOV/DEC	\$6,900.00
60	SENIOR PERSPECTIVE	LS ADVERTISING	\$941.90

61	SOUTHERN GLAZERS OF MN	LS MERCHANDISE	\$10,730.36
62	STEVENS COUNTY AUDITOR /TREAS.	PUBLIC SAFETY AID - LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY/SQUAD \$27,651 & MISC.	\$27,782.52
63	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	ALARM MONITORING - HISTORICAL MUSEUM	\$494.00
64	TKDA	ENG. FEES - AIRPORT TAXILANE RECONST. CLOSEOUT	\$5,200.00
65	TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY	SUPPLIES - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$493.30
66	U.S. BANK	2020A BOND PMT	\$117,534.60
67	VESTIS	SUPPLIES - VARIOUS DEPTS.	\$229.04
68	VINOCOPIA, INC.	LS MERCHANDISE	\$1,262.04
69	WILLIES SUPERVALU	LEAGUE EVENT - WATER	\$9.87

APPROVED BY MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ON 1/28/2025.

\$430,242.96

Lawful Gambling Receipts and Expenses by Site

Organization name American Legion Post 29			License # 00324
Site name American Legion Post 29	Site permit # 001	Month reported 12	Year reported 2024
Receipts and Prizes	A Gross Receipts	B Prizes	C Net Receipts
1 Paper pull-tabs	\$59949.00	\$48812.00	\$11137.00
2 Electronic pull-tabs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Non-linked bingo	\$6166.00	\$4760.00	\$1406.00
4 Linked bingo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5 Paddlewheel without a table	\$2250.00	\$1275.00	\$975.00
6 Paddlewheel with a table	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7 Raffles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8 Tipboards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9 Sports tipboards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10 Interest and other income	\$0.53		\$0.53
11 Totals	\$68365.53	\$54847.00	\$13518.53
Allowable Expenses			
12 Paper pull-tabs, bingo paper sheets, tipboards, paddletickets, and raffle tickets		\$0.00	
13 Compensation and payroll taxes		\$4220.70	
14 Penalty and interest paid on taxes		\$0.00	
15 Accounting services		\$0.00	
16 Gambling manager's bond		\$0.00	
17 Local government investigation fees		\$0.00	
18 Rent paid to lessors for conducting lawful gambling		\$0.00	
19 Electronic pull-tab game fees		\$0.00	
20 Electronic linked bingo provider fees		\$0.00	
21 Other miscellaneous allowable expenses not listed above		\$719.95	
22 Cash short (if cash long, enter as a negative number)		\$147.00	
23 Reimbursement for excess cash shortages		\$0.00	
24 Total allowable expenses			\$5087.65
Cash Banks			
25 Starting cash banks per site records		\$2000.00	
26 Unreimbursed starting cash banks		\$0.00	
27 Total starting cash banks			\$2000.00
Ending Inventory			
28 Total value of ending inventory on the last day of the month			\$1695.07
Monthly Profit (loss)			
29 Site net profit less state taxes on lawful gambling			\$8430.88

Lawful Gambling Fund Reconciliation

Organization name	License #	Month/year reported
American Legion Post 29	00324	12 2024
1 End-of-month checking account balance from bank statement(s)		\$63820.97
2 Deposits made during the month that are not included on bank statement(s)		\$2530.00
3 Checks written during the month that are not included on bank statement(s)		\$10077.15
4 End-of-month reconciled checking account balance		\$56273.82
5 Net end-of-month cash balance in starting cash banks	\$2000.00	
6 Cash received but not deposited by month-end from games reported on LG100A. Do not list amounts included on line 2 above	\$0.00	
7 Total in savings and other non-checking accounts	\$0.00	
8 Fund loss requests for profit carryover adjustments submitted to Gambling Control Board, but not yet acted upon by the board	\$0.00	
9 Amounts to be reimbursed for denied fund loss requests, or for fund losses for which a profit carryover adjustment has not been requested	\$0.00	
10 End-of-month value of merchandise prize inventory	\$0.00	
11 Other additions to gambling fund balance (for any amounts reported on this line, include brief explanation on line 29 at the bottom of this page)	\$0.00	
12 Total additions (add lines 5 through 11)		\$2000.00
13 Linked bingo prize amount payable to/receivable from linked bingo provider (enter receivable as a negative number)	\$0.00	
14 Receipts deposited from games still in play that are not included on LG100A	\$0.00	
15 End-of-month amount due for loans made to the gambling fund	\$0.00	
16 Total unpaid invoices for merchandise prizes	\$0.00	
17 Prizes reported on an LG100A that have not been paid to winner(s)	\$0.00	
18 Other subtractions to gambling fund balance (for any amounts reported on this line, include brief explanation on line 29 at the bottom of this page)	\$0.00	
19 Total subtractions (add lines 13 through 18)		\$0.00
20 Reconciled gambling fund balance (sum of line 4 and line 12 minus line 19)		\$58273.82
21 Total net receipts (sum of all LG100A's, line 11C)	\$13518.53	
22 Total lawful purpose expenditures (from LG100C)	\$6385.93	
23 Total allowable expenses (sum of all LG100A, line 24)	\$5087.65	
24 Profit carryover increase (decrease) (line 21 less lines 22 and 23)	\$2044.95	
25 Profit carryover from prior month's LG100F, line 27	\$56228.87	
26 Adjustments authorized by the Gambling Control Board (requires written approval)	\$0.00	
27 End-of-month profit carryover (line 24 + line 25 + line 26)		\$58273.82
28 Profit carryover variance (see instructions if amount does not equal \$0)		\$0.00
29 In the space below, briefly explain other adjustments to the gambling fund balance that were reported on lines 11 or 18:		

MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD
Monthly Lawful Gambling Activity Summary

LG100

Organization name	Month reported	Year reported	License #
American Legion Post 29	12	2024	00324
Receipts and Prizes	A Gross Receipts	B Prizes	C Net Receipts
1 Non-linked bingo	\$6166.00	\$4760.00	\$1406.00
2 Raffles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Paddlewheel	\$2250.00	\$1275.00	\$975.00
4 Add lines 1 through 3	\$8416.00	\$6035.00	\$2381.00
5 Interest and other income	\$0.53		\$0.53
6 Linked bingo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7 Tipboards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8 Paper pull-tabs	\$59949.00	\$48812.00	\$11137.00
9 Electronic pull-tabs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10 Sports tipboards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11 Monthly totals	\$68365.53	\$54847.00	\$13518.53
Allowable Expenses			
12 Paper pull-tabs, bingo paper sheets, tipboards, paddletickets, and raffle tickets		\$0.00	
13 Compensation and payroll taxes		\$4220.70	
14 Penalty and interest paid on taxes		\$0.00	
15 Accounting services		\$0.00	
16 Gambling manager's bond		\$0.00	
17 Local government investigation fees		\$0.00	
18 Rent paid to lessors for conducting lawful gambling		\$0.00	
19 Electronic pull-tab game fees		\$0.00	
20 Electronic linked bingo provider fees		\$0.00	
21 Other miscellaneous allowable expenses not listed above		\$719.95	
22 Cash short (if cash long, enter as a negative number)		\$147.00	
23 Reimbursement for excess cash shortages		\$0.00	
24 Total allowable expenses			\$5087.65
Bank Balances, Cash, and Inventory			
25 Balance in checking account(s)			\$56273.82
26 Balance in savings and other non-checking accounts			\$0.00
27 Total starting cash banks			\$2000.00
28 Dollar value of ending inventory on the last day of the month			\$1695.07
Monthly profit (loss)			
29 Organization net profit less state taxes on lawful gambling			\$8430.88
Lawful Purpose Expenditures			
30 Charitable contributions		\$0.00	
31 Taxes and fees		\$1041.00	
32 Other lawful purpose expenditures		\$5344.93	
33 Monthly total lawful purpose expenditures			\$6385.93
Lawful Purpose Percentage (Star Rating)			
34 Current month's percentage of net receipts spent on lawful purposes (line 33 / line 11)			%47.2383
35 Amount from previous month's LG100, line 36 (if filing for July, enter \$0)		\$19544.36	
36 Fiscal year to date total lawful purpose expenditures			\$25930.29
37 Amount from previous month's LG100, line 38 (if filing for July, enter \$0)		\$56083.55	
38 Fiscal year to date total net receipts			\$69602.08
39 Fiscal year to date percentage of net receipts spent on lawful purposes (line 36 / line 38)			%37.2551
Profit Carryover			
40 End-of-month profit carryover			\$58273.82
41 Variance between profit carryover and reconciled account balance			\$0.00

Lawful Gambling Monthly Tax Return

Print or Type	Organization Name American Legion Post 29	Federal ID Number (FEIN) 41-0673230	Minnesota Tax ID Number 8286687	License Number 00324	
	Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if Address Changed 507 Pacific Avenue	Email Address morrislegion@fedtel.net		Month/Year Reported 12/2024	
	City Morris	State MN	Zip Code 56267	Number of Sites 1	
	Number of barcoded games reported on Schedule B2s for the month: <u>20</u>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Return <input type="checkbox"/> Filing under Extension (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> No Gambling Activity this Month <input type="checkbox"/> Final Return (see instructions)			
	This return includes (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule B2 <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule NRL <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule ER				

		A	B	C
		Gross Receipts	Prizes Paid	Net Receipts
1	Non-linked bingo	<u>6166</u>	<u>4760.00</u>	<u>1406.00</u>
2	Raffles (if tax-exempt raffles were conducted, complete Schedule ER)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
3	Paddletickets	<u>2250.00</u>	<u>1275.00</u>	<u>975.00</u>
4	Add lines 1 through 3	<u>8416.00</u>	<u>6035.00</u>	<u>2381.00</u>
5	Interest and other income (including advertising or sponsorship income; see instructions)	<u>1.00</u>		<u>1.00</u>
6	Linked bingo	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
7	Tipboards	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
8	Paper pull-tabs	<u>59949.00</u>	<u>48812.00</u>	<u>11137.00</u>
9	Electronic pull-tabs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
10	Sports-themed tipboards	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
11	Add lines 4 through 10. Line 11C is your gross profits for the month	<u>68366.00</u>	<u>54847.00</u>	<u>13519.00</u>

12	Net receipts tax (multiply line 4C by 8.5% [0.085]. If negative, enter zero)		<u>202.00</u>
13	Combined net receipts tax (from Worksheet E, line 11; if negative, enter the amount on line 19)		<u>891.00</u>
14	Total tax before credits (add lines 12 and 13)		<u>1093.00</u>
15	Net receipts tax credit used (from Schedule NRL, column E)		<u>0.00</u>
16	Exempt raffle tax credit (from Schedule ER, line 4)		<u>0.00</u>
17	Total nonrefundable credits (add lines 15 and 16)		<u>0.00</u>
18	Total tax before refundable credit (subtract line 17 from line 14; if negative, enter zero)		<u>1093.00</u>
19	Combined net receipts tax credit (from Worksheet E, line 11; if negative)		<u>0.00</u>
20	Monthly regulatory fee (multiply line 11a by 0.125% [.00125])		<u>85.00</u>
21	TOTAL TAX DUE OR REFUND (add lines 18, 19 and 20)		<u>1178.00</u>

Print or Type

Gross Profit

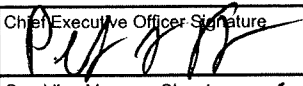

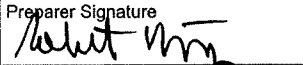
Tax and Fees

Lawful Gambling Monthly Tax Return (continued)

Organization Name American Legion Post 29	Federal ID Number (FEIN) 41-0673230	Minnesota Tax ID Number 8286687	License Number 00324
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Expenditures /Expenses	22 Lawful purpose expenditures	22 <u>6386.00</u>
	23 Total lawful purpose expenditures (add lines 21 and 22)	23 <u>7564.00</u>
	24 Allowable expenses	24 <u>5088.00</u>

Start Bank	25 a Starting cash banks per books	25a <u>2000.00</u>
	b Unreimbursed starting cash banks	25b <u>0.00</u>
	End-of-month cash balance in starting banks (subtract line 25b from 25a)	26 <u>2000.00</u>

Sign Here	<i>I declare that all information on this summary and tax return is true, correct and complete.</i>			
	Chief Executive Officer (print) Pete Flannery	Chief Executive Officer Signature 	Date 1-14-28	Daytime Phone 507-213-7800
	Gambling Manager (print) Cal Van Horn	Gambling Manager Signature 	Date 1-14-28	Daytime Phone 320-262-1056
	Preparer (print) Robert Nigg	Name of Firm	Preparer Signature 	Date 1-14-25 Daytime Phone 320-815-9554

Mail Form G1, schedules and any required attachments to:
Minnesota Revenue, Mail Station 3350, St. Paul, MN 55146-3350

Schedule NRL — Net Receipts Loss

Use this schedule to calculate a possible tax credit if you incurred a loss on the total net receipts for bingo, raffle and paddlewheel activity. When the loss is offset by positive net receipts in subsequent periods, the tax credit can be calculated and used.

Read the instructions on back before you complete this schedule.

Organization name American Legion Post 29	Federal ID number (FEIN) 41-0673230	Minnesota tax ID number 8286687	License number 00324
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Period mm/yyyy	A Net Receipts Loss Form G1, line 4c	B Cumulative Loss A + D from prior month	C Loss Used Form G1, line 4c	D Loss Remaining B + C	E Net Receipts Loss Tax Credit C x .085
01/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
08/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Enter the tax credit for the reporting period (Column E) as a positive number on Form G1, line 15.

Attach this schedule to the G1 in the order prescribed in the instructions.

Schedule ER - Lawful Gambling Tax Credit for Exempt Raffles

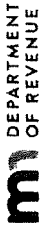
Use this schedule to claim a tax credit for conducting an exempt raffle. You may conduct tax-exempt raffles if the net proceeds are used exclusively to help relieve the effects of poverty, homelessness or disability for an individual or family. **This credit is nonrefundable.**

Organization Name	Fed IF D Number(EIN)	State tax ID Number	License Number	Month/year reported
American Legion Post 29	41-0673230	8286687	00324	12/2024

Receipts/Credit				
1	Gross receipts for exempt raffles	1	0.00	
2	Prizes awarded for exempt raffles	2	0.00	
3	Net receipts (subtract line 2 from line 1; the result cannot be more than Form G1, line 2C)	3	0.00	
4	Exempt raffle tax credit (multiply line 3 by 8.5% [0.85]). Enter the result on Form G1, line 16	4	0.00	

IMPORTANT NOTE! You must document, in the monthly meeting minutes, the recipients of all exempt raffle proceeds prior to the raffle being conducted. You must donate the proceeds from the gambling account directly to the individual or family.

Attach this schedule to Form G1 in the order prescribed in the instructions.



Schedule B2 — Lawful Gambling Report of Barcoded Games

Use this schedule to report paper pull-tab, tipboard, paddleticket, sports-themed tipboard, progressive pull-tabs and tipboards, and raffle board games removed from play during the month. If you're reporting destroyed, fund loss, defective or missing games, read the Lawful Gambling Tax Instruction booklet. Complete a separate Schedule B2 for each type of game and operation.

Name of Gambling Site: **American Legion Post 29** License Number: **00324** Site Permit Number: **001** Page: **1 of 1**

Federal ID number (FEIN): **41-0673230** Minnesota Tax ID: **8286687** Month/year Reported: **12/2024**

Type of Operation (check one): Booth Bar-op Pull-tab Dispenser

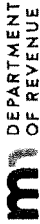
Type of Game (check one): Paper Pull-tabs Paddletickets Progressive Tipboards Raffle Boards

(check one): Tipboards Sport-themed Tipboards Progressive Pull-tabs

Game status (check one): Played Missing Reported as Destroyed with Fund Loss Games Defective Fund Loss Rev Approval Destroyed by Rev

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M				
Mfg Id	Part number	Game serial number	Date in play	Ideal gross receipts	Ideal prizes	Value of unsold tickets	Gross receipts (E minus G)	Value of prizes paid	Net receipts (H minus I)	Cash-in-hand	Cash long/(short) (K minus J)	Date game removed				
Totals from the previous page, if any																
1	IG 2PT1	2052501	12/01/2024	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	425.00	325.00	325.00	0.00	12/06/2024				
2	IG 5PT1	3509051	12/06/2024	1500.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	850.00	650.00	650.00	0.00	12/27/2024				
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16 Total										2250.00	2250.00	0.00	1275.00	975.00	975.00	0.00

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Name of Gambling Site: **American Legion Post 29** License Number: **00324** Site Permit Number: **001** Page: **1 of 2**

Federal ID number (FEIN): **41-0673230** Minnesota Tax ID: **8286687**

Month/year Reported: **12/2024**

Type of Operation (check one): Booth Bar-op Pull-tab Dispenser

Type of Game (check one): Paper Pull-tabs Paddletickets Progressive Tipboards Raffle Boards

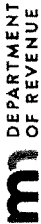
(check one): Tipboards Sport-themed Tipboards Progressive Pull-tabs

Game status (check one): Played Missing Reported as Destroyed with Fund Loss Games

Defective Rev Approval Fund Loss Destroyed by Rev

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M						
Mfg Id	Part number	Game serial number	Date in play	Ideal gross receipts	Ideal prizes	Value of unsold tickets	Gross receipts (E minus G)	Value of prizes paid	Net receipts (H minus I)	Cash-in-hand	Cash long/(short) (K minus J)	Date game removed						
Totals from the previous page, if any																		
1	IG 2287AS	2718598	11/19/2024	3136.00	2458.00	700.00	2436.00	1974.00	462.00	455.00	(7.00)	12/01/2024						
2	IG 2303AS	2836476	11/21/2024	3136.00	2458.00	641.00	2495.00	2149.00	346.00	366.00	20.00	12/01/2024						
3	IG 528Z	2623428	11/20/2024	6566.00	5300.00	2442.00	4124.00	3288.00	836.00	830.00	(6.00)	12/03/2024						
4	IG 2290TDD	2749443	11/24/2024	6566.00	5300.00	2116.00	4450.00	3696.00	754.00	742.00	(12.00)	12/03/2024						
5	AN 7228K-MN	A816690	11/29/2024	3120.00	2475.00	970.00	2150.00	2097.00	53.00	54.00	1.00	12/05/2024						
6	IG 2304CH	2836093	11/29/2024	3136.00	2458.00	583.00	2553.00	2064.00	489.00	429.00	(60.00)	12/05/2024						
7	AI 7486M-MN	F112619	12/05/2024	3159.00	2400.00	0.00	3159.00	2400.00	759.00	761.00	2.00	12/08/2024						
8	IG 2241TDD	2506139	12/07/2024	6566.00	5300.00	3044.00	3522.00	2464.00	1058.00	1030.00	(28.00)	12/11/2024						
9	AG RBIN152A	8575397	12/05/2024	3080.00	2453.00	749.00	2331.00	1821.00	510.00	510.00	0.00	12/13/2024						
10	AI 7642M-MN	F392425	12/08/2024	3159.00	2400.00	998.00	2161.00	1742.00	419.00	419.00	0.00	12/13/2024						
11	IG 2176ZX	2701269	12/03/2024	6566.00	5300.00	2406.00	4160.00	3316.00	844.00	840.00	(4.00)	12/17/2024						
12	AN 7612L-MN	F496425	12/13/2024	3160.00	2400.00	975.00	2185.00	1614.00	571.00	516.00	(55.00)	12/17/2024						
13	AG HUSN152	8877120	12/17/2024	3080.00	2453.00	1010.00	2070.00	1506.00	564.00	560.00	(4.00)	12/20/2024						
14	IG 528Z	2701556	12/11/2024	6566.00	5300.00	1510.00	5056.00	4084.00	972.00	968.00	(4.00)	12/23/2024						
15	IG 2235TDD	2478881	12/17/2024	6566.00	5300.00	460.00	6106.00	5160.00	946.00	950.00	4.00	12/31/2024						
16 Total											67562.00	53755.00	18604.00	48958.00	39375.00	9583.00	9430.00	(153.00)

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Name of Gambling Site **American Legion Post 29** License Number **00324** Site Permit Number **001**

Type of Operation (check one): Booth Bar-op Pull-tab Dispenser
 Type of Game Paper Pull-tabs Paddle tickets Progressive Tipboards Raffle Boards
 (check one): Tipboards Sport-themed Tipboards Progressive Pull-tabs

Game status (check one):
 Played Missing Reported as Destroyed with
 Defective Fund Loss Rev Approval Destroyed by Rev

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M				
Mfg Id	Part number	Game serial number	Date in play	Ideal gross receipts	Ideal prizes	Value of unsold tickets	Gross receipts (E minus G)	Value of prizes paid	Net receipts (H minus I)	Cash-in-hand	Cash long/(short) (K minus J)	Date game removed				
Totals from the previous page, if any																
1	AI 7464M-MN	F098829	12/20/2024	3159.00	2460.00	424.00	2735.00	2401.00	334.00	329.00	(5.00)	12/31/2024				
2	TP 7397L-MN	F484342	12/13/2024	3160.00	2392.00	788.00	2372.00	2040.00	332.00	347.00	15.00	12/31/2024				
3	IG 528Y	2701451	12/23/2024	6566.00	5300.00	682.00	5884.00	4996.00	888.00	884.00	(4.00)	12/31/2024				
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16 Total										80447.00	63907.00	20498.00	48812.00	11137.00	10990.00	(147.00)

Enter the totals from Columns H, I and J for each type of game on the appropriate lines of Form G1. Attach this schedule to your Form G1.

Worksheet E — Lawful Gambling Combined Net Receipts Tax

Complete this worksheet to determine if you owe tax on combined net receipts. Report gambling activity from July 1 through June 30 of the next year. Start over at zero each July 1. Keep this worksheet to use when completing next month's Worksheet E. **Do not mail it to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.**

	Federal ID number (FEIN) 41-0673230	Minnesota tax ID number 8286687	License number 00324
Organization name American Legion Post 29			Month/year reported 12/2024

Receipts	1	Interest and other income <i>(from this month's Form G1, line 5, Column C)</i>	1	<u>1.00</u>
	2	Receipts from linked bingo games <i>(from this month's Form G1, line 6, Column C)</i>	2	<u>0.00</u>
	3	Receipts from tipboard games <i>(from this month's Form G1, line 7, Column C)</i>	3	<u>0.00</u>
	4	Receipts from paper pull-tab games <i>(from this month's Form G1, line 8, Column C)</i>	4	<u>11137.00</u>
	5	Receipts from electronic pull-tab games <i>(from this month's Form G1, line 9, Column C)</i>	5	<u>0.00</u>
	6	Add lines 1 through 5	6	<u>11138.00</u>
	7	Amount from last month's Worksheet E, line 8 <i>(enter zero if this is the July Worksheet E)</i>	7	<u>48126.00</u>
	8	Add lines 6 and 7	8	<u>59264.00</u>
Tax	9	Go to the table below to determine the tax for line 8 and enter it here <i>(if line 8 is negative, enter zero)</i>	9	<u>4741.00</u>
	10	Amount from last month's Worksheet E, line 9. <i>(enter zero if this is the July Worksheet E)</i>	10	<u>3850.00</u>
	11	Combined net receipts tax due <i>(subtract line 10 from line 9)</i> <i>Enter the result here and on this month's Form G1. If positive, enter on line 13 of Form G1. If negative, enter the amount on line 19 of Form G1.</i>	11	<u>891.00</u>

<i>over</i>	<i>but no more than</i>	<i>subtract from line 8</i>	<i>multiply result by</i>	<i>add</i>
\$0	\$87,500		8% (.08)	\$0
\$87,500	\$122,500	\$87,500	17% (.17)	\$7,000
\$122,500	\$157,500	\$122,500	25% (.25)	\$12,950
\$157,500		\$157,500	33.5% (.335)	\$21,700

Enter the result on line 9 above.

American Legion Post 29

For All Sites
For 12/31/2024

Game Name	Mf ID	Part No.	Serial No.	Invoice No.	Dist	Status	Purch Date	Placed Date	Remove Date	Cost
For Site 00324-001 American Legion Post 29										
Game Type: Pull Tab										
1	BANANAS	AN	38323R-MN	1Z66938	1861953	DI017	IN INVENTORY	10/28/2024		76.6100
1	HAT TRICK HOCKEY	IG	2314CH	2870710	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		76.0300
1	CASHLINE	IG	528Z	2701414	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		79.5900
1	BAKED	IG	2289TDD	2749440	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		79.5900
1	WILD HORSES	IG	528W	2701298	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		79.5900
1	SUPERIOR 7S	IG	2290TDD	2749537	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		79.5900
1	ROWDY ROOSTER	IG	2176ZX	2701361	1866680	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/12/2024		79.5900
1	COCKTAIL TIME	AG	COTN182B	8953125	1870909	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/25/2024		76.3700
1	EASY 7'S	AG	EYSN182B	8953062	1870909	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/25/2024		76.3700
1	NICE N TOASTY	AG	NNTN182B	8953344	1870909	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/25/2024		76.3700
1	TAPSTER	AI	7485M-MN	F098797	1870909	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/25/2024		76.5800
1	CATTLE CALL	AN	7219K-MN	A816694	1870909	DI017	IN INVENTORY	11/25/2024		75.6400
Total of Game Type: Pull Tab										931.9200
Game Type: Bingo										
3	3 ON V P25 1-9 RED BDR			872619	9260074	DI078		02/27/2024		19.3680
4	3V RED B/P9			876592	1823907	DI017		06/19/2024		38.0000
4	3V1 18UP 9036 STD B			6670566	9304913	DI078		09/16/2024		638.8975
7	3V WHITE 1-9			8413124	1866679	DI017		11/12/2024		38.0000
8	3V WHITE 1-9			8413061	1866679	DI017		11/12/2024		28.8876
Total of Game Type: Bingo										763.1531
Total of Site 00324-001 American Legion Post 29										1,695.0731
Total of American Legion Post 29										1,695.0731

Signature _____ Date taken _____ / _____ / _____

MINUTES – PLANNING COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Morris Planning Commission was called to order at 5:15 p.m. this 19th day of November, 2024 by Chairperson Kuchenreuther in the Council Chambers of the Morris Community Center.

CALL OF THE ROLL: Roll call was taken with the following members present: Commissioners Granger, Kurpiers, Gades, Kuchenreuther, Richardson, Wulf and Fohl. Also present was City Manager Schrupp, Ex-Officio Kroells and City Attorney Glasrud.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/28/24 Regular Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Wulf moved, seconded by Granger, to approve the 10/28/24 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Conditional Use Permit, Ever World Acres: The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for a conditional use permit from Lesley Barry, Ever World Acres, 537 State Highway 9. This CUP, if granted, would allow Commercial Recreation in an RF (Farm Residence) zone.

Chairperson Kuchenreuther opened the public hearing at 5:17. Barry was present at the meeting and stated they are looking for this permit as they offer horseback riding programs for people with disabilities. They currently have 25 clients and are continuing to grow.

Granger noted this would be compatible with the use and character of the RF district.

There being no further comments from the public, Chairperson Kuchenreuther closed the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. and brought the matter back to the commission for action.

Commissioner Gades moved, seconded by Kurpiers, to approve the conditional use permit to allow Commercial Recreation in an RF zone at 537 State Highway 9. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 127, An Ordinance of the City of Morris to Regulate Cannabis Businesses: This public hearing is being held to take comment on Ordinance No. 127, An Ordinance Regulating Cannabis Businesses. The Planning Commission has been working on the zoning for this ordinance at the last few meetings.

Chairperson Kuchenreuther opened the public hearing 5:22 p.m. City Attorney Glasrud noted that section 4, dealing with local government as a cannabis retailer, can be removed from the ordinance. This is because the county will have the licensing jurisdiction, not the city.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Fohl, to recommended approval of this ordinance with the zoning provisions for Ordinance No. 127, An Ordinance of the City of Morris to Regulate Cannabis Businesses. Motion carried.

Variance Request, Priority Investments: This hearing is on a zoning variance request from Section 11.03, 114, which requires a Sign or Billboard – A sign, the bottom of which is no more than four (4) feet from the ground and the top no more than twelve (12) feet from the ground and Section 11.70, Subd. 25 Signs and Billboards, I. Billboards, 3. Display Surface Size which requires the total display surface of one side of any billboard not to exceed 275 square feet. This request is by Priority Investments, 48505 210th

Street, Morris, MN; the parcel is 4 East State Highway 28, legally described as Block 1, SW 75', Lot 6 and NE 50', Lot 7, Parcel # 20-0053-400. This variance, if granted, would allow the owner to erect a billboard higher than 12 feet and each side to be larger than 275 square feet.

The commission reviewed the drawing as to where the sign would be located. Kuchenreuther stated the proposed billboard is 27 feet tall, with the limit being 12 feet high. Tom Wicks, representing Summit Locations, was present at the meeting and stated the pole itself is 15 feet tall per insurance requirements.

Commissioner Wulf asked what the purpose of the sign would be. Wicks stated it is an off premise sign that sells advertising to local businesses in the area. The top 3 are usually real estate, insurance agents and companies that want to hire. Wicks explained they are selling advertising, but it doesn't necessarily have to do with the property owner where the billboard is located.

Kuchenreuther asked about the width of the sign, citing pages 508 and 509 of the performance standards. This states that the maximum surface area of the sign in square feet per premise for a pylon sign is 1 per lineal foot. The square footage of this is 288 feet. Kuchenreuther noted this is another way this sign request would be out of compliance with the current code. Granger added, to have a larger sign you would need a larger piece of property.

Mike Kangas, representing Priority Investments, was present at the meeting and stated the dimensions of only one side are 12 x 12 or 144 square feet. Kuchenreuther noted the diagram shows 12 feet high by 24 feet for 288 square feet, which is 158 square feet over what is allowed and the maximum height is 12 feet and this is 27 feet tall. Wicks explained it is a standard vinyl billboard, non-lit. They would like to convert it to digital at a later date but they understand that is a whole other process.

Granger pointed out the last 3 sign ordinance requests were in 2006 (2 of them) and in 2008. They were conditional use permits as the billboards complied with the size. Granger feels consistency is important and if it is changed the commission is setting a precedent. Granger stated in looking at the variance criteria it doesn't seem to fit. Kuchenreuther reviewed the criteria that need to be met for a variance and the commission would have to be able to find all of those are true in order to grant the variance. Granger noted the same wording is repeated in the League of MN Cities zoning guide and it also comes right out of state statute that economic considerations alone do not constitute a practical difficulty.

Wicks stated the reason for the size variance is because of the frontage road and the highway being right there. They want people to be able to read the billboard, not have to slow down and stare. Kuchenreuther noted she drove out to the property and tried to imagine something of this size but feels it is more like what you would see along an interstate instead of a smaller town. Granger agreed. Kuchenreuther noted she doesn't know that this meets the requirements to grant a variance because essentially it's not a hardship.

Kangas asked about the other signs coming up to the intersection of Highway 28. Kurpiers stated the ones on the west side of the road are in a different zone, which is heavy industrial. Kuchenreuther pointed out there are different zones along the highway. Kangas asked about Homestead. Kuchenreuther noted that is a sign, not a billboard.

Commissioner Fohl moved, seconded by Gades, to deny the variance request as the proposed billboard is too large for the area and does not meet the variance criteria requirements. Motion carried.

Rezoning Request, Ingstad Media: The purpose of this hearing is to consider an amendment to the City of Morris Zoning Map as requested by petitioner Ingstad Media. The property is located at 46671 State Highway 28, Parcel #20-1933-000, legally described as Section 25, Twp 125, Range 42, Pt SE ¼ SW ¼ and Parcel #20-1930-000, legally described as Section 25, Twp 125, Range 42, Pt Outlot A & B of Rolling Acres Sub., lying N & W of a line beg. 119.3' NE of N Cor. Lot A, thence SE'ly 89', SW'ly 629' to S Line Sec. 25 & there terminating. This amendment to the zoning map, if granted, would change the zoning for Parcels #20-1933-000 and #20-1930-000 from an MC District (Municipal Conservancy) to an R (Single & Two Family Residence) zoning district.

Kuchenreuther opened the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

Jake Weber, representing Ingstad Media, was present at the meeting via Zoom. Weber stated they are a third generation company and own radio stations throughout Minnesota. The building for their current operation in Morris is beyond repair and would cost too much money to remodel and try to stay on the air at the same time. Weber stated they are asking for the ability to sell their land and buy another building in town or rebuild. They are planning for more modern electronics and need additional space. Weber pointed out that in looking to sell the land they found out there's restricted uses with it being in an MC zone so they are asking the city to rezone the area. Weber stated the area was purchased by the radio station in 1999 but the area was rezoned in 1996.

Kuchenreuther asked if the broadcast facilities were moved if the tower would stay. Weber stated it is over 600 feet tall so it would have to stay. They are also federally mandated by the FCC so there are certain things they have to do. Weber indicated they would like to get closer to the main hub of town and send their signal back to the tower. The plan would be to build a smaller 10 x 20 foot pre-fab to house the electrical and air conditioning and set it right next to the tower. There is a 100 year lease to keep the tower exactly where it is. Weber stated they would like the rest of the land outside of the tower to be able to be purchased to build houses.

Fohl asked how many acres it involved. Weber stated there is around 7 total, but a good 3-4 around the tower would be deemed unusable. Granger pointed out a tower wouldn't be permitted in an R, it would be grandfathered in, but it couldn't be improved. Kuchenreuther stated there is R zoning adjacent to the west so it wouldn't be spot zoning. Kurpiers asked what the encumbrance is with an MC zone as it does not forbid residences. Kuchenreuther noted there is a density issue for MC.

Weber stated they had someone interested in the property but once they found out the restrictions it lowers the value of the property. Weber indicated the tax value is \$240,000 but according to local real estate agents it is only worth \$25,000 to \$30,000 with the restrictions. The new owner would like to have the opportunity to build something else there if they could. Kuchenreuther noted the value is something to take up with the assessor. Weber noted it cripples them as far as what can be done with the land. Kuchenreuther stated the part of the property that is in the flood plain should not be zoned as R. Kuchenreuther mentioned splitting the zoning on a parcel, and there doesn't seem to be any prohibition on that.

Joe Riley, 46502 208th Street, was present at the meeting and stated his backyard is adjacent to the property. Riley has lived in the area for 38 years in two different houses. Riley explained some of the reasons he would like to see the zoning remain the same with the first one being the considerable wildlife that roams in that area as he often sees deer in his backyard. Riley stated if it would be changed

to a zone where some type of housing development could be built there is no city water and sewer which is a huge strike against it. Riley noted based on recent events he doesn't think there will be utilities put in that area. Furthermore, Riley pointed out if the city is looking at housing there are other areas in town that would be beneficial rather than this piece of property, including the old school property, behind Riverview townhomes and the 70 acres across the bypass. There are also older buildings that could be bought and torn down that already have all the city utilities. Riley feels there is no benefit to allowing this area to be rezoned.

James Stoker, 46632 208th Street, stated he has a sun room that looks out over these parcels. Stoker stated he wrote a letter to the planning commission which pointed out the problem with the designated flood area, it is also on the National Wetlands inventory and there would be a difficult permitting process to fill in the area to make it buildable. Stoker noted the tower is 474 feet tall and it is not a good idea to build a residence within the fall area of that tower, which is reason enough not to rezone any of the property R. Stoker added if someone were to try to do a subdivision it would not fit with the current land usage.

John Anderson, 46673 State Hwy 28, stated he lives immediately south of the radio station and has lived there for the past 12 years. Anderson likes the area and the way it is currently zoned. There is lots of wild life, green space, waterfowl nests, small game and a nice population of deer. Anderson noted it is a unique piece within the city, which is a benefit to not only the neighbors but to all the residents of the city. Anderson stated he has been a carpenter for 20+ years and when you look at the property in question the only buildable part is exactly where the radio station sits. The rest is simply too low and would require large amounts of fill and retaining walls to build anything feasible on the property. Anderson explained the slough elevation is 1,090 feet with the west tree line being 1,100 feet and the parking lot at the radio station at 1,110, which is a 20 foot difference in elevation height. Anderson is also concerned with the wetland area and needing proper septic systems and wells. Anderson finished by stating he hopes the zoning can stay the same and remain as MC.

Kuchenreuther questioned what other communities use for zoning around transmitter towers and found some information from the city of Minneapolis. Kuchenreuther noted their requirements say the tower site and setbacks shall be of adequate size to contain the guy-wires, debris and tower in the event of a collapse. In addition, the communication towers shall maintain a minimum distance equal to twice the height of the tower from the nearest residential structure.

Warren Anderson, 46675 State Hwy 28, stated he and his wife Jeri have lived in this area for 38 years and are the ones that want to buy the property. Anderson loves the radio station and hates to oppose this as they are really trying to get along. Anderson handed out a map of the area. Anderson stated to the south of his property is a big ravine that takes a lot of the water of the city. It then goes on the north side of Joe Riley's property and meets up with the wetland area and the whole water shed and ultimately meanders down 7th Street.

Anderson stated when the radio decided to sell the owners called them to see if they wanted to buy the property. Anderson noted they would like to control their neighborhood to a degree so they were interested in the possibility. Anderson stated he had done some previous work on the property immediately to the west of the driveway and thought that area to be worth \$15,000-\$25,000. Anderson stated they looked at it being an MC zone and what that makes it worth. Anderson showed a diagram explaining the big lot at 7.39 acres and the small one at 1.45. Another diagram showed the land available for purchase in a yellow box. There are guidewires that go towards Highway 28 and

towards the Heltemus property which makes it very limited as to what can be built there. Anderson stated where the radio station was built there was probably 3-4 feet of fill and two big cement retaining walls. Before that fill was put in, from Highway 28 to the ravine was all a 20 foot depression from the driveway area all the way down to the slough. Anderson noted putting in a development would be expensive and not practical. Anderson stated they offered the radio station \$150,000 for the property. Anderson explained he feels conflicted because he wants the radio station to do well and but doesn't think it makes sense to try to change the zoning.

Weber stated if the property is restrictive people won't buy it and it financially hurts the radio station. Weber added they have a building that has deteriorated and they are trying to buy another property in town so want to try to get the most out of what it's worth.

Anderson stated Weber indicated the property is assessed at \$256,000 and his offer was lower than that but seemed to fit the value of 3.3 acres with a guy-wire running through it. Weber stated their goal is to have nice place for people to work as they have gone through a lot of employees over the past few years.

Granger noted a letter was received from Ted Storck opposing the zoning change.

Kurpiers stated the \$250,000 appraised value is acreage with a house and the \$25,000 to \$50,000 is low and more of a lot value estimation. Anderson pointed out the \$25,000 figure was for the property to the west of the driveway, not the area the radio station would like to sell. Kurpiers indicated the real difference between R and MC is the two family residence. A single family residence can go in an MC district and R, but a two family residence is permitted in R and not in MC. Kuchenreuther stated it is also only 1 residence per 5 acres in an MC district. It was noted there have been other homes built on less than 5 acres in an MC district, it would just require a variance.

Fohl pointed out that on page 389, Subdivision 3, Required Exhibits for Rezoning or District Regulation Changes Initiated by Property Owners, it would require an accurate boundary survey and preliminary development plan.

Kurpiers indicated if this area stays in an MC zone, if a request for a single family home came before the commission he would be inclined to approve it. Kurpiers noted he does not see enough evidence to change the zoning and there is no substantial hardship.

Commissioner Wulf moved, seconded by Gades, to deny the rezone request and maintain the MC zone for the two parcels in question. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Granger noted if there is no meeting in December this would be her last Planning Commission because of the restriction that you cannot be on more than one board. Granger believes her experience is valuable and objects to being kicked off. Granger asked that the city council reconsider the idea that somebody can sit on two boards.

Kuchenreuther stated that she has been on the planning commission since 1997 and it is invaluable to have system memory. There is new city staff, no staff planner and a part-time building code guy so somebody has to know what's going on. Kuchenreuther seconded Granger's plea. Kuchenreuther thanked Granger and Fohl for their service. Fohl will also be leaving the commission because of the board requirements.

Fohl suggested the commission revisit the comprehensive plan at some point in the future as it is 25 years old.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Commissioner Granger moved, seconded by Fohl, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting Minutes
City of Morris Tree Board
December 18, 2024, 4:30 pm – Morris Community Center

Present: Russ Breeggemann, Sally Finzel, Sue Granger, Tom Holm, Margaret Kuchenreuther. (Absent: Jay Fier, Zach Kroells.) Also present: Becca Schrupp (City Manager), Joe Exner, and NextGen committee members Kristen Daugherty, Emma Wenthe, and Denner Dougherty.

Minutes. The minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved (Tom moved, Sally seconded, motion carried).

NextGen Proposal for East Side Park

- Three representatives from the Superior-Westmor Industries NextGen committee attended the meeting to describe the committee's proposal to partner with the City to build a 23,500-square-foot, destination, inclusive playground in East Side Park. Phases 2 and 3 would include an enclosed shelter and remodeled bandshell. Russ, also on the NextGen committee, also supplied information. The playground would be funded through donations and grants gathered over a year-long fundraising period.
- Discussion items included other sites being considered, a possible fitness course for older kids adjacent to the main playground, the impact on East Side Park's tree canopy, etc. Tree Board members were supportive of building an inclusive playground in Morris, but were concerned that East Side Park was too small for the playground and other phases and impacts to the park's tree canopy would be significant. NextGen representatives were thanked for attending the meeting.

Trees For Private Property

- Margaret and Sue expanded the order to 100 trees per Russ's suggestion at the November meeting. (See the November minutes for likely species.) Russ learned the Japanese tree lilacs would exceed the budget due to Bailey's growing/ordering system; Margaret and Sue will chose substitutes. Cost for 100 trees would be roughly \$3,200 plus delivery.
- Becca will ask the City Council to approve the private property program before we continue planning.
- Assuming City Council approval, we will discuss logistics, publicity, etc., at our next meeting. Pick-up dates could potentially be Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

Arbor Month Community Planting

- If we follow the pattern from previous years, the Community Planting event could be Thursday, May 22.
- The Bailey order is for 30 trees (see November minutes for likely species). The cost, which would be covered by the Shade Tree Grant, would be roughly \$1,300 plus delivery.

Downtown Tree Plan. Sue distributed a draft Downtown Tree Plan for discussion at our next meeting. It was prepared by Jay, who conducted the fieldwork and research, and Sue. The plan includes the sidewalk tree pits, but not the trees located in planting strips, islands, or boulevard strips adjacent to downtown. The draft will go to the City Council after discussion and editing by the Tree Board.

City Forester Notes

- Russ reported that some structural pruning has begun. This is covered by the ReLeaf Grant.
- Russ is having the crew remove a few aged, damaged trees identified by Craig Beyer during his pruning.
- Russ asked the Tree Board to assemble a list of some ash trees for preemptive removal this winter as has been done in previous years. Margaret and Sue will work on this.

EAB Preparedness Plan. No report yet.

Tree City USA. Becca will be submitting the Tree City USA recertification application soon.

Upcoming. Upcoming events were noted:

- Dec. 31 – Tree City USA recertification application due
- Jan. or Feb – Annual Report from Tree Board to City Council
- Jan.-March – Draft Downtown Tree Plan to City Council
- March 11-12 – Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course
- March 14-15 (approx) – KMRS-KKOK Spring Expo (public ed for grant)
- April 17 – Morris Area High School STEAM Expo
- May – Tree Board on KMRS-KKOK "Community Connection" (public ed for grant)
- May 16-17 (approx) – Arbor Month Free Trees Pick-up Days
- May 22 (approx) – Arbor Month Community Tree Planting Project
- Spring – Draft EAB Preparedness Plan to City Council
- June 2 – ReLeaf Grant interim report
- July 1 – Shade Tree Grant interim report

After discussion we decided not to have a booth at the Morris Area High School STEAM Expo; Sue will contact the organizer. Margaret volunteered to be on the radio for "Community Connection" in May.

