

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

November 10, 2014

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on November 10, 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 and Dave Helms. Alderman Scott Connelly was excused.

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

There was no public comment.

Engineer Orgiesen stated that work on the waste water treatment plant collection system continues.

Mayor Pannier stated that he has recently given tours to two families who are considering moving to Morrison.

Alderman Helms moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: October 27, 2014 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; October 2014 Treasurers Report; Resolution #14-12 – Abate Dyke Real Estate Taxes; Resolution #14-13 – Abate Leal/Berge Real Estate Taxes; and Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Alderman Wood. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Action Agenda Items:

- 1) Alderman Blean moved to approve the preliminary draft of the 2015 Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 2) Alderman Sullivan moved to approve Resolution #14-11 – Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Located at 703-705 West Morris Street, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) Administrator Dykhuizen stated that during the FY 2010 annual audit, a deficit in the general fund was discovered. As part of the auditor adjustments, a transfer was made from the water/sewer fund to the general fund to cover the deficit. No council action was taken and no payback terms were arranged. In 2011, \$100,000 was transferred back to the water/sewer fund from the general fund. \$406,485 is the balance remaining. This outstanding transfer/loan has affected the city's bond rating. Bond counsel has recommended waiving the transfer of the remaining funds back to the water/sewer fund. Council action is required to do so. The subject will be on the November 24, 2014 council agenda to request a waiver.

- 2) Mayor Pannier thanked the Morrison voters, who approved the 1% sales tax increase, which will be put toward street repairs. Attorney Zollinger stated that the next step is to adopt an ordinance to implement the new sales tax. Council will need to determine the rate desired... in ¼% increments up to 1%. It was the consensus of the Council to place the rate at 1%.
- 3) Council members provided the following updates/reminders:
 - a. Veterans Day ceremonies are 11/11/14 at 11 a.m.
 - b. Congratulations to Alderman Connelly and his wife, Wendy, in the arrival of their new daughter.
 - c. The Cut-a-thon continues at Vogel's barbershop on 11/11/14, with proceeds going toward Tom Vogel's medical bills.
 - d. Mayor Pannier stated he sent out congratulatory emails to the Senators and Representatives.
 - e. Route 30 at Jackson Street has been fixed.

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

Mayor Pannier adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier
Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk