The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on December 8, 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 was absent. City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen recorded the minutes.

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

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

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following topic: residential recycling at Greenview Estates.

Director Tresenriter stated that the leaks are subsiding.

Alderman Sullivan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: November 24, 2014, 2014 Regular Session Minutes and Bills Payable, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Action Agenda Items:
1) Due to increases in health insurance, workman’s compensation insurance and increased payroll, Moring Disposal requests a $.50 increase in the refuse rate. Alderman Blean moved to approve the Moring Disposal request to increase the per-month, per residential unit refuse cost by $.50 effective January 1, 2015, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Sullivan, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Scott Connelly moved to approve the policy/quote from Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for risk management insurance for the City of Morrison, pending city attorney review, seconded by Alderman Sullivan. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Sullivan, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
3) Alderman Sullivan, moved to approve hiring a new employee to fill a position as wastewater laborer, seconded by Alderman Wood. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan) and 1 nay (Connelly), the motion carried.
4) Alderman Eizenga moved to adopt Ordinance #14-25 – 2015 Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Sullivan, Wood) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Council discussed outdoor wood-burning furnaces and will study further to determine the proper course of action.

Being no further business, Alderman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Sullivan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.
Mayor Pannier adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Everett Pannier
Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk