

**MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 9, 2024; 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**Mayor Steve Gale, Tony London, Eric Turner, Jeffery Richins, and Dave Alexander**

**STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

**Ty Bailey, City Manager; Gary Crane, City Attorney; Clark Crook, Power Foreman; and Denise Woods, City Recorder**

**EXCUSED:**

**Jeff Wardell**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Marcus Blackburn, Innovative Structural Solutions**

**This meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Morgan City Offices, 90 West Young Street, Morgan, Utah. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube and available for viewing on the City's website – [morgancityut.org](http://morgancityut.org).**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Gale.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Turner.

The opening ceremony was presented by Councilmember Alexander.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Turner moved to approve the agenda

**SECOND:** Councilmember London

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda; Councilmember Wardell was absent.

**MINUTES AND WARRANTS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember London moved to approve the following:  
Warrants (12/08/2023 – 01/05/2024)

**SECOND:** Councilmember Turner

Vote was 4 ayes; The motion passed unanimously to approve one set of warrants; Councilmember Wardell was absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

## **VERBAL PRESENTATION**

Councilmember Alexander played the presentation for the Council of the UAMPS meeting where Clark Crook was awarded the 2023 UAMPS Employee of the Year Award. During the presentation a letter of nomination from the City was read.

Mayor congratulated Clark on receiving the award and expressed appreciation for all had done for the City.

## **ACTIVE AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MORGAN CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD FOR THE WASATCH INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – RESOLUTION 24-01**

Mayor proposed that Councilmember London continue as the representative to the Administrative Control Board for the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District.

Councilmember London expressed appreciation for the Council's support on this matter. He explained he had been on the Board for quite some time and had familiarized himself with various aspects during his tenure. He said it was indeed a valuable experience where he had the opportunity to network and learn extensively about waste management.

Councilmember London mentioned the upcoming initiative. He explained there's a likelihood of a requirement for a blue recycling can at every residence in both the City and the County. He stated this potential change was expected to be implemented in the next year or year and a half. He said he would keep the Council informed as developments unfold, ensuring that the City stay updated.

Denise Woods, City Recorder, explained Councilmember London's term on the Board had expired and the renewal process was to occur every four years. She stated this resolution ratified Councilmember London's term beginning from his last appointment's end date, which was January 1, 2019, and appointment to the Board will now expire on December 31, 2028.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Turner moved to adopt Resolution 24-01 – A resolution Appointing a Morgan City Representative, Tony London, to the Administrative Control Board for the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Richins

**Discussion on the Motion:** None

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-01 – A resolution appointing a Morgan City representative, Tony London, to the Administrative Control Board for the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District; Councilmember Wardell was absent.

### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECEIVING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL – RESOLUTION 24-02**

Mayor presented Erin Bott, Lance Prescott, and Ray Little as Planning Commission members, each for a 4-year term. He stated he had spoken to each of them and acknowledged that they were all willing to continue their service on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember London stated they had done an excellent job in the past and were highly engaged and contributed to the Planning Commission effectively.

**MOTION:** Councilmember London moved to adopt Resolution 24-02 – A resolution appointing individuals to the Planning Commission and receiving advice and consent of the City Council; those individuals being Lance Prescott and Erin Bott as members for a 4-yr term, and Ray Little as an alternate member, each for a 4-year term which expired January 1, 2028.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Turner

**Discussion on the Motion:** No discussion.

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-02 – A resolution appointing individuals to the Planning Commission and receiving advice and consent of the City Council; those individuals being Lance Prescott and Erin Bott as members, and Ray Little as an alternate member, each for a 4-year term which expired January 1, 2028; Councilmember Wardell was absent.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MORGAN TO DISPOSE OF AN INSIGNIFICANT PARCEL OF PROPERTY, AS DEFINED BY CITY CODE, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 400 EAST STREET, MORGAN, UTAH – RESOLUTION 24-03**

Ty updated the Council regarding the development of Innovative Structural Solutions. A map was displayed for the Council viewing. He stated the collaboration between the City and the Company involved the dedication of a small sliver of property back to the Company, aimed at clearing up boundaries. A retaining wall was being constructed to address elevation issues and facilitate road development. The Company had made necessary improvements to meet City requirements, allowing them to build closer to the street.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Turner moved to adopt Resolution 24-03 – A resolution authorizing the City of Morgan to dispose of an insignificant parcel of property, as defined by City Code, located at approximately 400 East Street, Morgan, Utah; Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Deeds and other necessary documents.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Richins

**Discussion on the Motion:** None

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-03 – A resolution authorizing the City of Morgan to dispose of an insignificant parcel of property, as defined by City Code, located at approximately 400 East Street, Morgan, Utah; Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Deeds and other necessary documents; Councilmember Wardell was absent.

**CITY REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER**

**Spring Road Project** – Ty provided an update, stating that a spring road project with five different components was underway. He emphasized the need for attention to various issues. He mentioned that the projects are open for bidding to secure favorable pricing before increased demand. He said the projects included:

- Deer Valley Run needs significant work, involving new curb, gutter, sidewalk, leveling course, and overlay to address settling issues and improve the sidewalk.
- Another project focuses on the east side of 100 South, addressing stormwater problems and elevation issues caused by steep driveways. Proposed solution involved reshaping, transitioning, and widening the sidewalk.
- Commercial Street Hill, with multiple layers of asphalt causing a rough surface, is slated for demolition and rebuilding. Cord drilling and studying the area have been done to understand its composition better.
- A missing sidewalk section near the cemetery on 700 East north side is also part of the spring projects.

Ty explained that these projects, funded by a bond, amount to approximately \$1 Million Dollars in road improvements. He mentioned plans for a new hire in the Road Department to support ongoing projects, as they've been short-staffed since the departure of the last helper.

**Surplus Committee Update** – Ty updated the Council regarding the sale of two Ram 3500 trucks and an old stage.

**Sewer Tolerance Agreement** – Ty reported that the State DEQ underwent an audit and was supposed to have been issuing fines since 2019 for each of their violations. He explained that the violations primarily stemmed from the reconstruction of sewer ponds, which were temporarily offline, and the subsequent efforts to balance the system. Ty mentioned a failure to report and a Tolling Agreement, indicating that the DEQ would be issuing fines for past years. Despite this, Ty emphasized that they were documenting the money invested in their system to offset the fines instead of paying them directly. Ty noted that they were aware of the issues, actively addressing them, and had invested half a million dollars in the solution. He acknowledged uncertainty about the fine amounts but assured that the City had responded to each finding. Ty anticipated presenting the situation to the Council once the agreement was in place.

Regarding future fines and violations, Ty addressed concerns about the DEQ being more adamant about issuing fines rather than warnings. He expressed confidence in their improvements, particularly with the diffuser project, and stated that they didn't expect the same problems that led to the current situation. Ty highlighted the progress made in complying with permits, stating that the situation was the best it had been since he was employed by the City.

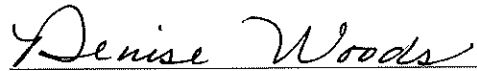
**Morgan City Welcome Video** – Ty explained the grant the City received for the Historic District included funds for video production of the initial version of a video for the City's website, specifically a welcome video visible upon entering the site. The company planned to create additional videos for different seasons, such as spring, summer, and fall. Ty shared the first video to gather feedback and comments from the Council. He explained the Planning Commission was the advisory board for the Historic District. He played the video for the Council's review.

**OutiFi – Public Notification App** – Ty discussed a recently signed contract with a startup company developing an app which focused on public notification and internal communication for reporting and addressing outages. Ty explained that the app allowed users to report outages or receive notifications about upcoming outages. He highlighted the map-based feature, utilizing contact information to pinpoint affected areas.


Ty mentioned the company's initial focus was on power outage notifications, but after meeting with them, he convinced them to include water and sewer notifications as well. The app would send targeted messages to specific groups to avoid unnecessary notifications for everyone. Ty outlined

how the app would streamline communication during outages, including providing status updates and handling inquiries from the public. He emphasized the app's interface for daily use and its ability to send important information directly to the Mayor and Council. Ty expressed satisfaction with the company's responsiveness to feedback, mentioning test drives and adjustments based on utility staff's input. He anticipated having the contract finalized in the next meeting and possibly a demo of the app shortly after. Ty looked forward to providing more details during the next meeting and characterized the project as a fun and exciting endeavor.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Denise Woods, City Recorder



Steve Gale, Mayor

These minutes were approved at the February 13, 2024 meeting.