Minutes by Sue Granger

City of Morris Park Board

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Russ Breeggemann	Public Works Director	russ@ci.morris.mn.us	952-300-0273

All members were present for our meeting which was held at the City Council Chambers due to the number of visitors present.

We heard from the NextGen committee first in the meeting and they presented a printed version of their inclusive park idea with some modifications made. After the committee answered several questions from the visitors at the meeting there was some time given to Morris citizens to make comments about the park idea as well as the site. After input from the visitors, Park Board Chair Mark Torgerson read several statements about the timeline and details of when the Park Board heard about this inclusive park project. After some discussion each member of the Park Board then verbally stated their recommendation of using Eastside Park as the site of this park. That recommendation will be passed on to the council for their next meeting along with a recommendation about future projects of this nature.

We received an update on the Well's Park bathroom and concession project from Becca & Russ. They stated that they are waiting to hear from Norson Construction about the bid on the project. Russ stated that he feels the city would be able to tear down the existing building this spring and their hope is this project will get done this summer

There was then an update on the baseball association's desire to try and acquire a portion of Gahm's property next to the park for the potential building project of an indoor batting facility. More details of this to come.

Mark T. gave a brief update on his start on gaining sponsors for 2 new scoreboards on the softball parks at Eagles Park. That process of trying to raise around \$15,000 should start soon.

Russ gave a brief update on the replacing of the bridge on County 10 and some work on the Dam near Pomme de Terre park. He stated that won't be taking place this year but look for more details on that in the near future.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 12th at City Hall 5pm.

Respectively submitted, Mark Torgerson, Park Board Chair

1 MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$	30,000.00	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$30,000.00
2 REMOVE MANHOLE (SANITARY)	EACH	6	\$	200.00	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$1,000.00
3 SALVAGE SIGN	EACH	1	\$	50.00	\$50.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$50.00
4 SAWING BIT PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LF	201	\$	3.00	\$603.00	0	\$0.00	201	\$603.00
5 REMOVE SEWER PIPE (STORM)	LF	44	\$	3.00	\$132.00	0	\$0.00	44	\$132.00
6 REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SY	5171	\$	6.25	\$32,318.75	0	\$0.00	5171	\$32,318.75
7 EXCAVATION - COMMON	CY	4312	\$	14.50	\$62,524.00	0	\$0.00	4312	\$62,524.00
8 COMMON EMBANKMENT (CV)	CY	405	\$	8.00	\$3,240.00	0	\$0.00	405	\$3,240.00
9 SELECT GRANULAR EMBANKMENT (CV)	CY	2022	\$	17.25	\$34,879.50	0	\$0.00	2022	\$34,879.50
10 AGGREGATE SURFACING (CV) CLASS 5	CY	81	\$	34.00	\$2,754.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
11 AGGREGATE BASE (CV) CLASS 5	CY	972	\$	34.00	\$33,048.00	0	\$0.00	972	\$33,048.00
12 TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (3;C)	TON	1409	\$	93.50	\$131,741.50	566.63	\$52,979.91	1266.63	\$118,429.91
13 44" SPAN RC PIPE-ARCH APRON	EACH	2	\$	3,073.00	\$6,146.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$6,146.00
14 44" SPAN RC PIPE-ARCH CULV CL IIIA	LF	46	\$	258.00	\$11,868.00	0	\$0.00	48	\$12,384.00
15 8" PVC PIPE SEWER	LF	1421	\$	66.88	\$95,036.48	0	\$0.00	1435	\$95,972.80
16 10" PVC PIPE SEWER	LF	7	\$	47.91	\$335.37	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
17 CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER	EACH	4	\$	570.00	\$2,280.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$2,280.00
18 8"x6" PVC WYE	EACH	2	\$	430.00	\$860.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$1,290.00
19 6" PVC SANITARY SERVICE PIPE	LF	70	\$	39.00	\$2,730.00	0	\$0.00	55	\$2,145.00
20 ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	6	\$	150.00	\$900.00	2	\$300.00	2	\$300.00
21 CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DESIGN SPECIAL	EACH	6	\$	5,202.00	\$31,212.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$26,010.00
22 RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS III	CY	14	\$	120.00	\$1,680.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
23 TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$	2,700.00	\$2,700.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$2,700.00
24 INSTALL SIGN	EACH	1	\$	500.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$500.00
25 STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXIT	LS	1	\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,000.00
26 CULVERT END CONTROLS	EACH	9	\$	150.00	\$1,350.00	0	\$0.00	9	\$1,350.00
27 SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG TYPE STRAW	LF	1511	\$	4.00	\$6,044.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
28 TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LS	1	\$	8,500.00	\$8,500.00	0	\$0.00	0.5	\$4,250.00
29 HYDRAULIC STABILIZED FIBER MATRIX	LB	7258	\$	1.33	\$9,653.14	0	\$0.00	3000	\$3,990.00
30 EXTRA DEPTH MANHOLE (SANITARY)	LF	23.6	\$	367.00	\$8,661.20	0	\$0.00	20.2	\$7,413.40
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BID SCHEDULE C. - COLUMBIA AVE									
1 MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$	25,000.00	\$25,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$25,000.00
2 CLEARING	EACH	1	\$	1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$3,600.00
3 GRUBBING	EACH	1	\$	1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$3,600.00
4 REMOVE CONCRETE STRUCTURE	EACH	1	\$	1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,200.00
5 REMOVE MANHOLE (SANITARY)	EACH	4	\$	200.00	\$800.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$600.00
6 REMOVE MANHOLE (STORM)	EACH	1	\$	200.00	\$200.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$200.00
7 REMOVE CATCH BASIN	EACH	4	\$	150.00	\$600.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$600.00
8 REMOVE GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	7	\$	75.00	\$525.00	0	\$0.00	8	\$600.00
9 REMOVE HYDRANT	EACH	2	\$	250.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$500.00
10 SALVAGE SIGN	EACH	9	\$	40.00	\$360.00	0	\$0.00	9	\$360.00
11 SAWING CONCRETE PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LF	216	\$	3.00	\$648.00	0	\$0.00	216	\$648.00
12 SAWING BIT PAVEMENT (FULL DEPTH)	LF	369	\$	3.00	\$1,107.00	0	\$0.00	443	\$1,329.00
13 REMOVE SEWER PIPE (STORM)	LF	213	\$	3.00	\$639.00	0	\$0.00	213	\$639.00
14 REMOVE WATER MAIN	LF	938	\$	3.00	\$2,814.00	0	\$0.00	1092	\$3,276.00
15 REMOVE CURB & GUTTER	LF	2460	\$	3.92	\$9,643.20	0	\$0.00	2600	\$10,192.00
16 REMOVE CONCRETE PAVEMENT	SY	310	\$	6.15	\$1,906.50	0	\$0.00	310	\$1,906.50
17 REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SY	5945	\$	6.25	\$37,156.25	0	\$0.00	6061	\$37,881.25
18 REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SF	6843	\$	1.09	\$7,458.87	0	\$0.00	6843	\$7,458.87
19 EXCAVATION - COMMON	CY	4169	\$	14.50	\$60,450.50	0	\$0.00	4169	\$60,450.50
20 COMMON EMBANKMENT (CV)	CY	146	\$	8.00	\$1,168.00	0	\$0.00	146	\$1,168.00
21 SELECT GRANULAR EMBANKMENT (CV)	CY	3229	\$	17.25	\$55,700.25	0	\$0.00	3229	\$55,700.25
22 AGGREGATE SURFACING (CV) CLASS 5	CY	20	\$	34.00	\$680.00	0	\$0.00	10	\$340.00
23 AGGREGATE BASE (CV) CLASS 5	CY	1076	\$	34.00	\$36,584.00	0	\$0.00	1076	\$36,584.00
24 TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (3;C)	TON	1394	\$	93.50	\$130,339.00	0	\$0.00	1406.76	\$131,532.06
25 4" TP PIPE DRAIN	LF	2554	\$	7.14	\$18,235.56	0	\$0.00	2554	\$18,235.56
26 PIPE DRAIN RISER	EACH	19	\$	261.24	\$4,963.56	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
27 8" PVC PIPE SEWER	LF	790	\$	37.00	\$29,230.00	0	\$0.00	790	\$29,230.00
28 12" RC PIPE SEWER	LF	111	\$	59.20	\$6,571.20	0	\$0.00	50	\$2,960.00
29 18" RC PIPE SEWER	LF	12	\$	85.00	\$1,020.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
30 CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER	EACH	3	\$	500.00	\$1,500.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$1,500.00
31 CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM SEWER MANHOLE	EACH	4	\$	700.00	\$2,800.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$2,800.00
32 CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM SEWER PIPE	EACH	2	\$	500.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$1,000.00
33 8"x4" PVC WYE	EACH	5	\$	398.00	\$1,990.00	0	\$0.00	8	\$3,184.00
34 8"x6" PVC WYE	EACH	4	\$	429.00	\$1,716.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
35 4" PVC SANITARY SERVICE PIPE	LF	167	\$	48.75	\$8,141.25	0	\$0.00	249	\$12,138.75
36 6" PVC SANITARY SERVICE PIPE	LF	135	\$	54.00	\$7,290.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
37 DUCTILE IRON FITTINGS	LB	1668	\$	9.33	\$15,562.44	0	\$0.00	1271	\$11,858.43
38 CONNECT TO EXISTING WATER MAIN	EACH	9	\$	1,659.00	\$14,931.00	0	\$0.00	8	\$13,272.00
39 HYDRANT (8.5' BURY)	EACH	2	\$	7,123.00	\$14,246.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$21,369.00
40 ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	1	\$	150.00	\$150.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
41 0.75" CORPORATION STOP	EACH	12	\$	509.00	\$6,108.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$6,108.00
42 6" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	2	\$	1,881.00	\$3,762.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$5,643.00
43 8" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	8	\$	2,618.00	\$20,944.00	0	\$0.00	9	\$23,562.00
44 12" GATE VALVE & BOX	EACH	2	\$	4,578.00	\$9,156.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$9,156.00

