TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Wade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor Wade – Present
Vice Mayor Fowler – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Councilman Anthony – Present
Council Member Chambers – Present
Clerk-Treasurer Karen Rooker – Present
Clerk-Treasurer Alisha Cabrera – Present
Code/PD Clerk – Regina Foster - Present
Public Works – Michael Johnson – Present
Police Dept – Chief Franklin – Present
Fire Dept – Chief McKnight and Crew

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- None

INTRODUCTIONS - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes for the Tax Rate Hearing/Budget Hearing/Regular Town Meeting on June 23, 2026, and the Work Session on July 14, 2026. Council Member Anthony wanted it to be noted that he was approving the minutes from the July 14 meeting even though he was not in attendance at that meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Fire Dept – Gave an oral report
- **Public Works** – Michael Johnson gave an oral report.
- **Code/PD Clerk –** Chief Franklin read the written report provided by Regina Foster.
- **Administration –** Clerk-Treasurer Rooker provided an oral & written report.
- **Police Dept –** Chief Franklin read his written report.
- **Councilman Anthony** – provided and oral report (AC/furnace issues, PW bldg., electric to shed, rentals).
- **Council Member Mullins** – provided an oral report. (L & S Dirt Work, WSSC on Pine Grove Dr & Woodland Rd).
- **Council Member Chambers** – provided an oral report. (beautification, signs)
- **Vice Mayor Fowler** – provided an oral report. (cancel July 4, NNO bigger w/fireworks/NNO signs)
- **Mayor Wade –** provided an oral report. (July 4, MML, street signs, cleanup Aug 8 & 9).

MAYOR WADE OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

- Ms. Bostic of 4004 Forest Grove Rd expressed her concerns regarding the nuisance houses formally owned by Mr. Kuan and the WSSC construction by the creek in that same area.
- The Mayor & Council explained that the house was going to be abated later this week and that Council Member Mullins would contact WSSC to find out the status of the construction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice Mayor Fowler updated some information in her report to the Council.
Sr Picnic Luncheon on August 14.
Discussed more NNO events and future events.

STREET SIGNS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Chambers to purchase new street signs, (poles and brackets if needed) from Shannon Baum Company not to exceed $20,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the signs, poles & brackets.
Payment for these will come out of Automated Enforcement since it is a safety issue.
Public Works will get a hard count on the poles.
No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

6600 WOODLAND RD ABATEMENT

- Morningside Tree Service will do the abatement at 6600 Woodland Rd for $1,100.00.
- They will also cut down the trees and grind down the stumps for an additional $4,800.00.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Chambers to hire Morningside Tree Service for the abatement and tree removal (to include stump grinding) at a cost not to exceed $5,900.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Part of the sidewalk will need to be removed to complete this project.

- Council Member Anthony will talk with L & S Dirt Work about this ASAP.

UBS STATEMENT – FYI

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

A1 UNIFORMS – PD GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Motion made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Chambers to purchase new guns & accessories for the Police Department at a cost of $17,772.86 from A1 Uniforms.

- This purchase is 100% covered by the SAPP grant that has been awarded to the Town.

No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Chambers to pay the bills for June 24, 2026 through July 21, 2026 in the amount of $134,675.03. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

- No one signed in to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Karen D Rooker, Clerk-Treasurer