

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

September 22, 2014

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on September 22, 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, Leo Sullivan, Curt Bender, Marti Wood, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Chief of Police Brian Melton and City Treasurer Evan Haag.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following topics: replacement of diseased fruit trees at French Creek Park; and a "Thank You" to the city crews for the job well done with storm damage clean-up.

Clerk Schroeder stated that petitions for Ward 1, 2, 3, & 4 Aldermen for a 4-year term will be available for circulation beginning September 23, 2014. Filing period begins December 15th through the 22nd.

Administrator Dykhuizen provided the following report:

- 1) He stated that city crews have assisted in the hanging of new banners in the downtown area.
- 2) The frequency of the water line leaks has diminished. Baxter & Woodman Engineers have met with Director of Public Services Gary Tresenriter to review Well #5, which still remains offline. A contractor continues to repair parkway areas which were dug up due to the leaks. High priority curbs and sidewalks needing repairs from the leaks will also be done during the first week in October.
- 3) He reported that 90 children are in the City of Morrison Rec Soccer League.

Mayor Pannier stated he met with representatives from IDOT today, where they gave a multi-year presentation regarding highway repairs. He discussed with them the needed repairs to Route 78 (South Clinton Street to Portland Avenue to French Creek bridge) and to Route 30 at the Jackson Street intersection. An engineering study, done by IDOT, will be done with these areas to determine the costs.

Chief Melton stated that Squad #1 continues to be in service, despite a previous diagnosis. Some significant repairs will be needed to the vehicle.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: September 8, 2014 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; August 2014 Treasurers' Report; Request for Street Closure from Morrison High School for the Homecoming Parade; a Request for Street Closure from Morrison Chamber of Commerce for the Halloween Parade; and the renewal of the agreement with Rock Island GROWTH, seconded by Alderman Sullivan. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

There were no items for Action.

Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) A draft ordinance to establish a Parks and Recreation Board was presented to the Council for review. Mayor Pannier is looking for persons to serve on the Board. Questions, comments or concerns about the Ordinance should be directed to Administrator Dykhuizen prior to the next meeting. The topic will be on the October 14th council agenda for possible action.
- 2) A draft ordinance regulating projecting signs was in the packet. The Historic Preservation Commission wants to review the Ordinance prior to it going to Council for approval.
- 3) Council will need to further discuss adjusting the water and sewer rates. It is believed that the water rate will increase by 3%. Further information is needed to determine what should be done with the sewer rate. The topic will be on the next agenda.
- 4) Mayor Pannier stated he felt the Harvest Hammer and Paint the Town events were successful despite the rainy weather.

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 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier
Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk