

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

July 28, 2014

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on July 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whiteside County Board Room, 400 North Cherry Street, Morrison, IL. Mayor Everett Pannier called the meeting to order. City Clerk Melanie Schroeder recorded the minutes.

Aldermen present on roll call were: Dale Eizenga, Michael Blean, Harvey Zuidema, Curt Bender, Marti Wood, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly. Alderman Leo Sullivan was excused.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, City Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen, City Treasurer Evan Haag and City Attorney Tim Zollinger.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following topics: lack of publishing of Sports Complex game/event schedules, annual festival put on by Baked by Liz and a request for Baked by Liz signage behind the former True Value.

Engineer Ortgiesen stated that the Route 30 storm sewer project, which was halted by city staff, can be resumed if the city requests. Administrator Dykhuizen requested a cost estimate prior to commencing work.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: July 14, 2014 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; and June 2014 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderman Blean. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Action Agenda Items:

- 1) Alderman Connelly moved to approve Resolution #14-08 – Directing the City Clerk to Certify and Submit the Question to the Whiteside County Clerk of Whether the City of Morrison shall be Authorized to Impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 2) Only 1 bid was received for the reconstruction of the sidewalks, curbs and streets from the repairs of the water leaks. It was the recommendation of Fehr-Graham to reject the 1 bid, as the bid was higher than the estimated cost and since there were no other bids to compare. Alderman Blean moved to reject the bid from O'Brien Civil Works in the amount of \$46,111.00, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 3) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the pay request from Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$48,404.34 for the Tech Drive Reconstruction Project, seconded by Alderman Wood. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 4) Alderman Wood moved to approve Resolution #14-10 – Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Wood) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) Council discussed the manufactured/mobile home ordinance. After discussion, it was decided not to rescind the ordinance since State statutes say municipalities cannot prohibit them, rather leave the code stand with some modification by removing the clause that prohibits such development.
- 2) Mayor Pannier began discussion regarding the potential sale of the property formerly known as the Wilkens house and some of the acreage associated with that same property. Council wishes to go out for sealed bids with 3 options to sell: the house only; the acreage only; and both the house and the acreage together. Administrator Dykhuizen will follow up with the process.
- 3) Administrator Dykhuizen stated a brochure is in progress, which provides the schedule of events at the Sports Complex. The schedule is also published on www.quickscores.com. Further publishing options will be discussed with staff.
- 4) The city's new website is online. The design and new site was completed by Marta Bender.
- 5) Mayor Pannier reminded council that the evening farmer's market will be held this Wednesday in the downtown. He also stated that a meeting with Fehr-Graham and Baxter & Woodman was held today regarding the waste water treatment plant. Results of estimated costs are being compiled.

Being no further business, Alderman Helms moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Mayor Pannier adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier
Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk