

AGENDA
MORTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM April 27, 2026

Mayor Rick Mead

City Clerk LuAnn Ward

Council Jason Sawyer
Council Maria Gonzalez
Council Peter Hansen
Council Jeff Johnson
Council Jason Knutson

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:**
Minutes of March 23, 2026 vouchers and EFT's
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON AGENDA ONLY**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 1. Ordinance 2026-04 Accepting financial donations for park
 2. Nancy Pettijohn – Would like to start a clean-up the town fund.
 3. Jason Knutson – Community park
 4. Jason Knutson – Upgrade email systems to Office 365
 5. Jason Knutson – Farm animals in city limits
 6. Select date for May 2026 meeting as 25th
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Howard Baker – speed bumps on W. Main St.
- 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: - LIMIT 3 MINUTES**

ADJOURN:

March 23, 2026
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Rick Mead
Councilman Jason Sawyer
Councilwoman Maria Gonzalez
Councilman Peter Hansen
Councilman Jeff Johnson
Councilman Jason Knutson

7:00 pm – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Rick Mead

Consent Agenda minutes, vouchers and EFTs from February 23, 2026 (Motion by councilwoman Gonzalez, 2nd councilman Hansen, all in favor)

Public comment:

Citizen Jeanette questioned where the skate park would be located.
Citizen Stevens would like to see skate park in Morton.

New business:

- Citizen Howard Baker asked permission to put speed bumps on W. Main Avenue.
- Ellen Israel from SBA explained resources available for disaster affected victims.
- Megan Petersen asked the city for a place to put in a skate park; they need to secure a spot to continue with grant process.
- Council agreed to draft an ordinance/resolution accepting the gifts of \$500.00 for each of the parks from Abate of WA, Morton chapter. (Motion by councilman Sawyer, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor)
- Council agreed to surplus city property 2009 Crown Vic vin #7996, 2017 Ford Taurus vin #3326 and 1995 skid steer. (Motion by councilwoman Gonzalez, 2nd councilman Knudsen, all in favor)
- Council passed Ordinance 2026-02 code of conduct and clarifying roles elected/appointed council members. (Motion councilman Sawyer, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor)
- Council passed Ordinance 2026-03 establishing rules, procedures for public comment and council interaction and naming Peter Hansen sergeant of arms in absence of pd officer and changing effective date to “5” days after passage. (Motion councilwoman Gonzalez, 2nd councilman Sawyer, all in favor)
- Tara Chestnut would like to have “mission” statement on the city website.

Old Business:

Council discussed the disbursement of Tourism funds. Councilman Hansen, councilman Sawyer and councilman Knutson all had break downs of what they felt was a fair division of funds. After a productive discussion council approved tourism dollars request as follows:
LOGGERS JUBILEE \$1,800.00 FIRE MT ARTS \$3,350.00
MORTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$13,250.00 ELC CHAMBER \$1,200.00 and
CITY OF MORTON \$5000.00 (Motion by councilman Johnson, 2nd councilman Sawyer, all in favor)
Councilman Sawyer stated he would like to see the city create an ordinance with an updated lodging tax request form; and will relay that information to the city clerk.

Public Participation:

Citizen Ed Smith spoke about 4th of July party.

Citizen Mortensen spoke about all Jubilee has done for the City.

Citizen Sophia would like to see skate park.

Citizen Jeanette spoke about round-about.

Adjourn 8:40 pm

Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk

Ricky Mead, Mayor

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CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON, ACCEPTING TWO DONATIONS FOR THE CITY PARKS FROM ABATE OF WA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City of Morton, Washington (the “City”) is a Code City under the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, the City may adopt and enforce ordinances of all kinds relating to and regulating the City’s local or municipal affairs and appropriate to the good government of the City; and

WHEREAS, all references herein to “MMC” shall mean the “Morton Municipal Code,” and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.100 authorizes every city and town by ordinance may accept any money or property donated, devised, or bequeathed to it and carry out the terms of the donation, devise, or bequest, if within the powers granted by law. If no terms or conditions are attached to the donation, devise, or bequest, the city or town may expend or use it for any municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, ABATE of WA has indicated its intent to donate two (2) \$500 cash donations (total \$1,000) for the City’s Parks; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 35.21.100 and the City’s Financial Policies, the City is allowed, by ordinance, to accept monetary and property donations;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Donations Accepted. The City of Morton, Washington, hereby accepts two (2) separate cash donations in the amount of \$500.00 each (total of \$1,000.00) for the City’s Parks, from ABATE of WA.

Section 2. Non-codified. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the City's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 6. Corrections. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbers, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Morton, Washington, and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Morton at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof, this ____ day of April, 2026.

Ricky Mead, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

LuAnn Ward, City Clerk

Marissa Y. Jay, WSBA # 55593
City Attorney

Approved Reading: _____/2026

Publication Date: _____/2026

Effective Date: _____/2026

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CITY OF MORTON
COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Name of person/s requesting to be on the City Council Agenda: _____

Nancy Pettigrew

Date of Council meeting you wish to speak at: April 27

Time needed for the presentation: _____

Subject of presentation: Clean up the Town - Paint - fix

You must provide the City Clerk with materials related to your presentation prior to Council meeting so that copies are included in the Council Agenda packets for review.

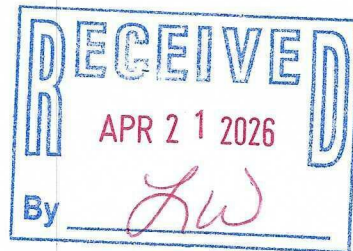
Additional information you may wish to make the City Clerk aware of regarding your presentation: _____

See start a fund to restore the old downtown - will start \$1000 - donation -

Nancy Pettigrew

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Date of Council meeting you wish to speak at: Apr 27nd 2026

Time needed for the presentation: No Presentation Needed

Subject of presentation: Community Garden

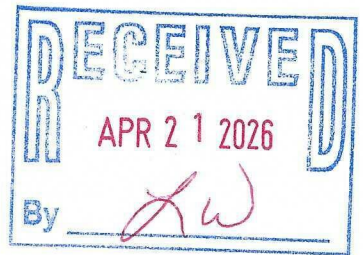
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Additional information you may wish to make the City Clerk aware of regarding your presentation: I would like the city to provide space for the community to plant and grow food for the community. With the cost of food rising mixed with the low employment here this community needs more ways to help feed its people. I would like to create a spot in town where people can come together and help create something that we all can use to help feed our families.

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Name of person/s requesting to be on the City Council Agenda: Jason Knutson

Date of Council meeting you wish to speak at: Apr 27nd 2026

Time needed for the presentation: 10mins

Subject of presentation: Upgrade email systems to Office 365

You must provide the City Clerk with materials related to your presentation prior to Council meeting so that copies are included in the Council Agenda packets for review.

Additional information you may wish to make the City Clerk aware of regarding your presentation: I would like the city to move emails to office 365. This is a needed

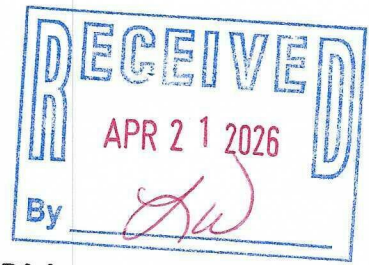
change for data retention, policy enforcement, and to keep the city safe by making sure

we have clear records of what is happening and changes being made. This will also cut costs

by removing costs for physical infrastructure and maintenance on servers.

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Date of Council meeting you wish to speak at: Apr 27nd 2026

Time needed for the presentation: No Presentation Needed

Subject of presentation: Farm Animals in City Limits

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Additional information you may wish to make the City Clerk aware of regarding your presentation: I would like to remove any licensing/fees and requirements needed for owning

animals in the city that provide food for people.

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