MORENCI CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, March 9th, 2026, @ 6:00 p.m. 118 Orchard Street, Morenci, MI 49256

Mayor: Tracy Schell	**City Councilmembers:**	**Jerome Bussell**	**Kori Christle**	**Kandice Speiser**
		Tess Stiver	**Gail Cleghorn**	**Diane Molitierno**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSIONER AUNGST & COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR KIM MURPHY

CONSENT AGENDA & COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Minutes from the City Council Meeting on February 9th, 2026**
2. **Cash Summary by Fund as of 03/09/2026**
3. **Bills & Transfers in the amount of $577,931.89**
4. **Community & Economic Development Report**
5. **EMS Report**
6. **Fire Department Report & Meeting Minutes 2/10/26 & 3/3/26**
7. **Police Department Report**
8. **DPW Report**
9. **Sexton Report**

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Planning Commission Seat – 3 Year Term**

CITY SUPERINTENDENT/CLERK'S REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

- **Urban Forestry Management Plan**
  - **Final Plan anticipated to be presented at the April 13th, 2026, City Council Meeting**

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE, LEGAL, ADM PERSONNEL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kandice Speiser, Members: Kori Christle, Tess Stiver

1. **Real Estate - Sale**
2. **DDA Officers**

PUBLIC WORKS (PARKS, CEMETERY, LIBRARY, UTILITIES, STREETS & SIDEWALKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS)

Chair: Jerome Bussell, Members: Kandice Speiser, Gail Cleghorn

1. **Legion Beer Tent**
3. **Fire Works Contract**

PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE, EMS & POLICE)

Chair: Diane Molitierno, Members: Tess Stiver, Kori Christle

1. **None**

2026 Goal Updates

1 Year Goals

Update Delinquent Utilities Ordinance - Jerome
Review of Marijuana Ordinance in its entirety - Kori
Vacant Building Ordinance – Kori (@ F&L Committee for review currently)

3 Year Goals

Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Plan – Kori
Columbarium – Diane

5 Year Goals

Walking Path – Kandi

- **Additional council business**

PUBLIC INPUT – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT

- Next regular Morenci City Council Meeting: April 13th, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please Note:

In order to comment during the public input portions of the meeting, you are required to come to the lectern and give your name and address. Neither the Morenci City Council or staff will respond to public comment or questions. All comments or questions will be addressed at a succeeding meeting of the Morenci City Council.

Verbal attacks or perceived attacks on Morenci City Council members, staff, or other individuals will not be tolerated during the public input section of the meeting.

"One Team, One Town, One Family"

Meeting Minutes of the Morenci City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9th, 2026

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Molitierno called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerome Bussell, Diane Molitierno, Gail Cleghorn, Kori Christle, Kandice Speiser, & Tess Stiver

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Tracy Schell – arrived at 7:25

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Tracy Schell and Jeff Bell (Administrator/Clerk)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Christle, seconded by Councilor Speiser to accept the approval of the agenda.

Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser – yes.

Approved 6-0 Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA & COMMUNICATIONS

A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Christle that the consent agenda and communications be approved.

Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser – yes.

Approved 6-0 Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

Guest Speaker Brent Shea, CPA presented the City of Morenci Audit Report. Went over some of the pages of the audit. Reported that the city has an A+ rating for the audit and the City of Morenci team is great to deal with.

Guest Speaker Stephen Lane from Urban Forestry Master Plan went over the master plan for the trees for the City of Morenci. He explained that this is a inventory of the trees in Morenci. This includes all the trees on public property (parks, cemetery, boulevards, etc.) but does not include inventory of trees on private property. Since trees are living and changing, the plan is meant to be flexible and will need reviewed every few years. There will be a link uploaded soon for the community to give their feedback on what they would like to see, or what they feel is missing.

7. COMMITTEES

FINANCE, LEGAL, ADM PERSONNEL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Christle to approve the bid for the third party MSHDA CDBG Grant Administrator in the amount of $212,400 by Community Action Agency, and approval of the accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator / Clerk to execute the contract.

   Councilor Bussell recused himself from the vote.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser – yes Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 6-1 Motion carried.

b. A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Christle to approve the DDA Façade Grant application form Brent Shea, owner of 148 W. Main St., in the amount of $5000.00.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Speiser – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

c. A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Bussell to approve the DDA Façade Grant application for Jason and Rachel Sturmer, owner of Twisted Canvas Tattoo, located at 301 W, Main St. Ste. B, in the amount of $637.79.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – no; Speiser – yes: Christle – yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 6-1 Motion carried.

d. A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Christle to approve set a public hearing at the March Council Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 OM at 118 Orchard Street, Morenci, MI. 49256 for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to review and submit comments on the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Speiser – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

e. A motion was made by Councilor Speiser, seconded by Councilor Christle to approve the Early Voting Agreement between the City of Morenci and the County of Lenawee for the 2026 Early Voting for August and November Elections and authorize the City Administrator Signature on the agreement.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser - yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

a. A motion was made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Molitierno to approve the engineering proposal from Dailey Engineering in the amount of $8,600.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser - yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

b. A motion was made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Stiver to approve the request for bid on the 2026/2027 Road Project Work and authorize the City Administrator to begin the bid process.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser - yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

c. A motion was made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Molitierno to approve the bid from All Seasons Tree Care in the amount of $58,720 and authorize the City Administrator's signature on the contract.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser - yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

d. A motion was made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Christle to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution allowing Major Streets, Local Streets, and Repair and Maintenance line items for supporting the above Tree Maintenance Project and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator's signatures on the resolution.

   Roll Call: Councilors Molitierno – yes; Bussell – yes; Stiver – yes; Cleghorn – yes; Christle – yes; Speiser - yes; Mayor Schell – yes.

   Approved 7-0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NONE

8. ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Mayor Schell discussed new appointments to committees, but there was no motion to accept the appointments, so this will be discussed at a later meeting.

Councilors discussed the updates to the 1-, 3-, and 5-year goals.

Also noted that the Audit report will be available on the city website as well as the meeting packets and minutes.

9. PUBLIC INPUT – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, & CONCERNS

Dennis Edward – Adrian, MI. – Here to introduce himself. He is from Trap Kings Cannabis. They believe in staying with all community standards and staying within compliance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion made by Councilor Bussell, seconded by Councilor Molitierno to adjourn the meeting.

   All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy Schell, Mayor

Jeff Bell, City Superintendent/Clerk

CASH SUMMARY BY FUND FOR CITY OF MORENCI
FROM 02/09/2026 TO 03/09/2026
FUND: ALL FUNDS
CASH AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance 02/09/2026	Total Debits	Total Credits	Ending Balance 03/09/2026
101	GENERAL	588,539.77	441,000.76	282,804.13	746,736.40
102	WALKING/BIKE TRAIL FUND	1,850.84	0.00	0.00	1,850.84
202	MAJOR STREETS	176,396.85	0.00	13,962.13	162,434.72
203	LOCAL STREETS	170,393.83	0.00	11,124.12	159,269.71
231	POLICE EQUIPMENT	26,142.93	0.00	0.00	26,142.93
245	REFUSE	4,780.00	16,030.65	379.00	20,431.65
248	DDA	119,159.22	8,000.00	0.00	127,159.22
402	CAPITAL PROJECTS/BRIDGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
404	CDBG JOB TRAINING GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405	2018 CAPITAL IMP BOND CONSTRUCTION	24,998.29	0.00	59,720.00	(34,721.71)
406	2017 AMBULANCE PURCHASE ACT 99	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
444	CITATION FUND REVENUE	47.39	0.00	0.00	47.39
445	CDBG WATER-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE GR	1,078.71	0.00	0.00	1,078.71
456	FIRE DEPT SINKING FUND	19,499.01	0.00	0.00	19,499.01
465	EMS	190,399.42	13,740.59	42,714.14	161,425.87
590	SEWER FUND	181,077.49	31,657.30	25,432.76	187,302.03
591	WATER FUND	395,214.48	45,011.79	30,997.81	409,228.46
592	WATER/SEWER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
641	EQUIPMENT	39,357.00	9,953.58	5,608.21	43,702.37
696	TOWN & COUNTRY FESTIVAL	8,030.49	1,775.00	0.00	9,805.49
700	SKELTON REWARD	56,967.84	0.00	0.00	56,967.84
703	TAX COLLECTION	191,784.42	341,050.32	442,643.31	90,191.43
	TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	2,195,718.98	908,219.99	915,385.61	2,188,553.36

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount	
Bank GENER GENERAL ACCOUNT						
02/12/2026	GENER	92(E)	00754	WESBANCO CARDMEMBER SERVICES	4,887.59	
02/12/2026	GENER	93(E)	00754	VOID	0.00	V
02/12/2026	GENER	94(E)	08357	COWBELL	4,385.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46322	00546	WESBANCO	475.01	
02/12/2026	GENER	46323	00791	TRI-COUNTY FUELS INC	1,253.09	
02/12/2026	GENER	46324	00807	R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR INC	944.67	
02/12/2026	GENER	46325	00825	CURRENT OFFICE SOLUTIONS	49.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46326	01004	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSOC	599.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46327	01341	BLACK SWAMP EQUIPMENT, LLC	421.50	
02/12/2026	GENER	46328	01492	US BANK	566.77	
02/12/2026	GENER	46329	01764	TRIPLE K IRRIGATION	596.94	
02/12/2026	GENER	46330	08260	CORE AND MAIN LP	640.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46331	08282	ACCELERA IT SOLUTIONS	613.30	
02/12/2026	GENER	46332	08310	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	105.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46333	08311	HACKETT INSPECTIONS LLC	680.00	
02/12/2026	GENER	46334	08323	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FIBER OPTICS	1,201.46	
02/12/2026	GENER	46335	08355	NATHAN ADAMS	29.31	
02/12/2026	GENER	46336	00010	CONSUMERS ENERGY	7,767.28	
02/19/2026	GENER	46337	00149	BILL'S SERVICE, INC.	554.89	
02/19/2026	GENER	46338	00791	TRI-COUNTY FUELS INC	1,488.17	
02/19/2026	GENER	46339	00990	MICHIGAN ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	1,395.00	
02/19/2026	GENER	46340	01475	STATE OF MICHIGAN	234.18	
02/19/2026	GENER	46341	01501	CHAD CORBIN	175.00	
02/19/2026	GENER	46342	08115	JEFF BELL	56.55	
02/19/2026	GENER	46343	08142	CHRISTOPHER R. RENIUS	1,625.00	
02/19/2026	GENER	46344	08230	QUADIENT FINANCE USA	500.00	
02/19/2026	GENER	46345	08349	QUADIENT INC	577.49	
02/26/2026	GENER	46346	00354	HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAP CORP	59,720.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46347	00368	SHARE CORP.	235.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46348	00845	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	435.33	
02/26/2026	GENER	46349	01053	KEITH THOMAS FIRE EQUIPMENT	800.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46350	01067	MCGOWAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	28.04	V
02/26/2026	GENER	46351	01550	VERIZON WIRELESS	824.55	
02/26/2026	GENER	46352	01972	LENAWEE COUNTY PRINTING-PURCHASING	3.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46353	08190	ULINE ATTN:ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	1,465.86	
02/26/2026	GENER	46354	08259	DYNAMIC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	64.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46355	08262	HEATHER SARNAC	102.33	
02/26/2026	GENER	46356	08321	MILLER TEXTILE SERVICES	337.51	
02/26/2026	GENER	46357	08326	TAMCO TRUCKING	724.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46358	08349	QUADIENT INC	1,099.83	
02/26/2026	GENER	46359	08350	TLC COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION	954.74	
02/26/2026	GENER	46360	MISC	LIPPENS TAILORING	25.00	
02/26/2026	GENER	46361	01067	MCGOWAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	28.04	
03/05/2026	GENER	46362	00035	MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES	3,270.07	
03/05/2026	GENER	46363	00076	BUCK AND KNOBBY EQUIPMENT CO.,	10,501.25	
03/05/2026	GENER	46364	00149	BILL'S SERVICE, INC.	51.98	
03/05/2026	GENER	46365	00791	TRI-COUNTY FUELS INC	1,094.58	
03/05/2026	GENER	46366	01034	TRULAND EQUIPMENT	27.06	
03/05/2026	GENER	46367	01053	KEITH THOMAS FIRE EQUIPMENT	5,400.00	
03/05/2026	GENER	46368	01525	CASTLEBERRY AND LUCAS	340.00	
03/05/2026	GENER	46369	01550	VERIZON WIRELESS	568.11	
03/05/2026	GENER	46370	01897	POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MI	198.92	
03/05/2026	GENER	46371	02505	VALENTINE CONSTRUCTION	5,475.00	
03/05/2026	GENER	46372	02615	CHAD SCHISLER	184.55	
03/05/2026	GENER	46373	08187	HORST TIRE	1,463.80	
03/05/2026	GENER	46374	08190	ULINE ATTN:ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	455.43	
03/05/2026	GENER	46375	08232	D&R FAYETTE HARDWARE	154.86	
03/05/2026	GENER	46376	08244	TANNER AUTO REPAIR	2,547.27	
03/05/2026	GENER	46377	08282	ACCELERA IT SOLUTIONS	3,045.53	
03/05/2026	GENER	46378	08310	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	229.25	
03/05/2026	GENER	46379	08311	HACKETT INSPECTIONS LLC	990.00	
03/05/2026	GENER	46380	08348	THE RESPONSE GROWTH COLLECTIVE	1,950.00	
03/05/2026	GENER	46381	00265	LENAWEE COUNTY TREASURER	2,035.75	
GENER TOTALS:						
Total of 63 Checks:					138,651.84	
Less 2 Void Checks:					28.04	
Total of 61 Disbursements:					138,623.80	
Bank TAXAC TAX ACCOUNT						
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25031	00265	LENAWEE COUNTY TREASURER	3,874.95	
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25032	00265	LENAWEE COUNTY TREASURER	16,498.71	
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25033	00390	MORENCI AREA SCHOOLS	273,283.09	
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25034	00800	LENAWEE INTR SCHOOL DIST	124,342.09	
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25035	01006	STAIR DISTRICT LIBRARY	21,087.85	

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
02/26/2026	TAXAC	25036	02875	STATE OF MICHIGAN	221.40

TAXAC TOTALS:

Total of 6 Checks:	439,308.09
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 6 Disbursements:	439,308.09

REPORT TOTALS:

Total of 69 Checks:	577,959.93
Less 2 Void Checks:	28.04
Total of 67 Disbursements:	577,931.89

City Council Update Form

X Informational
☐ Action / Follow Up
☐ Not Approved

City Council Meeting Date	Staff Contact
March 9, 2026	Heather Sarnac
Date Submitted	**Department**
March 2, 2026	Community & Economic Development

Update

- Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) approved Community Action Agency as the Third-Party Administrator of the Morenci Home Improvement Partnership (MHIP) Housing Rehabilitation Program. Met with MSHDA and CAA on February 5 and with CAA on February 25. Program guidelines are being developed and environmental review is underway.
- Met with Jeff, Travis, Midwest Contracting and landscape architect Lisa DuRussel on February 20 for downtown street tree planting project. Met on site on February 25, but due to snow meeting was rescheduled to March 9.
- Facilitated meeting with the owners of 248 W. Main St. (grocery store building) and the Michigan USDA Rural Development Business Programs Director on January 28. Met with owners and Lenawee Now on February 11 to review USDA grant program and upcoming MDARD grant funding opportunities.
- Met with Arborist Steve Lane on January 14 to review second draft of the Urban Forestry Management Plan. Meeting again on February 2 to plan visit on February 9 and future workshops. Met with DNR grant administrator on January 15 to check-in on project progress.
- The 2026 Hometown Hero Banner program launched on Wednesday, February 4. As of Wednesday, February 11, all banners were claimed. This year, nine registrants are new and 31 are renewals.

Anything Significant Going On?

- Attended the virtual statewide kick-off meeting of the Michigan Office of Rural Prosperity on February 17. Signed up to continue engaging in economic development and grant workgroups in 2026.
- Met with owners of Twisted Canvas Tattoo on February 20. Working to schedule a DDA ribbon cutting ceremony for March when renovations and final steps are completed.
- DDA Chair Chelsea Craig and I met with the MEDC Public Spaces Community Places grant representative on February 23.

- Visited Bows & Toes on February 27. Owner would like to forego a ribbon cutting and do a feature of her business instead. Meeting next on March 12.
- Master Plan Steering Committee met on February 18 to review survey data and economic development chapter. Open House to gather additional community input is scheduled for 4-6 PM on March 30 at Stair District Library.
- DDA Chair Chelsea Craig and I met with Michigan Main Street program administrator on February 25. Working to schedule a presentation at an upcoming DDA meeting.
- Attending the Greater Lenawee Chamber of Commerce Conference on March 13.
- Eight downtown businesses are participating with specials/events for St. Patrick's Day on Main. The Scavenger Hunt will run March 12-22. The DDA is offering a free movie with popcorn at The Rex Theatre on March 15 at 3 PM.
- Sitting on economic development panel for Leadership Lenawee on March 18.

Attachments

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1. March Newsletter & Community Calendar
2. St. Patrick's Day on Main flyers
3. March Digital Newsletter https://mailchi.mp/cityofmorenci/march-2026-newsletter

UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

MARCH 2026

MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The City of Morenci is in the process of updating its Master Plan, a policy document that will guide community land use, development, and the City's long-term vision for the future. A Community Open House will be held on Monday, March 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Stair District Library to gather input from residents and stakeholders on a wide range of topics that will shape the plan, including land use and future land use, housing, redevelopment opportunities, economic trends, current City initiatives, and the implementation action plan, among other focus areas. Residents, visitors, employees, employers, students, and business owners are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Master Plan, ask questions, and share feedback, and attendees are welcome to stop in for as little or as long as they would like. Planners from Beckett&Raeder Inc., the consulting firm assisting with the Master Plan update, will be available to answer questions, listen to community insights, and explain the planning process. Light refreshments will be served. Community input is an important part of this process, and participation will help ensure the Master Plan reflects the needs and priorities of Morenci now and into the future.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON MAIN

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in downtown Morenci with activities for the whole family! From specials at local restaurants to themed events at downtown venues, there is something for everyone. The Morenci Downtown Development Authority (DDA), with support from generous sponsors, is hosting a free Sunday matinee at The Rex Theatre on March 15 at 3 p.m., featuring Zootopia 2. Admission and popcorn are free.

Also returning is the Lucky Charm Scavenger Hunt. Starting Thursday, March 12, forms will be available at City Hall and downtown businesses. Follow the leprechaun's clues, record your finds, and submit by Sunday, March 22 for a chance to win a Downtown Morenci prize basket!

FORESTRY PLAN REVIEW PERIOD

The City of Morenci's Urban Forestry Management Plan is now open for public review and comment. Prepared by Steve Lane, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and Lead Consultant of The Response Growth Collective, the plan is currently in its third draft and is being shared to gather community input before it is finalized. It has not yet undergone a final grammar and spelling review, and feedback is encouraged at a high level, focusing on overall direction, priorities, and concepts rather than minor edits. Printed copies of the draft plan are available at City Hall, and a digital version is available on the City's website.

An Urban Forestry Management Plan provides a 20-year framework for managing community trees and forestry-related programs. The plan outlines Morenci's existing tree canopy and long-term vision for tree planting, removals, and pruning, identifies issues observed during the tree inventory conducted between August and October 2025, and includes projections related to staffing, budgeting, and community engagement.

Community members are encouraged to review the plan and submit comments, including suggested changes, observations about tree conditions, or photos of trees or recent tree work within Morenci, to ForestryPlanning@response-growth.net by March 23. Revisions will be completed by the end of March, with adoption anticipated at the April 13 City Council meeting. Funding for this project is provided by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program. The City of Morenci, USDA Forest Service, and Michigan DNR are equal opportunity providers. are equal opportunity providers.

Check out our digital monthly newsletter at https://mailchi.mp/cityofmorenci/march-2026-newsletter for more updates, articles, City Council meeting packets and minutes, and other helpful links.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pickleball Club (adults only) 6p Nazarene Church	2 Road Scholar Zoom: Greece--Land of History, Beauty and Inspiration! 12p Stair District Library	3 Bagels & Books 7:15-7:45a Elementary Gym	4	5 Veggie Mobile 11a-12p Lutheran Church Road Scholar Zoom: Yoga & Breathwork 12p Stair District Library Food Distribution 2-4p Greenjak Inc. 240 Salisbury St.	6 Karaoke 10p North Street Pub	7 Karaoke 10p North Street Pub
8 Pickleball Club (all ages) 6p Nazarene Church	9 City Council Meeting 6p City Hall	10	11	12 Veggie Mobile 11a-12p Lutheran Church Kindergarten Round-up 4-7p Elementary Gym St. Patrick's Day on Main Scavenger Hunt Begins! Downtown Morenci	13 Rap Concert 6p Rex Theatre Music Trivia Bingo w/ DJ Magic Mike 6:45-10p Morenci Legion Karaoke 10p North Street Pub	14 Town & Country Festival Chili Cookoff Fundraiser 5:30-8p Sportsman's Club Block Party Hip Hop Concert 6p Rex Theatre St. Patty's Trivia & Karaoke 8:30p/10p North Street Pub
15 Free Movie & Popcorn! Zootopia 2 3p Rex Theatre Pickleball Club (adults only) 6p Nazarene Church	16 6" Sandwich St. Pat's Special 10a-7p Subway School Board Meeting 6p MS Library	17 Corned Beef & Cabbage 11a-2p Village Inn 10% off Orders w/ Lucky #7 4-9p Pizza Box Reuben Dinner 5-7p Morenci Eagles Lucky Specials & Discounts 5-7p The Grab Shack	18 Free Homecooked Meal 5-6:30p Methodist Church Family Reading Night Elementary School	19 Promedica Veggie Mobile 11a-12p Lutheran Church	20 Karaoke 10p North Street Pub	21 Celebrate Spring! 11a-1p Stair District Library Bulky Item Dumpster 10a-noon 597 W. Chestnut Karaoke 10p North Street Pub
22 Pickleball Club (all ages) 6p Nazarene Church St. Patrick's Day on Main Scavenger Hunt Ends Downtown Morenci	23 Spring Break → Morenci Area Schools Book Discussion: *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister 6:30p Stair District Library	24 Comedy Capers Show 12p Senior Center DDA Meeting 4p City Hall	25 Costa Rica Live Tour on Zoom 5:30p Stair District Library	26 Veggie Mobile 11a-12p Lutheran Church Hip-Hop Concert 6p Rex Theatre Planning Commission Mtg 6:30p City Hall	27 Karaoke 10p North Street Pub	28 Mixed Genre Concert 6p Rex Theatre Trivia 8:30p/Karaoke 10p North Street Pub
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For more information visit CityofMorenci.org

Have a community event to add to next month's calendar?
Email heather.sarnac@cityofmorenci.org

For more up-to-date community events and details, visit stairlib.org and click Community Calendar

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

- Kiwanis of Morenci meets every Wednesday at noon at The Village Inn Restaurant
- Morenci Sportsman Club meets on the 1st Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Morenci Sportsman's Club
- Morenci Legion Auxiliary meets on the 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Morenci Legion
- Morenci Legionnaires & Sons of Legion meet on the second Monday at 7 p.m. at the Morenci Legion
- The Garden Club meets April-December on the 2nd Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church

DOWNTOWN MORENCI

ST. PATRICK'S DAY on Main

(SAT) 14

REX THEATRE BLOCK PARTY
HIP HOP MIX CONCERT *tickets $15*
6 PM THE REX THEATRE

ST. PATTY'S TRIVIA & KARAOKE
FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS
8:30 PM NORTH STREET PUB

(SUN) 15

FREE MOVIE - ZOOTOPIA 2 *free admission & popcorn!*
3 PM THE REX THEATRE

(MON) 16

$2.99 6" SANDWICH OR FLATBREAD
W/ PURCHASE OF LARGE DRINK
10 AM - 7 PM SUBWAY

(TUES) 17

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE
11 AM - 2 PM VILLAGE INN RESTAURANT

10% OFF ORDERS WITH LUCKY #7
& 17TH ORDER GETS FREE MED. PIZZA
4 - 9 PM PIZZA BOX

REUBEN DINNER
5 - 7 PM MORENCI EAGLES

LUCKY SPECIALS & DISCOUNTS
5 - 7 PM THE GRAB SHACK

(SAT) 21

CELEBRATE SPRING! *free!*
11 AM - 1 PM STAIR DISTRICT LIBRARY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Scavenger Hunt



MARCH 12-22 DOWNTOWN MORENCI

A fun leprechaun is visiting Morenci and will be leaving lucky charms in downtown business windows.

Follow his clues and fill in what you find and where.

Scavenger Hunt forms will be available on our website, at City Hall, downtown businesses, & via the QR code.

The hunt begins March 12. Enter by Sunday, March 22, for your chance to win a Downtown Morenci prize basket!

THE MORENCI DDA
PRESENTS

FREE MOVIE!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 3:00 PM
THE REX THEATRE
FREE ADMISSION & POPCORN FOR ALL!



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Morenci
DDA
MORENCI MICHIGAN

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City Council Meeting Date	Staff Contact
03/09/2025	C Corbin
Date Submitted	**Department**
03/04/2025	Morenci Area EMS

Update

Congradulations To Timothy Schisler on obtaining his michigan paramedic licence. At this time he will be joining us as a part-time fill in.

Anything Significant Going On?

Run Volume

092 Runs to date for 2026
Of those 026 were in Fayette and 01 in Chesterfeild Twp.

Attachments

N/A

Morenci Fire Department

249 West Main Street
Morenci, Michigan 49256
Emergency Phone 911 Business Phone (517) 458-2301
Fax # (517) 458-2268
E-Mail Address morencic-1@hotmail.com
Chief Brad Lonis

FEBRUARY 2025 MONTHLY FIRE CHIEF REPORT

City – 3
Seneca Twp. – 1
Medina Twp. – 1
Chesterfield Twp. – 0

EMS – 4

MUTUAL AID – 4
- Madison
- Archbold
- Adrian City - 2

TOTAL CALLS – 13
TOTAL CALL HOURS – 18
TOTAL MAN HOURS - 126

Morenci Fire Department Meeting

Meeting minutes for March 3, 2026

Meeting called to order by Colin Richardson

Roll call:	There were 13 members present first roll call, pledge recited by all, minutes approved as read.
Communications:	Brad gave a budget update.
	Burn lab update.
	The department will be hosting a Task force class sometime this year.
	Brad applied to host an LP gas training.
	Brad gave a grant update. Firehouse Subs grant application will open back up again soon.
	Tank for the Ranger is built.
	Madison will be changing their Mavis cards we will be on initial calls from now on. We will be 2nd alarm for Hudson.
	Some finish work needs to be done in the training room but it is almost all complete. Will get it finished up this week.
Old Business:	Keep checking stickers and labels on equipment during truck check.
New Business:	Tyler Schell has stepped down as Captain. Luke Miller will be captain, Justin Miller will move to squad 4 lieutenant, Tim Newsom will go to squad 1 lieutenant. Emma Miller will move to squad 4, Jacob Ostrander will be going to squad 1. Dayton Bode will be moving to squad 2.
	Radio call signs were discussed.
Adjourn:	Motion made by Derek Bode, 2nd by Roger Robinson. Motion carried.

There were 12 members present 2nd roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Farra Ryan

Secretary

Morenci Fire Department

Meeting minutes for February 10, 2026

Meeting called to order by Colin Richardson

Roll Call:	There were 17 members present first roll call, Pledge recited by all, minutes approved as read.
Communications:	If your fire cam needs to be serviced, please get it to Colin.
	Budget update.
	Discussion on PPE and the condition of some of the gear on the rack. Gear runs roughly $5,000 a set it needs to be taken care of. Please look over your gear and make sure it is clean and properly stored.
	Brad gave an update on the burn lab containers.
	Update on the training room.
	County Rescue task force is having training on Wednesday Feb 18 in Addison.
	Facebook post was addressed.
	DNR Grant update, portable foam pack has been delivered.
	As you do your truck checks, check labels and stickers, there are new stickers to be used.
	Work detail Thursday night at 6:30.
	Mutual aid to Adrian Township was discussed.
Old business:	Haven't gotten the Alvordton radio yet.
	Mavis cards have been updated.
	Radio reprogramming update.
	Monitoring equipment for the burn lab had been delivered.
New Business:	Burn lab discussion. Installation of monitoring system and test burns will be done.
	Bruce Hart has resigned.

Adjourn: Motion made by Austin Vanbradt, 2nd Derek Bode, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Farra Ryan

Secretary

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City Council Meeting Date	Staff Contact
March 9, 2026	Chief Nathan Adams
Date Submitted	**Department**
March 5, 2026	Police

Update

1. Chief Adams attended multiple training sessions while at the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) conference in Grand Rapids, MI in February.

2. Deputy Chief Creswell continues to work full-time hours for the city while we navigate our current shortage of manpower.

3. Our pre-service candidate for the vacant police positions recently passed her written test to qualify for the police academy and has completed a ride along with Officer Edmonson. The physical portion of her testing is scheduled to take place soon. She remains committed to pursuing a job with Morenci PD.

4. Officer Edmonson has been working on several ordinance violations for which 19 notices of correction were issued during February. No citations were issued as 18 of the 19 came into compliance; the party responsible regarding the remaining violation is actively working to come into compliance.

5. Chief Adams has participated in an inspection of one of our local marijuana grow facilities with LARA/CRA. Chief Adams will be participating in future inspections and fostering relationships will all involved.

6. We handled 93 complaints in February. As of the date of this report, we stand at 220 complaints for the year.

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City Council Meeting Date	Staff Contact
March 9, 2026	Travis Kruse
Date Submitted	**Department**
March 6, 2026	Public Works

Update

Water

- Hydrant Flushing schedule being finalized for end of March. Will communicate out when we have the plan finalized.
- Application in Review Status with EGLE & DNR with replacement of the Dry Hyrdants at Wakefield Park.

Sewer

- Lagoon Valves have been delayed in arrival. Lagoon # 2 will be scheduled in March but Lagoon # 3 valves have yet to arrive. Potential May before work would begin there.

Streets

- Street Sweeping ongoing.
- Cold Patch taking place when weather allows.
- Gravel was added to portions of Fay Hwy to smooth our the worse areas. This road will require the same type of rebuild that took place on Sims Hwy. We will wait to budget for this when we see additional opportunities for Grant Matching Funds.

Buildings & Grounds

- Nothing to Report

Parks

- Matt ahs removed all the Yellow Fence Topper. He is working on getting the material on orer for the replacement and working with the school on how to install it most efficiently.
- DPW will be taking care of the ball fields for Little League activities this year. We will need to ensure both Matt and a designated individual stays on top of the field during this time of the year. Both in prepping them and maintaining them.

Employee Development/Training

- Colin and Garrett will be attending two classes for water operations in March

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Anything Significant Going On?

Mike Dowling has stated he is willing to return as seasonal mower for the 2026 season. Mike did a great job for us last year and his Class B CDL was extremely valuable during leaf collection season last year.

Attachments

N/A

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City Council Meeting Date	Staff Contact
March 9th, 2026	Christa Davis – Assistant Cemetery Sexton
Date Submitted	**Department**
March 2nd, 2026	Public Works

Update

- **Lot Sales** –
  - **Last Month:** $500
  - **Year To Date:** $1500
- **Total number of Grave/ Lots Sold –**
  - **Last Month:** 1
  - **Year To Date:** 3
- **Burials –**
  - **Cremations –**
    - **Last Month:** 1
    - **Year To Date:** 1
  - **Traditional –**
    - **Last Month:** 1
    - **Year To Date:** 2
- **Foundations Sold/ Placed –**
  - **Year To Date:** 0

- **Current Projects:**
  - In process of computerizing all documents related to cemetery
  - Removing the last of the leaves to prepare for spring
- **Anticipated projects**
  - Drive improvements.
  - Will be looking to start the process of reclaiming grave sites.
- **Future Projects**
  - Wilson/Whitman Cemetery Monument
  - Columbarium
  - Donated Veterans Memorial – Updates as they become available.
  - Tree Work continues

Agenda Review Form

Regular City Council Meeting – 01/12/2026

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Prepared For	Staff Contact
City Council	Jeff Bell
Date Submitted	**Department**
03/06/2026	Finance & Legal

Subject

NWD – Real Estate Sale

Summary

As was reported by City Administrator Bell in January, the current Tenant/Leasor of the NWD Building is exercising the Option to Purchase that is in the Lease Agreement.
The original Lease stated the building would be sold to the leasor in the amount of $152,000. Since that time (2021), there has been damage done to the flooring whereas groundhogs have burrowed under the concrete and left the floor in poor condition. Estimates from earlier show that the anticipated cost to repair would be approx. $25,000. Taking this into account, it was negotiated the pricing would be reduced by 50% of the anticipated repair cost. Hence the $140,000 in the attached contract.

Attached to the purchase agreement is a diagram of the proposed Parcel Spilt needed for the transaction to take place. This has been reviewed with the Fire Chief, Director of Public Works and the City Administrator to ensure there were no conflicts with those plans. It will also ensure our Burn Lab which was installed would not be impacted by the parcel spilt.
This purchase agreement will require the city to survey the parcel boundary lines and ensure the pins are installed accordingly.

City Legal Council has reviewed the Purchase agreement and offered a few changes. Those changes were made to the agreement. The Purchase Agreement attached is the result of these changes.

The sale of this property is a win for both the City and the Business. It allows a long-standing business in Morenci to expand its operations while the city will gain another building/property moving back onto the tax rolls in the 2027 taxing cycle.

Financial Impact

Positive inflow of Cash into the General Fund as well as long-term Property Tax Revenue.

Budgeted	**Amount:**
N/A	N/A

Recommendation

After Discussion...

Motion to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between JACS Rentals LLC and the City of Morenci for the property commonly known as 597 W Chestnut St in the amount of $140,000 and Authorize the Mayor and City Administrators signatures on the Purchase Agreement.

Alternatives

Do not approve and continue with the Lease

Attachments Real Estate Purchase Agreement

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES AND DATE

This Agreement is made and entered into this 12th day of February 2026 by and between **JACS Rentals, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company**, whose registered office address is 11155 Lime Creek Rd., Morenci, MI 49256, hereinafter referred to as Purchaser and **City of Morenci, a Michigan municipal corporation**, whose address is 118 Orchard St., Morenci, MI 49256, hereinafter referred to as Seller.

2. PROPERTY

Upon the terms and conditions contained herein, Purchaser agrees to purchase from Seller and Seller agrees to sell to Purchaser that certain real Property and the improvements thereon (together the "Real Property") situated in the City of Morenci, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan, which is described as: **An estimated 1.12 +/- acres to be split from XM0-305-0994-00 containing 9.83 +/- acres, commonly known as 597 W. Chestnut St., Morenci, MI 49256, as depicted on Exhibit A, attached**; together with all easements, rights (including, without limitation, rights to exclusive possession and occupancy) and in appurtenances thereto, and all Seller's rights, title, and interest in and to ingress from and egress to the public thoroughfares nearest the Real Property. Seller represents and warrants that Seller is now lawfully seized of all of the Real Property, exceptions: tenant's rights/other. All parties agree the survey shall provide the legal description for the parcel for sale and a 30 ft. easement running north and south, running adjacent to the west property line, providing ingress and egress to the subject property from West Chestnut Street as depicted on Exhibit A, attached.

3. PURCHASE PRICE

Purchaser agrees to pay therefore the sum of **One Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($140,000)** (**hereafter "Purchase Price"**) on the following terms.

$ 5,000.00	Earnest deposit upon acceptance by Seller
$135,000.00	Cash at Closing which will be obtained from Purchaser's funds and a first mortgage provided by a lender to be named.
$140,000.00	Total "Purchase Price"

(a) Earnest money deposit. Upon execution of this Agreement by the Purchaser and the Seller, the Purchaser shall pay the title company, American Title Agency of Lenawee, 202 N. Main St., Adrian, Michigan 49221, **Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($5,000)** as an earnest money deposit (the "Earnest Money Deposit"). The Earnest Money Deposit shall be applied to reduce the "Purchase Price" at Closing. The said deposit shall be held in accordance with the Occupational Code and the rules of the Bureau of

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Occupational and Professional Regulation of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

(b) Conveyance. At Closing, the Seller shall convey the Property by Warranty Deed to the Purchaser upon closing this transaction in the amount of the "Purchase Price".

(c) Rent. Seller agrees, upon Closing, to provide assignment of each lease to Purchaser along with the tenant's agreement as to the account standing, including status of rent payment(s) and security deposit amount(s). In the event of a delinquency of rent, it shall be the Seller's duty to collect the delinquent amount. At the day of Closing, all rents will be prorated as if all rents are current. All rents, if any, shall be prorated to the date of Closing. The Purchaser shall receive all deposits and prepaid rent. Seller shall assign all leases in effect on the premises to the Purchaser at the Closing.

(d) Financing. This sale is subject to the Purchaser obtaining a conventional first mortgage on the subject Property. Purchaser shall have sixty (60) days from and after Seller's acceptance of this offer to obtain a financing commitment from a third-party lender of Purchaser's choice. In the event Purchaser cannot obtain the above-mentioned financing, Purchaser may rescind this offer by notifying Seller. In the event no notice is provided, it shall be construed that Purchaser has secured financing.

(e) Occupancy. Occupancy shall be granted to Purchaser at close, subject to any tenant's rights as may be mentioned in this Agreement. The Seller shall be allowed access to the building and property for up to ninety (90) days after closing to remove all personal property from the building and grounds.

4. ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES

Assessments, which are a lien on the Property on or before the date of Closing, shall be paid by Seller. All assessments levied after Closing shall be paid by the Purchaser. All real estate taxes billed before Closing shall be paid by the Seller, including any penalty and interest. All taxes billed after Closing shall be paid by the Purchaser. There shall be no tax proration. The City of Morenci agrees that the first property tax billing shall be summer of 2027.

5. TITLE AND TITLE EVIDENCE

The Seller shall furnish marketable title and shall convey the Property free of liens and encumbrances, other than the following ("Permitted Exceptions"):

(a) current taxes not yet payable and liens arising therefrom, however, subject to Paragraph 4.

(b) covenants, conditions, restrictions and public utility easements of record, if any, provided the same do not render title unmarketable or interfere with the present, or Purchaser's intended use of the Property,

(c) matters which would be disclosed by inspection of the premises or by an accurate survey of the premises,

(d) any matter that a title insurance company would ordinarily insure against without additional premium. Seller, at Seller's expense, shall furnish an owner's title insurance policy on the current form of the American Land Title Association Owner's policy (or its equivalent) insuring the title in the amount of the "Purchase Price" of the real Property,

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Issued by American Title Insurance Company of Lenawee. The commitment shall be ordered upon Seller's acceptance of this offer.

6. SURVEY

Seller, at Seller's expense, agrees to provide a survey of the Property, and it shall:

(a) be received prior to Closing,

(b) be satisfactory to the title company to provide for the standard exceptions to be removed from the title insurance policy, thereby insuring the Property with extended coverage,

(c) be certified as of a current date, and

(d) show the location of all improvements and easements.

The survey shall be in reasonable conformity with the terms of dimension as to Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. In the event the results of the survey indicate an unreasonable difference, the Purchaser shall have the option to declare this Agreement null and void and to receive back the deposit in full. The Purchaser shall make this declaration within ten (10) days of receipt of the survey. The survey must be ordered within thirty (30) days of Seller's acceptance of this offer.

7. DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES

If any buildings or other improvements are materially damaged or destroyed prior to Closing, Purchaser shall have the option to terminate this Offer to purchase. In this event, all funds and documents shall be returned to the party depositing them, and both shall be released from all liability hereunder.

8. INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILTY STUDY

For a period of time beginning on the effective date of this Agreement and ending sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Agreement (the "Investigation Period"), Purchaser, its agents, contractors and engineers, shall have the right to examine the Property, including, but not limited to environmental studies and soil analysis, structural and mechanical inspections of building and the zoning pertaining the Property, at anytime after the effective date of this Agreement with any persons whom it shall designate, including, without limitation of the foregoing contractors, engineers and soil testing personnel. Seller shall permit access to the Property to Purchaser and any persons designated by Purchaser. To the extent that Purchaser disturbs the Property, Purchaser shall return the Property to the same condition as it was prior to the time of such entry. If Purchaser determines during the Investigation Period, in Purchaser's sole judgment and discretion, that the Property is not suitable for Purchaser's intended use, Purchaser shall give Seller and Broker written notice prior to the expiration of the Investigation Period of such fact. Upon receipt of such written notice, Escrow Agent shall refund the Earnest Deposit thereon to Purchaser and both parties shall be released from all further obligations under this Agreement. If Purchaser fails to provide such written notice to Seller, then it shall be presumed that the Property is suitable for Purchaser's intended use, and the Agreement may not be terminated by Purchaser for the reasons set forth in this Section. Purchaser shall indemnify and hold Seller harmless from any damage or injury resulting to Purchaser or Purchaser's agents resulting from such investigation.

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The Broker has informed the Purchaser and the Seller that the Broker is not an attorney, environmental consultant, or provider of any legal or environmental advice. The Purchaser is solely responsible for engaging an environmental firm of their choosing to obtain guidance regarding any environmental assessment. The Purchaser acknowledges that failure to obtain such an assessment and follow appropriate procedures may result in the Purchaser assuming full responsibility for any environmental conditions, whether existing or arising in the future, and the Broker shall bear no liability for such matters.

9. CONDITIONS OF PROPERTY

When the Purchaser waives objections by consent or time, it is understood that the Property is acceptable in "AS IS" "WHERE IS" condition.

10. CLOSING

The Closing hereunder shall occur at the office of the title company, American Title Agency of Lenawee, 202 N. Main St., Adrian, MI 49221 (or wherever mutually agreed). The transaction shall close no later than April 30, 2026. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Closing shall be automatically extended in the event that Seller shall fail to timely deliver any document or perform any obligation of this Agreement prior to Closing.

11. ASSIGNMENT

This Purchase Agreement shall be assignable by Purchaser without the consent of Seller provided the assignment is to a limited liability company or corporation of which Purchaser is a majority owner, member or stockholder and further provides that the Purchaser shall remain responsible regarding the terms of this Agreement including the provision of funds and providing guarantees to financing. Regardless of any assignment of this Agreement by Purchaser to another person or entity, Purchaser shall personally guarantee the performance of all obligations (financial and otherwise) set forth herein.

12. TERMS BINDING

All terms and conditions are included herein and no verbal agreements shall be binding. All of the covenants, warranties, representations and agreements herein contained shall survive Closing and shall run with the land and extend to and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties. This document contains all of the agreements between the parties and may be modified only in writing.

13. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Time periods specified in this Agreement shall expire at midnight on the date stated unless the parties agree in writing to a different date and/or time. Time is of the essence as to the provisions of the Purchase Agreement.

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14. DEFAULT

In the event of a default by Purchaser hereunder, Seller shall declare a forfeiture hereunder and retain the Earnest Money as liquidated damages as its sole and exclusive remedy. In the event of default by Seller hereunder, Purchaser may demand, and be entitled to, an immediate refund of the Earnest Money in full termination of this Agreement or may seek any other remedy available by Law including specific performance.

15. BROKERAGE FEES AND AGENCY

The Seller agrees to pay the Broker, Gil Henry & Associates, Inc., a commission in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 ($7,500.00) Dollars. This commission shall be due and payable at the time of closing, provided that the closing occurs. The commission shall not be deemed earned until the sale is fully consummated.

(a) Bradley L. Frederick, Associate Broker with Gil Henry & Associates, Inc., is acting as a dual agent representing both the Purchaser and the Seller to provide information and services to consummate a sale.

16. COSTS

Purchaser and Seller agree to pay their own representative agents, brokers, counsel, and inspectors relative to any involvement they have regarding the negotiation, execution, implementation, and enforcement of this Agreement.

(a) The Seller shall pay for the cost of preparation of a warranty deed, survey, the cost of an owners title insurance policy in the amount of the "Purchase Price" of the real Property, the cost to remedy any defects of title, which can be remedied within a reasonable time, the cost of documentary stamps or transfer tax on the title passing to the Purchaser, and one-half of the cost of closing the transaction at the designated title company.

(b) The Purchaser shall pay the cost of obtaining permits, inspection, recording fees, and one-half of the cost of closing the transaction at the designated title company.

(c) The fees represented above are actual known fees. It is accepted by the Purchaser and Seller that any fees not mentioned in this Agreement shall be paid for by the party who retains or hires the said contractors.

17. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By their signatures below, the parties verify that they have read, fully understand, and approve this Purchase Agreement and acknowledge receipt of a signed copy. The Purchaser and Seller acknowledge that the Broker has advised Purchaser and Seller to seek legal counsel regarding this and all other documents to this transaction. The Purchaser does not rely on the Broker as to the condition of the Property, its title, or improvements.

(a) Notices. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered, if delivered by email, hand delivery, or delivered via a nationally recognized overnight courier (e.g., FedEx, UPS, or USPS) or when deposited in the United States Post Office, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, if mailed. Notices shall be addressed as follows:

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Seller Initials ____ ____

If to Seller:

City of Morenci
Attn: Jeffrey D. Bell, City Administrator/Clerk
118 Orchard St.
Morenci, MI 49256

With copy to:

If to Purchaser:

JACS Rentals, LLC
Attn: Jason Wilson
11155 Lime Creek Rd.
Morenci, MI 49256

With copy to:

With copy to broker:

Gil Henry & Associates, Inc.
Attn: Bradley L. Frederick, Broker
1060 S. Main St., Ste. A
Adrian MI 49221
Office: 517-263-8971
Cell: 517-605-1020
Fax: 517-263-4204
Email: bradfrederick@hotmail.com
Office Email: admin@gilhenry.net

or at such other address which either party may from time to time specify in writing to the other.

(b) Amendments and Termination. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement may be amended or modified by, and only by, a written instrument executed by Seller and Purchaser acting by their respective duly authorized agents or representatives.

(c) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

(d) Section Headings. The section headings inserted in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to, and shall not be construed to, limit, enlarge or affect the scope or intent of this Agreement, nor the meaning of any provision hereof.

(e) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

(f) Merger of Prior Agreements. This Agreement supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof.

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(g) Attorneys' Fees and Costs. In any litigation arising out of or pertaining to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees, whether incurred before, after or during trial, or upon any appellate level.

(h) Time. Time is of the essence of this Agreement. When any time period specified herein falls or ends upon a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the time period shall be automatically extend to 5:00 P.M. on the next ensuing business day.

(i) Effective Date. The effective date begins on the day of the Purchaser's acknowledgement of Seller's acceptance of this offer.

18. FACSIMILE/ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS

The parties agree that this Agreement may be communicated by use of facsimile/electronics transmissions or email, and the signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications to any facsimile/electronic transmission shall be deemed to be valid and binding upon the parties as if the original signatures, initials, and modifications were present on the documents in the handwriting of each party. Neither party shall assert the statute of frauds or non-enforceability or invalidity of the Agreement because of facsimile/electronic copies or copies provided via email.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Purchase Agreement on the dates set forth opposite their signatures.

The undersigned warrants that they are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of **JACS Rentals, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company.**

PURCHASER:

By: _____ Date: 2-19-26
Jason Wilson, Authorized Member

By: Amy Wilson Date: 2-19-26
Amy Wilson, Authorized Member

THE SELLER SHALL ACCEPT the terms and conditions of this offer on or before _____. The Seller is advised to seek legal counsel regarding the terms of the Agreement. Seller does not rely on the Broker for matters of a legal nature.

The undersigned warrants that they are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the **City of Morenci, a Michigan municipal corporation.**

Buyer Initials _____ AW
Seller Initials _____ _____

SELLER:

By: _____ Date: _____
Tracey Shell, Mayor

By: _____ Date: _____
Jeffrey D. Bell, City Administrator/Clerk

Buyer Initials _____ AW
Seller Initials _____ _____

ACCEPTANCE OF EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

The title company acknowledges that they have accepted a deposit in the amount of **Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($5,000)**, to be placed in escrow in accord with this Agreement. The above terms and conditions are accepted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

American Title Agency of Lenawee

By:_____

THE PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of Seller's acceptance.

PURCHASER:

By: _____ Effective Date: _____
Jason Wilson, Authorized Member

Buyer Initials JC AW
Seller Initials ____ ____

Buyer Initials AW
Seller Initials ____ ____

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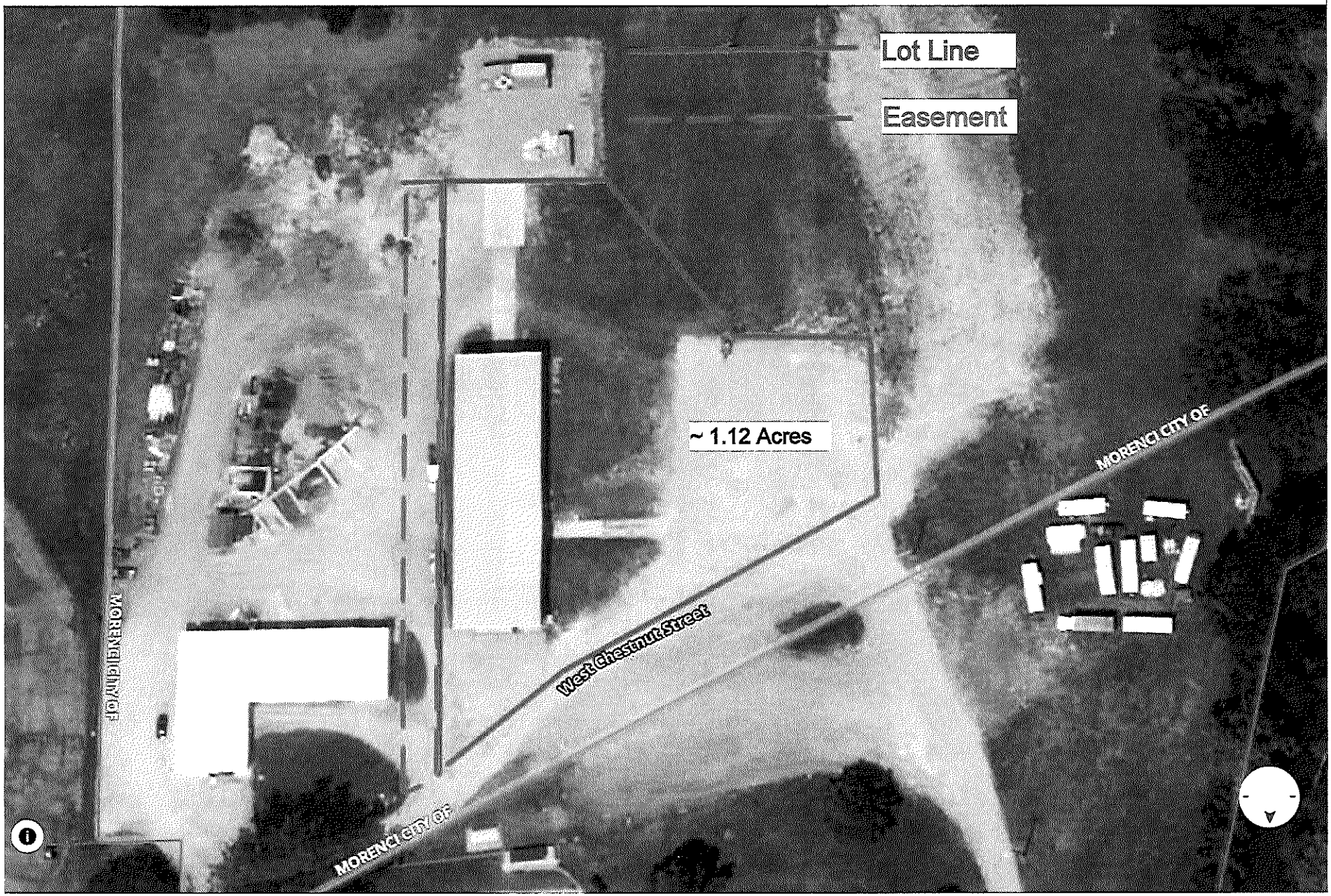

Agenda Review Form

Regular City Council – 3/9/2026

☐ Informational
☑ Action / Follow Up
☐ Not Approved

Prepared For	Staff Contact
City Council	Heather Sarnac
Date Submitted	**Department**
March 2, 2026	Community & Economic Development

Subject

Downtown Development Authority Officers

Summary

At the February 24 Organizational Meeting of the DDA, Officers for 2026 were nominated. Pending City Council approval, they are Chelsea Craig – Chairman, Brad Frederick – Vice Chairman, Ken Fether – Treasurer, and Matt Garrow – Secretary.

Financial Impact

NA

Budgeted	Amount:
NA	NA

Recommendation

Motion to approve the 2026 Downtown Development Authority Officers as presented.

Alternatives

Attachments

February 24, 2026, DDA Meeting Minutes

118 Orchard Street
Morenci, MI 49256
(517) 458-6828

Organizational Meeting of the
City of Morenci Downtown Development Authority

February 24, 2026

Call to Order

Chairman Chelsea Craig opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The following DDA Members were present: Brad Frederick, Matt Garrow, Ken Fether, Chelsea Craig, Tony Muzzi, Tracy Schell, and Jeff Bell.

Mary Margaret Gallup and Theresa Chang were absent.

Also present: City Councilor Gail Cleghorn

Approval or Amendment to Agenda

A motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Muzzi, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Past Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Garrow, to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2026.

All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Garrow, seconded by Bell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Event Committee Update
    a. Increasing sponsorship goal to $20,000 this year from $15,000 last year. Approximately $11,000 has been pledged so far. Looking for bands with a following for the June 12 and July 10 events.

2. St. Patrick's Day on Main will feature specials from eight downtown businesses as well as a free movie sponsored by the DDA. St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt will take place March 12-22 at ten downtown locations.

3. A motion was made by Schell, seconded by Muzzi, to appoint the following Officers for 2026 as follows: Chelsea Craig, Chairman; Brad Frederick, Vice Chairman; Ken Fether, Treasurer; Matthew Garrow, Secretary. All ayes, motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Muzzi, seconded by Schell, to approve the proposed FY 26/27 budget as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Tracy Schell brought the DDA's Yuletide Lights and Legacy Lane tree decorations to store and discussed whether the group wanted to return the ornaments to the art teacher/students or to store for next year. Consensus agreed to return to the school and ask for new students to do it again next year.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Garrow, second by Frederick. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Chelsea Craig, Chairman

Heather Sarnac, Executive Director

Agenda Review Form

Regular City Council Meeting – 03/09/2026

☐ Informational
☑ Action / Follow Up
☐ Not Approved

Prepared For	Staff Contact
City Council	Jeff Bell
Date Submitted	**Department**
03/06/2026	Public Works

Subject

Morenci American Legion Post 368 Beer Tent

Summary

The Morenci American Legion Post 368 has filed an Application for Alcohol Permit at Wakefield Park for use during the 2026 Town & Country Festival. I have enclosed a copy of the application that they have filed, a copy of the Application for Special License which has been filed with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the Site Plan, copy of the Insurance listing the City of Morenci as a Additionally Insured and lastly the Certificate of Insurance for the Security Firm being used during the event.

Police Chief Nathan Adams has reviewed the application and confirmed that all documentation is in order to support the event.

A formal resolution to use Wakefield Park for the beer tent is needed. The beer tent would be in operation on May 28, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; May 29, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and May 30, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Financial Impact

N/A

Budgeted	Amount:
N/A	N/A

Recommendation

After Discussion…

Motion to approve the Alcohol Permit for the Morenci American Legion Post 368 for the Morenci Town & Country Festival being held on May 28, 29, & 30, 2026 and authorize the City Administrator/Clerks signature on the Permit.

Motion to approve the Resolution allowing the use of Wakefield Park by the Morenci American Legion Post 368 to hold a Beer Tent during the Morenci Town & Country Festival on May 28, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; May 29, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and May 30, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator/Clerks Signature on the Resolution.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments Alcohol Permit Application, State of Michigan Special License Application, Insurance Policy naming City of Morenci Additional Insured, Proof of Insurance Coverage of Security Firm, Site Plan and Resolution

City of Morenci
County of Lenawee
State of Michigan

RESOLUTION
USE OF WAKEFIELD PARK FOR MORENCI AMERICAN LEGION POST BEER TENT

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Morenci, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan, held in City Hall Council Chambers, in said city on Monday, March 9, 2029 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Councilor , and supported by Councilor .

WHEREAS, the Morenci American Legion Post asked for permission on March 9, 2026 to use Wakefield Park for a beer tent during the Morenci Town & Country Festival on May 28, 29, 30 and

WHEREAS, the City of Morenci City Council made a motion to allow the Morenci American Legion Post to use Wakefield Park during the Morenci Town & Country Festival for a beer tent during the Morenci Town & Country Festival on May 28, 29 & 33, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morenci City Council passes a formal resolution authorizing the use of Wakefield Park by the Morenci American Legion Post during the Morenci Town & Country Festival on May 28, 29, & 30, 2026 for a beer tent with the following times approved for such: May 28, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; May 29, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and May 30, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tracy Schell
Mayor

Jeff Bell
City Administrator / Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Morenci, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 9, 2026 and the public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Jeff Bell
City Administrator / Clerk

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909
Toll-Free: 866-813-0011 - www.michigan.gov/lcc

Business ID: 8730
Request ID:
(For MLCC Use Only)

Special License Application

A completed Special License application must be submitted as early as possible before your event(s) to avoid any delays in processing. It is strongly recommended that you submit the application as soon as you know the date of your event(s). Failure to submit a completed application at least ten (10) business days prior to the event(s) may result in no Special License being issued, pursuant to administrative rule R 436.575.

Part 1 - Applicant Organization Information

Applicant organization name: Morenci American Legion Post 368

Applicant address: 9010 Morenci Rd

City: Morenci | Zip Code: 49256

Contact name: Matthew Hewitt | Phone: 330-888-2132 | Email: matt.hewitt@echoelectric.com

Alternate contact name: Deborah Hewitt | Phone: 330-365-7735 | Email: deborah.hewitt2010@gmail.com

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1. Has the applicant organization previously received a Special License? (X) Yes ( ) No

Michigan organizations must provide current articles of incorporation filed with Michigan Corporations Division.

Out-of-state organizations must provide: (a) current articles of incorporation from state of issuance; (b) current certificate of good standing from state of incorporation; and (c) current Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Michigan issued by the Michigan Corporations Division.

2. Has the applicant organization been established for one (1) year or longer? (X) Yes ( ) No

Date the applicant organization was established (month/day/year): 03/01/1946

3. Is the applicant organization a municipality? ( ) Yes (X) No

Part 2 - Event Information - For requests at more than one location, submit separate forms for each location.

Address of event location: 555 W. Main St

City, township, or village where event will be held: Morenci | County: Lenawee

1. Will you submit your completed application at least ten (10) business days before your event? ***It is strongly recommended that you submit the application as soon as you know the date of your event(s).*** (X) Yes ( ) No

2. Do you have permission from the property owner of the location listed above to hold your event(s) on the date(s) listed below (see pages 2-3) at this location? (X) Yes ( ) No

3. Has the local law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over the event location approved this application for a Special License? (See Part 5 on Page 5) (X) Yes ( ) No

4. Is the event location within 500 feet of a church or school? ( ) Yes (X) No
If Yes, the church or school must consent to the event(s). (See Part 6 on Page 5)

5. Is the event location outdoors or partially outdoors? (X) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, list the exact dimensions of the outdoor area: **Submit a clear diagram of the outdoor service area with your application form.**

50 (Width) feet X 50 (Length) feet = 2500 square feet

Describe type and height of the barrier that will be used to enclose the outdoor area:

6. Describe type of security that will be used for event(s) and how it will be utilized to secure and monitor to prevent sales to minors and visibly intoxicated persons:

Licensed, bonded & Insured security service has been hired to check identification, monitor the spacing between fencing, and to observe attendees for visible intoxication.

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7. Is the event location situated in or on state owned land, such as a state park or National Guard armory? ○ Yes ✗ No

If Yes, attach a copy of your documentary proof of approval to use the state owned land.

8. Is there an existing liquor licensee issued at the event location, such as a Class C or Club license? ○ Yes ✗ No

If Yes, the existing licensee must request to place its license in escrow during the event(s). (See Part 7 on Page 5)

9. Will the event(s) involve an auction of donated wine? ○ Yes ✗ No

If Yes, please check "Wine Auction" for the applicable event date(s) on pages 2-3. Only donated wine may be auctioned under a Special License; beer and spirits cannot be auctioned. If you request a Special License for on-premises consumption AND for a Wine Auction both on the same date at the same location, you are requesting two (2) separate licenses and you must pay a license fee for both licenses.

10. Will marijuana be sold and consumed under a Temporary Marihuana Event License issued by the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) within the proposed event area where alcoholic liquor will be sold and consumed? ○ Yes ✗ No

11. Is the event location within the commons area of a Social District? ○ Yes ✗ No

If Yes, you must obtain written documentation from the local governmental unit, including a clear diagram, that delineates the part of the commons area of the Social District to be used exclusively for your event and the part to be used exclusively by the Social District permittees during the time period for your event pursuant to MCL 436.1551(3). Submit the documentation and the diagram with this application.

12. The applicant organization may request up to twelve (12) Special Licenses total (one Special License per day) in a calendar year. Please complete the information below **for each individual date** for which you are requesting a Special License at this location. **If you are requesting Special Licenses for consecutive days, completely fill out a separate box for each date. If you request a Special License for on-premises consumption AND for a Wine Auction both on the same date at the same location, you are requesting two (2) separate licenses and you must pay a license fee for both licenses.**

1	Date: 5/28/26	Describe event being held: Beer Tent for Morenci Town & Country Festival
	Start Time: 5PM End Time: 11PM	Special License will be used for: ☒ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ✗ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No
2	Date: 5/29/26	Describe event being held: Beer Tent for Morenci Town + Country festival
	Start Time: 5PM End Time: 1AM	Special License will be used for: ☒ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ✗ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No
3	Date: 5/30/26	Describe event being held: Beer Tents for Morenci Town+Country festival
	Start Time: 5PM End Time: 1AM	Special License will be used for: ☒ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ✗ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No
4	Date:	Describe event being held:
	Start Time: End Time:	Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ○ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No
5	Date:	Describe event being held:
	Start Time: End Time:	Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ○ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No
6	Date:	Describe event being held:
	Start Time: End Time:	Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction
		Is this date a Sunday? ○ Yes ○ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ○ Yes ○ No

12. Special license date information Continued from Page 2.

7	Date Start Time End Time	Describe event being held: Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction Is this date a Sunday? ◯ Yes ◯ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ◯ Yes ◯ No
8	Date Start Time End Time	Describe event being held: Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction Is this date a Sunday? ◯ Yes ◯ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ◯ Yes ◯ No
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10	Date Start Time End Time	Describe event being held: Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction Is this date a Sunday? ◯ Yes ◯ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ◯ Yes ◯ No
11	Date Start Time End Time	Describe event being held: Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction Is this date a Sunday? ◯ Yes ◯ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ◯ Yes ◯ No
12	Date Start Time End Time	Describe event being held: Special License will be used for: ☐ Beer & Wine Service ☐ Beer, Wine, & Spirit Service ☐ Wine Auction Is this date a Sunday? ◯ Yes ◯ No If Yes, will alcohol be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon? ◯ Yes ◯ No

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A completed Special License application must be submitted as early as possible before your event(s) to avoid any delays in processing. It is strongly recommended that you submit the application as soon as you know the date of your event(s). Failure to submit a completed application at least ten (10) business days prior to the event(s) may result in no Special License being issued, pursuant to administrative rule R 436.575.

Part 3 - Special License Fees - Complete the Special License fee calculation on Page 4

For Organizations established less than one year or are municipalities - a $50.00 Special License base fee for each separate, consecutive day of the event is required. If the event is held on a Sunday and spirits will be served after 12:00 Noon, an additional $7.50 Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) fee is required. In addition, if any alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine, and spirits, will be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon, an additional $160.00 Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) fee is required. Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) and/or Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) fees will be required for each date that is a Sunday. **If you request a Special License for on-premises consumption AND for a Wine Auction both on the same date at the same location, you are requesting two (2) separate licenses and you must pay a license fee for both licenses.**

For Organizations established one year or more - a $25.00 Special License base fee for each separate, consecutive day of the event is required. If the event is held on a Sunday and spirits will be served after 12:00 Noon, an additional $3.75 Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) fee is required. In addition, if any alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine, and spirits, will be served between 7:00AM and 12:00 Noon, an additional $160.00 Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) fee is required. Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) and/or Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) fees will be required for each date that is a Sunday. **If you request a Special License for on-premises consumption AND for a Wine Auction both on the same date at the same location, you are requesting two (2) separate licenses and you must pay a license fee for both licenses.**

The fees must be paid by check, bank or postal money order, or by credit card, using the attached Credit Card Authorization Form (LCC-300). Checks and money orders should be made payable to **State of Michigan.**

Part 3 Continued - Special License Fees Calculation

Special License Base Fee: *(per Special License requested)*	25.00
x Number of Special Licenses:	3
= Special License Fees: *MLCC Fee Code: 4008*	$75.00
+ Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) Fees: *MLCC Fee Code: 4032*	Ø
+ Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) Fee: *MLCC Fee Code: 4033*	Ø
= TOTAL FEES DUE:	$75.00

If you request a Special License for on-premises consumption AND for a Wine Auction both on the same date at the same location, you are requesting two (2) separate licenses and you must pay a license fee for both licenses.

Make checks payable to: **State of Michigan**

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Part 4 - Signatures of Applicant Organization's Officers, Witnesses, and Notary

Pursuant to administrative rule R 436.575, the president and secretary of the organization making application shall sign the application and the signatures shall be notarized. Political candidates only need to sign the president section and have it notarized.

By signing below the applicant organization's officers attest that:

We certify that all profits from the sale of beer, wine and/or spirits or from a wine auction will go to the applicant organization and not to any individual. We further certify that any license issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission is a contract subject to suspension or revocation by the Commission, that there shall be no liability on the part of the State of Michigan, the Commission, or any of its officers or employees by reason of such suspension or revocation, and that the granting of the license does not create a vested right.

Under administrative rule R 436.1003, the licensee shall comply with all state and local building, plumbing, zoning, sanitation, and health laws, rules, and ordinances as determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. Approval of this application by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements. The licensee must obtain all other required state and local licenses, permits, and approvals for this business before using this license for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the licensed premises.

We certify that the information contained in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. We agree to comply with all requirements of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules. By signing this application, we are freely and voluntarily consenting and submitting to inspections of the licensed premises in accordance with MCL 436.1217(2)-(3) and R 436.1011(4). We also understand that providing **false** or **fraudulent** information is a violation of the Liquor Control Code pursuant to MCL 436.2003.

A completed Special License application must be submitted as early as possible before your event(s) to avoid any delays in processing. It is strongly recommended that you submit the application as soon as you know the date of your event(s). Failure to submit a completed application at least ten (10) business days prior to the event(s) may result in no Special License being issued, pursuant to administrative rule R 436.575.

Matthew Hewitt 330-888-2132 _____ _____

Print Name and Phone Number of President | Signature of President | Date

_____ _____ _____

Print Name of Notary | Signature of Notary | Date

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of _____ | Acting In the County of _____

My commission expires _____

Deborah Hewitt 330-365-7735 Deborah Hewitt _____

Print Name and Phone Number of Secretary | Signature of Secretary | Date

_____ _____ _____

Print Name of Notary | Signature of Notary | Date

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of _____ | Acting In the County of _____

My commission expires _____

Part 5 - Local Law Enforcement Approval*

The local law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over the event location must complete this section.

Name of law enforcement agency: MORENCI POLICE DEPT	
Name & title of reviewing officer: CHIEF NATHAN ADAMS	
Phone number of officer: 517-458-7104	Email of officer: NATHAN.ADAMS@CITYOFMORENCI.COM
If event will be held on a Sunday, is the sale of alcohol from 7:00am to 12:00 Noon on Sunday allowed in this local governmental unit?	○ Yes ◉ No
If the event will be held on a Sunday, is the sale of alcohol after 12:00 Noon on Sunday allowed in this local governmental unit?	◉ Yes ○ No
I certify that I have reviewed the application of the applicant organization for a Special License and approve the issuance of a Special License by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at the proposed event location.	Signature of Reviewing Officer: _____ Date: 3-5-26

Part 6 - Church/School Consent (If Applicable)*

If the event location is located within 500 feet of a church or school, the applicant organization must obtain the consent of the church or school. A church or school within 500 feet of the event location may object based on such the sale of alcohol at the location adversely affecting the church or school's operations. If a proper objection is filed, the Commission shall hold a hearing to determine whether the granting of the application will adversely affect the operation of the church or school.

Name of church or school:	
Address of church or school:	
City:	Zip Code:
Phone number:	Email:
Name of clergy member or superintendent:	
I, the authorized representative of the above named church or school, state that the church or school has no objection to the issuance of a Special License to the applicant organization at its proposed event location.	Signature of Clergy Member or Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Please note: the Commission has the sole and only right to approve or deny this request for a Special License.

Part 7 - Existing On-Premises Licensee Escrow Request (If Applicable)

If the event location is currently licensed with an on-premises license, the licensee must request that its license be placed into escrow for the date(s) and time(s) of the Special Licenses issued for use at the event location requested on this application. If the existing license would prefer to temporarily drop space from its licensed premises, it must submit a letter to the Commission requesting to drop space temporarily from its licensed premises during the event date(s) and time(s), accompanied by a diagram showing the area where the license will temporarily drop space from its licensed premises to accommodate the applicant organization.

Name of licensee:	Business ID Number:
Type of license held at this location (e.g. Class C, Club, Tavern, etc.):	
Phone number:	Email:
Name of authorized signer for licensee:	
I, the authorized signer, for the above named on-premises licensee, request that the licensee's licenses at this location be placed into escrow during the date(s) and time(s) specified for the Special Licenses issued for use at this location.	Signature of Authorized Signer for Licensee: _____ Date: _____

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Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909
Toll-Free: 866-813-0011 - www.michigan.gov/lcc

Business ID: 8730
Request ID:
(For MLCC Use Only)

Certified Resolution of the Membership or Board of Directors Authorizing the Application for Special License

(Required under Administrative Rule R 436.576 - Not Required for Candidate Committee)

At a [X] Regular [ ] Special meeting of the [ ] Membership [X] Board of Directors

called to order by Matthew Hewitt on 1/12/26 (Date) at 7:36pm (Time)

the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Paul White and supported by Michael Minturn

that the application from Morenci American Legion Post 368 (Name of Organization)

for a Special License to serve alcohol on 5/28/26 - 5/30/26 (Event Date or Dates)

to be located at 555 W. Main St Morenci, MI 49256 (Physical Address - Include Location Name, Street Address, City, State, & Zip Code)

It is the consensus of this body that the application be Recommended (Recommended or Not Recommended) for issuance.

Approval Vote Tally

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Certification by Authorized Officer of Organization:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the

[ ] Membership [X] Board of Directors at a [X] Regular [ ] Special meeting held on 1/12/26 (Date).

Matthew Hewitt Commander
Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer

Signature of Authorized Officer

05 MAR 2026
Date

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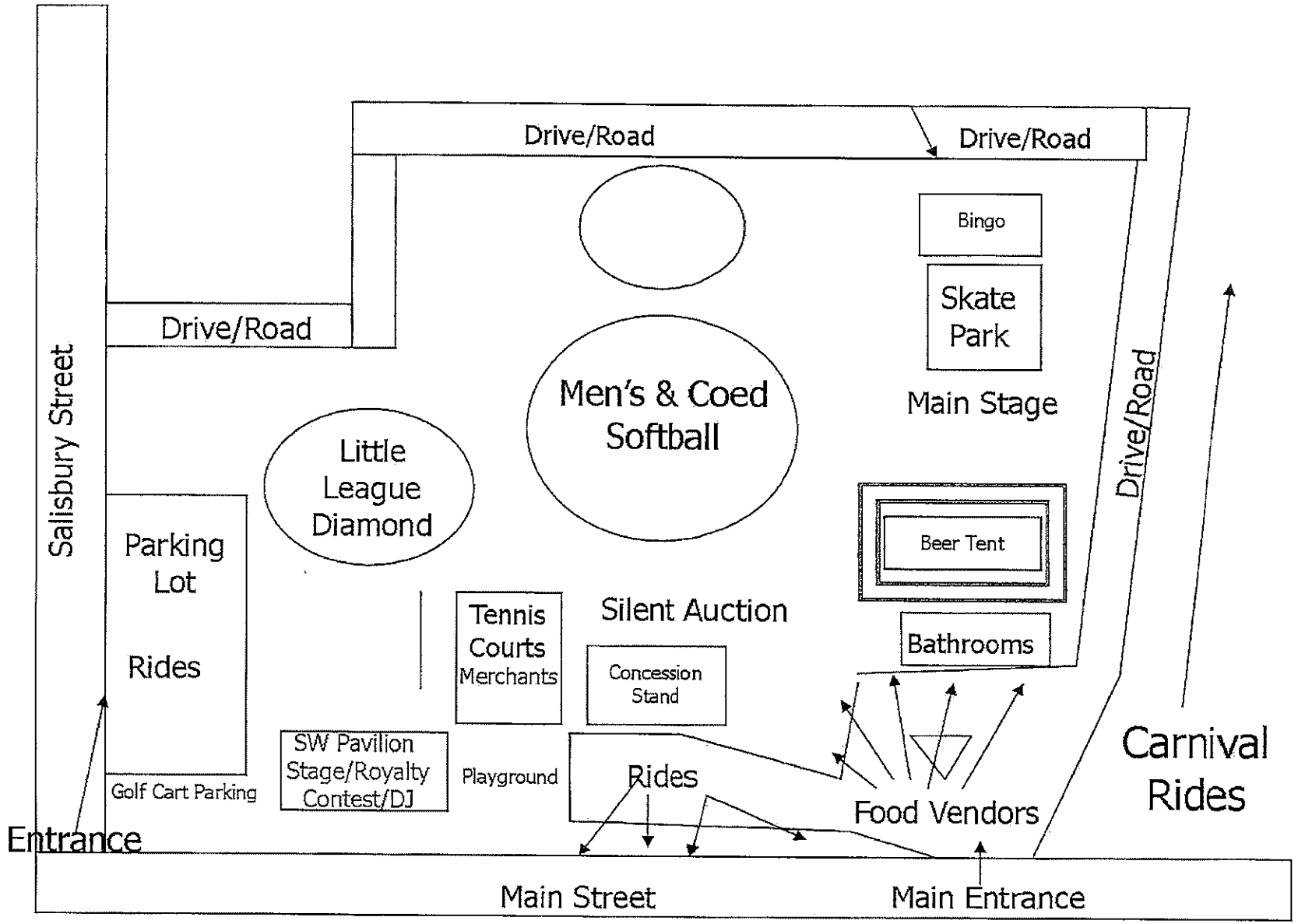
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Tennis Courts
Merchants
Silent Auction
Bathrooms
Concession Stand
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Playground
Rides
Carnival Rides
Golf Cart Parking
Food Vendors
Entrance
Main Street
Main Entrance

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 03/03/2025

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PRODUCER Hauxwell Insurance Group 7111 Dixie Highway - 262 Clarkston MI 48346	CONTACT NAME: Jeff Gowan PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 888-959-3090 FAX (A/C, No): 888-959-3091 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Jeff@HauxwellGroup.com
INSURED Morenci American Legion Post #368, Inc. 9010 Morenci St. Morenci MI 49256	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE — NAIC # INSURER A: Accelerant Insurance Company INSURER B: Conifer Insurance Company INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
B	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☐ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC ☐ OTHER:			CICP023391	5/29/24	5/29/25	EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) MED EXP (Any one person) PERSONAL & ADV INJURY GENERAL AGGREGATE PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$ 1,000,000 $ 200,000 $ 10,000 $ 1,000,000 $ 2,000,000 $ 2,000,000
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			CICO023391	5/29/24	5/29/25	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$ 1,000,000 $ $ $
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	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y/N ☐ (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A					☐ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	 $ $ $
A	LIQUOR LIABILITY			N0169LL001444	1/22/25	1/22/26	$1,000,000 Per Occ $1,000,000 Re Agg	

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Certificate Holder is considered an Additional Insured regarding General Liability Insurance listed above for Beer Tent exposure for event on May 29 to May 31, 2025 being held at Wakefield Park, located at 555 W. Main St., Morenci, MI 49256

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

City of Morenci Michigan
118 Orchard St.
Morenci, MI
49256

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Agenda Review Form

Regular City Council Meeting – 03/09/2026

☐ Informational
☑ Action / Follow Up
☐ Not Approved

Prepared For	Staff Contact
City Council	Jeff Bell
Date Submitted	**Department**
03/06/2026	Public Works

Subject

Fireworks Contract

Summary

The Town & Country Festival Committee has obtained a quote and contract for the upcoming Town and Country Festival Fireworks Display.
The company is Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks.
The contract Price is $5,000 and requires a $3,000 deposit to be placed ahead of the actual show.
The deposit would be paid in advance and then recovered through Donations being solicited.

Financial Impact

N/A

Budgeted	Amount:
N/A	N/A

Recommendation

After Discussion…

Motion to approve the Proposal from Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks in the amount of $5,000.00 for the Morenci Town and Country Festival, for the show to be held on May 30, 2026 @ 10 p.m. and authorize the City Superintendent Clerks Signature on the Contract.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments Copy of Proposal

461 Pearl Lake Dr., Sheridan, MI 48884

Email: duane@stsnfireworks.com

Website: https://www.stsnfireworks.com/

Phone (989) 287-1610

Firework Display Agreement

This Agreement is entered into on the date set forth below by and between Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks, and Morenci Town and Country Festival, hereinafter referred to as "Client". For and in consideration of the covenants by and between the parties hereinafter set forth the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall produce a firework display for the Client, hereinafter referred to as "Display", TBD, in Morenci, Michigan. The Display shall be fired on May 30, 2026 at 10 PM. An alternate date, acceptable to both parties, shall be used if the original firing date and time stated above are canceled due to inclement weather.

2. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall produce the Display as a service to the Client. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall provide the materials, equipment, labor, permits, and insurance as required by law and/or deemed necessary by Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks for the successful completion of the Display. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall not subcontract any portion of this contract to third parties.

3. Client agrees, at its own expense, to provide Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks with a suitable site to stage the Display, which must be clear of any and all people, vehicles and/or structures, acceptable to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks and the local authority having jurisdiction, to accommodate the normal firing and fallout of debris from the Display. Client shall allow sufficient time and access to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks to safely set up the Display on site.

4. Client agrees, at its own expense, to provide suitable security adequate to prevent any access to the Display site by members of the general public or persons not specifically approved by Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks. Temporary barricades, fencing and/or a red tape line reading "Danger – Do Not Enter" must be used to enclose the Display site. Uniformed

police officer/Security guard is required to secure the firing site and fallout area from 8:00 PM to midnight unless Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks has cleared the site and deemed it safe before midnight. To the extent allowed by law, any claim arising from injury to unauthorized persons or damages to property left in the Display area are the sole responsibility of the Client due to the Client's negligence. To the extent allowed by law, Client agrees to hold Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks harmless from any such claim.

5. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall not fire the Display if the wind speed is excessive; if so instructed not to by the local authority having jurisdiction; or, if the unplanned proximity of people or property should enter the Display site. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall attempt to fire the Display at such a time as conditions warrant a safe Display. There shall be no refund for effects not fired after arrival on Display site by Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks.

6. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Client harmless from all claims and suits made against Client in conjunction with the Display. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks agrees to provide liability insurance coverage in the amount of $2,000,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage. This indemnity and insurance covers the operations of Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks only and does not extend to any other aspect of the event at which this Display shall be held. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall list Client, Landowners, Sponsors and Authority Having Jurisdiction as an additional insured on its insurance policies. Should the Client fail to perform its obligations as set forth herein, Client agrees, to the extent allowed by law, to indemnify, defend and hold Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks harmless from all claims and suits made against Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks in conjunction with the Display.

7. This only applies if the event is canceled and is not rescheduled. Client shall have the option to cancel the Display at any time. If Client cancels the event prior to 10 days before the Display date, Client agrees to pay to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks as liquidated damages, 50% of the Display price. If Client cancels the event less than 10 days prior to the Display date, Client agrees to pay to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks as liquidated damages, 50% of the Display price and all costs incurred to that date by Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks including, but not limited to, permits, insurance, preparation labor, transportation, design, per diems, etc. If the Display is canceled due to a Burn Ban or inclement weather prior to arrival on Display site, Client agrees to pay to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks as liquidated damages, 50% of the Display price and all costs incurred to that date by Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks including, but not limited to, permits, insurance, preparation labor, transportation, design, per diems, etc. If the Display is canceled, for any reason, once it is installed at the Display site, The Client shall forfeit 100% of the Display cost, and full payment shall be due immediately.

8. Client may elect to set a rain out Display date. This date must be established at the time of this Agreement being signed and agreed upon by Client and Small Town Saturday Night

Fireworks. The date must fall within 180 days of the original Display date. The display location may not be changed. Client agrees to pay an additional fee equal to one tenth (1/10) of the total Display cost listed below to cover additional labor, permit and equipment fees. This amount is due on the rain out date. These fee's will only apply if the show is canceled 2 hours prior to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks scheduled arrival time which will be determined 1 week prior to the display date.

9. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. It is agreed that any court of competent jurisdiction within Lenawee County, Michigan shall be proper venue for an action. Should such action be brought to enforce or interpret the terms or provisions of this Agreement, each party shall bear it's own attorney fees and costs.

10. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as forming a partnership, joint venture, agency or any form of legal relationship, other than contractual, between Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks and the Client. Neither party shall be held responsible for any Agreements or obligations not expressly provided for herein and shall be severally responsible for their own separate debts and obligations.

11. Client agrees that in the event Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks breaches this Agreement or is otherwise negligent in performing the Display provided for herein, Client shall not be entitled to recover monetary damages from Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks beyond the amount Client agreed to pay Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks under this Agreement. Client shall not, under any circumstances, be entitled to recover any consequential damages from Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks. This Agreement shall be binding on the parties and on their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

12. Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks shall produce the Display for $5,000.00. It is agreed that the Client shall pay Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks the amount of $3,000.00 as a partial payment with the signed Agreement. The balance of $2,000.00, plus any additional expenses incurred at the Client's request, shall be paid to Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks on May 30, 2026. Any dishonored payment shall constitute breach of this Agreement.

Client	Small Town Saturday Night Fireworks LLC
_____	Duane Mocherman
Signed by:	Signed by:
_____	2/11/26
Date:	Date: