The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on August 11, 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 and Dave Helms. Alderman Leo Sullivan was excused. Alderman Scott Connelly was absent.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Director of Public Services Gary Tresenriter, Chief of Police Brian Melton, Sports Complex Director Jim DuBois and City Attorney Tim Zollinger.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following topics: annual festival put on by Baked by Liz and a request for downtown business signage along Route 30 & Main Street pointing toward Main Street businesses.

Administrator Dykhuizen stated the city has been waiting to hear from the RI GROWTH group to finalize their financing with the IL Attorney General’s office for grant monies for repairs/demolition of structures. The City of Morrison wishes to use grant funding to demolish property it owns at 703/705 West Morris Street. This process has been finalized and RI GROWTH will be informing the City of its next steps.

Chief Melton will have his monthly report in the 8/25/14 council packet. In the meantime, he informed the council that his department is working on the following: Whiteside County Fair; school beginning 8/18/14 (and related traffic control and new traffic patterns); reports on feral cats; and Paint the Town. The video cameras have been installed at City Hall.

Director Tresenriter stated Union Pacific Railroad will make repairs on Orange Street crossing on 8/19 and 20. He also stated that city crews will be working on a water leak on Route 30 on 8/12/14.

Mayor Pannier stated that he will be attending the following upcoming meetings: Blackhawk Hills Conference and a meeting between the IEPA and the City regarding wastewater treatment plant financing and options for loans.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: July 28, 2014 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; July 2014 Treasurer’s Report and a Letter of Support for Friends of the Parks for a Hometown Award Application, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Action Agenda Items:
1) Alderman Wood moved to adopt Ordinance #14-13 – Approving Line of Credit with Triumph Community Bank in the amount of $1 million, subject to final approval by City Attorney of final loan documents, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Eizenga moved to adopt Ordinance #14-19 – Authorizing the Use of the Line of Credit with Triumph Community Bank for the Reimbursement of certain Engineering Costs Relating to New Wastewater Treatment Plant, upon completion of loan documents and availability of the loan funds, seconded by Alderman Blean. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
3) Alderman Wood moved to accept utility easement from Robert and Nancy Shambaugh, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) A draft ordinance regarding electronic meeting attendance was presented for council consideration. Council was asked to look over the information, which will return on the 8/25/14 council agenda.
2) Council discussed utility service disconnect/reconnection policies. Following discussion, council agreed that if service is disconnected, payment for reconnection would have to be paid by 3 p.m. in order to be turned on that same business day. Otherwise, reconnection of service would be on the next business day.
3) Director DuBois updated the Council of the summer activities and projects currently in process. He requested the Council consider appointing a voluntary advisory board, with members appointed by the Mayor with consent of the Council. The topic will be on the next meeting’s agenda.
4) Alderman Wood inquired about the speed limit of trains traveling through town. Alderman Bender inquired about their policy about trains blocking the in-town rail crossings. Also discussed was the blowing of train horns even though there is a quiet zone. Chief Melton addressed the concerns.
5) Alderman Wood inquired about correcting the on-going issues noted in the annual audit report. Administrator Dykhuizen stated that some comments are currently or recently have been addressed.

Executive Session:
1) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Alderman Eizenga moved to enter Executive Session to consider the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan, Wood) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 7:56 p.m.
2) Regular session resumed at 8:29 p.m.

Alderman Blean moved to direct the City Administrator to initiate steps related to the bidding process and City Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the sale of property, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Being no further business, Alderman Bender moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Wood. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Mayor Pannier adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier
Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk