

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> councilman Knudsen, all in favor)
- Council passed Ordinance 2026-02 code of conduct and clarifying roles elected/appointed council members. (Motion councilman Sawyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

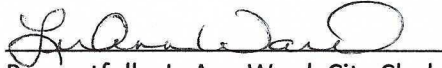
Citizen Ed Smith spoke about 4<sup>th</sup> of July party.

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

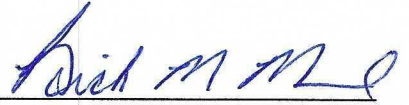
Citizen Sophia would like to see skate park.

Citizen Jeanette spoke about round-about.

Adjourn 8:40 pm



Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk



Ricky Mead, Mayor