45 0.75" CURB STOP & BOX	EACH	12	\$ 543.00	\$6,516.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$6,516.00
46 3/4" TYPE K COPPER PIPE	LF	448	\$ 47.13	\$21,114.24	0	\$0.00	428	\$20,171.64
47 6" PVC WATERMAIN	LF	29	\$ 91.43	\$2,651.47	0	\$0.00	29	\$2,651.47
48 8" PVC WATERMAIN	LF	1159	\$ 57.76	\$66,943.84	0	\$0.00	1313	\$75,838.88
49 12" PVC WATERMAIN	LF	197	\$ 105.18	\$20,720.46	0	\$0.00	331	\$34,814.58
50 CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DESIGN F	EACH	1	\$ 5,052.00	\$5,052.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$5,052.00
51 CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DESIGN G	EACH	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$20,000.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$20,000.00
52 CONST DRAINAGE STRUCTURE DESIGN SPECIAL	EACH	3	\$ 6,500.00	\$19,500.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$13,000.00
53 ADJUST FRAME & RING CASTING	EACH	2	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$1,000.00
54 4" CONCRETE WALK	SF	6130	\$ 6.20	\$38,006.00	0	\$0.00	5794	\$35,922.80
55 6" CONCRETE WALK	SF	1346	\$ 10.60	\$14,267.60	0	\$0.00	1342	\$14,225.20
56 CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER DESIGN B618	LF	2329	\$ 18.00	\$41,922.00	0	\$0.00	2753	\$49,554.00
57 6" CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SY	315	\$ 67.00	\$21,105.00	0	\$0.00	352	\$23,584.00
58 8" CONCRETE VALLEY GUTTER	SY	125	\$ 135.00	\$16,875.00	0	\$0.00	115	\$15,525.00
59 TRUNCATED DOMES	SF	131	\$ 72.00	\$9,432.00	0	\$0.00	110	\$7,920.00
60 TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 7,250.00	\$7,250.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$7,250.00
61 INSTALL SIGN	EACH	4	\$ 500.00	\$2,000.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$2,000.00
62 STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXIT	LS	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,000.00
63 STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION	EACH	8	\$ 150.00	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00	8	\$1,200.00
64 SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG TYPE STRAW	LF	107	\$ 4.00	\$428.00	0	\$0.00	107	\$428.00
65 COMMON TOPSOIL BORROW (LV)	CY	313	\$ 57.84	\$18,103.92	0	\$0.00	288	\$16,657.92
66 TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0	\$0.00	0.5	\$1,000.00
67 HYDRAULIC STABILIZED FIBER MATRIX	LB	1712	\$ 1.60	\$2,739.20	0	\$0.00	850	\$1,360.00
68 4" SOLID LINE MULTI-COMP (WHITE)	LF	235	\$ 4.00	\$940.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
72 4" BROKEN LINE MULTI-COMP (YELLOW)	LF	396	\$ 4.00	\$1,584.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
71 C.O. 15" RC PIPE SEWER	LF	145	\$ 70.00	\$10,150.00	0	\$0.00	145	\$10,150.00
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TOTALS =				\$ 2,452,280.70		\$ 53,279.91		\$ 2,385,898.77

				THIS PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
AMOUNT EARNED				\$ 53,279.91	\$ 2,385,898.77
AMOUNT RETAINED	5%			\$ 2,664.00	\$ 119,294.94
PREVIOUS PAYMENTS				\$ -	\$ 2,215,987.92
AMOUNT DUE				\$ 50,615.91	\$ 50,615.91

Estimated Percentage of Job Completed: 101%
Contractor's Construction Progress: On Schedule

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of their knowledge, information and belief the work covered by this payment estimate has been completed in accordance with the contract documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for work for which previous payment estimates were issued and payments received from the Owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

Contractor: Joe Riley Construction

By: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED BY OWNER:

Owner: City of Morris

By: _____

Date: _____

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned certifies that the work has been carefully inspected and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and the work has been performed in accordance with the contract documents.

Engineer:

By: _____

Date: _____

Application and Certificate for Payment

TO OWNER: CITY OF MORRIS
610 OREGON AVE
MORRIS, MN 56267

PROJECT: MORRIS ELECTRIC-BUS CHARGER
156 COUNTY ROAD 22
MORRIS, MN 56267

FROM CONTRACTOR: Melrose Electric, Inc.
119 8th Ave NW PO Box 234
Melrose, MN 56352

VIA ARCHITECT:

APPLICATION NO. 1 **PERIOD TO:** 6/30/2024

CONTRACT FOR:

CONTRACT DATE: 6/14/2024

PROJECT NOS: 24065

Distribution to:

OWNER ARCHITECT

CONTRACTOR FIELD

OTHER

CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Application is made for payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract. Continuation Sheet, AIA Document G703, is attached.

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM \$ 24,900.00
2. Net change by Change Orders \$ 0.00
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE (Line 1 ± 2) \$ 24,900.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED & STORED TO DATE (Column G on G703) \$ 4,900.00
5. RETAINAGE:
 - a. % of Completed Work (Column D + E on G703) \$
 - b. % of Stored Material (Column F on G703) \$
- Total Retainage (Lines 5a + 5b or Total in Column I of G703) \$ 0.00
6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE \$ 4,900.00
(Line 4 Less Line 5 Total)
7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT \$ 0.00
(Line 6 from prior Certificate)
8. CURRENT PAYMENT DUE \$ 4,900.00
9. BALANCE TO FINISH, INCLUDING RETAINAGE \$ 20,000.00
(Line 3 less Line 6)

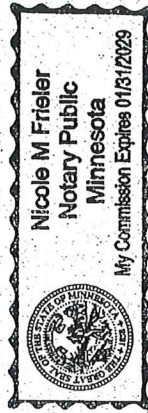
CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Total changes approved in previous months by Owner	\$	\$
Total approved this Month	\$	\$
TOTALS	\$	\$
NET CHANGES by Change Order	\$	\$

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief the Work covered by this Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payment were issued and payments received from the Owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

CONTRACTOR: Melrose Electric, Inc.
By: _____
State of: MINNESOTA
County of: STEARNS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June
Notary Public: Nicole M Frierle
My Commission expires: 1/31/2029

Date: 6/25/24



ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

In accordance with the Contract Documents, based on on-site observations and the data comprising this application, the Architect certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED.

AMOUNT CERTIFIED \$
(Attach explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform with the amount certified.)

ARCHITECT: _____
By: _____
Date: _____

This Certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the Contractor named herein. Issuance, payment and acceptance of payment are without prejudice to any rights of the Owner or Contractor under this Contract.

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Continuation Sheet

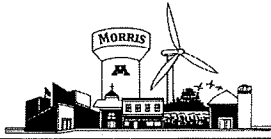
AIA Document G702, APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT, containing Contractor's signed certification is attached. In tabulations below, amounts are stated to the nearest dollar. Use Column I on Contracts where variable retainage for line items may apply.

APPLICATION NO: 1
 APPLICATION DATE: 6/25/2024
 PERIOD TO: 6/30/2024
 ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO: 24065

A ITEM NO.	B DESCRIPTION OF WORK	C SCHEDULED VALUE	D WORK COMPLETED		E THIS PERIOD	F MATERIALS PRESENTLY STORED (NOT IN D OR E)	G TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE (D+E+F)	H BALANCE TO FINISH (C-G)	I RETAINAGE (IF VARIABLE RATE)
			FROM PREVIOUS APPLICATION (D + E)						
1	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	24,900.00		4,900.00	4,900.00		4,900.00	20,000.00	
Totals		24,900.00		4,900.00	4,900.00		4,900.00	20,000.00	

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CITY OF MORRIS

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TO: Morris City Council

DATE: January 21, 2025

FROM: Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager

RE: Need to Advertise for Airport Engineering Services

Issue:

The City needs to secure a consulting engineering firm to work on airport projects and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that a Statement of Qualifications be requested every five (5) years. TKDA's five year period is up in March 2025.

Recommendation:

I'm recommending that the City Council should pass a resolution authorizing the solicitation for Statements of Qualifications from airport engineering firms.

Discussion:

The City of Morris receives approximately \$150,000 each year from the Federal Aviation Administration to use for airport improvements. We are required to meet a number of different rules and regulations if we choose to use this money. One of those is the need to solicit qualified engineers to work on our projects. This must be done every five years and our current 5-year period with our engineers from TKDA is up in March 2025.

The process includes authorization from the City Council to advertise for engineers. We will solicit a statement of qualifications (see attached notice) from them and then review them with a process given to us by the FAA. Once we have determined who we want to select, the City Council will be asked to pass a resolution designating an airport engineer. I hope to do this by the second meeting in February.

There are several firms that specialize in airport engineering to include the other engineering firms we use like Bolton and Menk.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF
QUALIFICATIONS FOR AIRPORT ENGINEERING**

WHEREAS, the City of Morris is required to solicit qualifications for engineers every five years to provide services to the Morris Municipal Airport for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funding projects; and

WHEREAS, TKDA has been serving as the City's airport engineers for the last five years and that period ends in March of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has specific requirements for the process of soliciting qualifications and making a determination and selection; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is recommending that the City Council authorize her to send out requests for qualifications for engineers interested in providing services using this process;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MORRIS, MINNESOTA:**

1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to solicit qualifications from engineering firms wishing to provide engineering services to the Morris Municipal Airport.
2. That the City Manager will use the appropriate FAA process for making a selection and will return a recommendation back to the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MORRIS CITY COUNCIL

Zachary Kroells, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERFUND LOAN

WHEREAS, we have some projects funded with several grants that are only available on a reimbursement basis causing the fund cash balance to be perpetually negative as we wait for funds to be received from those reimbursement requests; and

WHEREAS, the City now wishes to make an interfund loan from the Capital Outlay to the funds stated below to cover the negative cash balance at year-end 2024 until reimbursements have been received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the following transfers for interfund loans be made:

From the:		
Capital Outlay Fund (202)		\$490,000.00

To the:		
Airport Runway Extension Project Fund (255)		\$290,000.00
Airport Taxilane Reconst. and Crack Seal Project Fund (265)		\$190,000.00
MN DNR Shade Tree Grant Project Fund (221)		\$ 10,000.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

MORRIS CITY COUNCIL

Zachary Kroells, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager



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TO: Mayor and City Council

DATE: January 24, 2025

FROM: Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager

RE: Annual Benefit – Morris Fire Relief Association Firefighters

Issue.

The Morris Fire Department firefighters receive a retirement benefit through their Relief Association. Funds are received from the State of Minnesota and passed on to the Relief Association. They invest the funds and based upon an Annual Benefit, they pay out retirements.

Recommendation.

I'm recommending the Morris City Council should pass a resolution setting the Annual Benefit for the Morris Fire Department Firefighters in the amount of \$2,550 starting January 1, 2025

Discussion.

Over the last number of years, we have steadily increased the Annual Benefit amount. The annual increase is \$50 for each year of service which goes back to the very first year they began serving. Based upon their investment reports, a determination is made as to whether or not they can fund the increase without an additional contribution from the city. We have looked over the past 10 years of data and with the information, we have determined to raise the amount by \$150.00. Based upon their current report they can fund \$2,550.

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL BENEFIT AMOUNT FOR THE
MORRIS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FIREFIGHTERS AT \$2,550 PER YEAR
STARTING JANUARY 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Morris Fire Department Firefighters are provided a retirement benefit through the Morris Fire Relief Association that pays them a lump sum benefit calculated by taking the number of years of good service times the Annual Benefit amount; and

WHEREAS, funding for this retirement benefit comes in the form of revenues from a home and business insurance premium tax remitted from the State of Minnesota, return on the investment of those funds received each year until a firefighter retires, and a city contribution, if funding is short; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Annual Benefit is set by a resolution of the City Council and an action by the Morris Fire Relief Association to change their bylaws and once the benefit is set, it cannot be reduced; and

WHEREAS, each year the Morris Fire Relief Association provides the City a report required by the State of Minnesota Office of the State Auditor that shows a list of their firefighters and their years of service, the accrued liabilities for their potential retirements, projected assets to pay for them, the surplus or deficit and the mandatory contribution the City must make for the upcoming year based upon their current Annual Benefit amount if there is a deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Fire Relief Association has provided their SC-22 state report based upon the 2024 Annual Benefit of \$2,400 per year of service for 33 firefighters and the report indicates projected assets of \$1,075,601 liabilities of \$822,614 and a surplus of \$252,987 which indicates there is no required contribution by the city for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Fire Relief Association is asking for an increase in the Annual Benefit from \$2,400 to \$2,550 based upon their current surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager agrees with the Morris Fire Relief Association and is recommending that the Annual Benefit be raised from \$2,400 to \$2,550.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRIS, MINNESOTA:

1. That the Annual Benefit for the Morris Fire Relief Association Firefighters is hereby set at \$2,550 per year of service starting January 1, 2025.

2. That the City Manager will continue to meet with representatives of the Morris Fire Relief Association to see how their investments are doing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2025

MORRIS CITY COUNCIL

Zachary Kroells, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET FUNDS
ADVANCE IN 2025**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Morris is planning to implement Municipal State Aid Street Project(s) in 2025 which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, said municipality is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project(s) through the use of an advance from the Municipal State Aid Street Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, the advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures:

Account Balance as of date <u>1/7/2025</u>	<u>\$ 835,691.36</u>
Less estimated disbursements:	
Project # <u>190-104-004</u>	\$ <u>1,548,000.00</u>
Project # _____	\$ _____
Project # _____	\$ _____
Project # _____	\$ _____
Bond Principle (if any)	\$ _____
Project Finals (overruns-if any)	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Total Estimated Disbursements	\$ <u>1,548,000.00</u>
Advance Amount (amount in excess of acct balance)	\$ <u>712,308.64</u>

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.14, Subd. 6 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820.1500, Subp. 10b, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved Municipal State Aid Street Project(s) of the Municipality of Morris in an amount up to \$562,308.64. I hereby authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to the Municipal State Aid Street Construction Account of said Municipality from future year allocations until fully repaid.

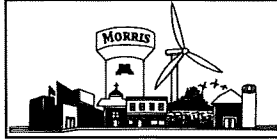
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

MORRIS CITY COUNCIL

Zachary Kroells, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Rebecca Schrupp, City Manager



City of Morris

January 28, 2025

City Manager Report

LMC Visit

The League visited the City of Morris on the 22nd. It was a small group, with 3 other administrators from around the area, Appleton, Evansville, and Kensington. We talked about if there was turnover in the Council's after the election, the budgets, and then what are big challenges that are going on in each community. Things that were interesting to learn:

- The LMC has a \$5000.00 grant assistance for their members. If there are grants that we would like assistance with, we can reach out.
- Evansville gets a grant every year for a Welcome grant to host a cultural food event.

Airport:

A committee of us have been working on the details of the fly-in for June. We will be finalizing some things and bringing them back to the airport board within the next 2 months.

Last week we had our program manager from the FAA out here to meet with neighboring cities about their airports. While doing that, they looked around our airport at our needs and talked about the upcoming project. After we secure the engineer for the next 5 years, we will be submitting for a grant for the design of the AD building.

Legislative Session:

The Legislative Session began in an interesting way. On January 23rd, the Supreme Court heard arguments over if the 67 members that are showing up to the House of Representatives constituted a quorum. The House Democrats have yet to show up to the floor. We have been urged by the LMC to reach out to our Representatives to see if both parties can find a way to work amicably together.

Senator Mitchell's seat has been in question since last year when she was arrested and charged with

burglary. A judge granted her a continuance until after the session ends, so the LMC is suspecting lengthy Senate Floor debates on whether Senator Mitchell should be voting on legislation.

Open Board Positions:

We have 1 Tourism board position, 1 Airport Board, and 2 Planning Commission .

Safe Streets for All

The National League of Cities is partnering with others to do a Safe Routes for All bootcamp. Each week there will be peer learning sessions and/or then coaching sessions. Goals for this are to provide clear, actionable, and user-centered information on funding opportunities, give information on how to leverage funds to deliver a big impact, provide resources that will help submit a more competitive application, and elevate the local governments to leverage federal infrastructure dollars. This is a 12 week program. 200 cities from around the country are involved in the program.

