

June 22, 2026
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

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

7:00 pm – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Rick Mead

Consent Agenda minutes, vouchers and EFTs from May 26, 2026 (Motion by councilman Johnson, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor) Special meeting May 27, 2026 (Motion by councilwoman Gonzalez, 2nd councilman Johnson, all in favor)

Public comment:

Citizen Tara stated she couldn't find the agenda where she normally looks.
Citizen Punk asked about mileage on the surplus vehicles.

New business:

- Members from the SWWF spoke about the different events happening at the upcoming fair.
- Rhonda Cornwell could not make the meeting, council agreed to table until next meeting (Motion by councilman Sawyer, 2nd councilman Hansen, all in favor)
- Council approved surplus "2" Dodge ram vehicles, vin#0898/#5252 (Motion by councilman Hansen, 2nd councilman Johnson, all in favor)
- Council approved lease agreement between City of Morton and Peak Credit Union for ATM machine (Motion councilman Hansen, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor)
- Council approved Resolution 520 amending agenda to include committee chairperson report (Motion councilwoman Gonzalez, 2nd councilman Hansen, all in favor)
- Council approved Ordinance 2026-05 establish chapter 12.40 streets (Moton councilman Sawyer, 2nd councilman Hansen, all in favor)
- Council approved amendment #2 for engineering services Well No. 2 (Motion by councilman Johnson, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor)

Old Business:

Councilman Sawyer stated fellow councilman Knutson was unhappy about what he considered disparaging remarks being made by fellow councilman Johnson regarding himself and councilman Sawyer. A back-forth conversation between councilman Sawyer and Johnson went on for approximately 15 minutes. Councilman Hansen stated everything he's been told is hear-say and questioned what is true and what isn't. Councilwoman Gonzalez made a motion not to sensor councilman Johnson, 2nd councilman Hansen, councilman Sawyer voting no.

Public Participation:

Citizen Tim stated the council members fighting is not helpful for the city, **after disparaging remarks toward the council members Sawyer and Johnson**. He would like to see the city more proactive on forcing clean-up of yards.

Citizen Amy stated councilman Sawyer insulted mayor and can't have it both ways.
Councilman Sawyer thanked citizen Amy for her comment and disagreed.

George from Public Health Soc. Services, stated they are here 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month from 9am – 2pm at 175 Main Ave. for help with benefits for all veterans.

Kathy from Morton PD stated the gossip columns on social media are not the correct way to handle complaints. Citizens need to file a complaint with City Hall or call non-emergency dispatch. If a complaint or phone call isn't made, nothing can be done.

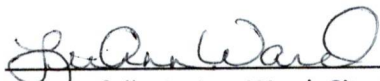
Councilman Hansen stated venting on social media does not work you must file a complaint with the city.

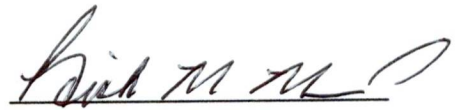
Tera stated she loves the idea of committee reports.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to not have executive session, **councilman Sawyer asked the City attorney to advise whether the council should hold executive session, with the city attorney advising the council to hold an executive session**, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, councilman Johnson voted yes, councilman Sawyer voted no.

Motion to adjourn councilman Johnson, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor.

Adjourn 8:30 pm


Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk


Ricky Mead, Mayor