The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on January 12, 2015 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, Harvey Zuidema, Leo Sullivan, Curt Bender, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly. Aldermen Michael Blean and Marti Wood were excused.

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

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. Kim Ewoldsen introduced herself as the new MADC Director. She will also oversee the Chamber activities. She looks forward to serving Morrison in her new position.

Clerk Schroeder reported the following have filed petitions for the April 2015 Consolidated Election: Ward 1: Michael Blean; Ward 2: no candidate; Ward 3: Vernon Tervelt, Joshua West; Ward 4: Scott Connelly.

Administrator Dykhuizen stated that the bids for demolition of 703/705 West Morris Street have come in higher than anticipated. A conference call with RI GROWTH will occur Tuesday. He also stated that the Illinois Power Market invoices on the bill list are for the well house and lift stations electrical service.

Director Tresenriter presented his report:
1) He thanked the Public Works crews for the snow removal.
2) The downtown lights are all on. It was recently discovered that a timer that controls the “part-time” lights broke.
3) A water main break occurred on East North Street near Oakland Avenue. This was the first water leak since 12/12/14.

Alderman Sullivan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: December 8, 2014, 2014 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; November 2014 and December 2014 Treasurers Reports, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Zuidema, Sullivan, Bender, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Action Agenda Items:
1) Alderman Sullivan moved to adopt Ordinance #15-01 – Approving Membership in the Illinois Risk Management Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Sullivan, Bender, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

1) Director Tresenriter reviewed the process of snow removal on the downtown CBD streets and sidewalks and on residential streets. The timing of the removal and crews getting out to do the job is all dependent upon the timing of the snow and the congestion of downtown. The contractor likes to clear the CBD early mornings… around 2 am… when there are no cars on Main Street. The police department typically calls out city crews when conditions warrant.

Executive Session:

1) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Alderman Eizenga moved to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Bender, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Zuidema, Sullivan) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 7:19 p.m.

2) Regular session resumed at 7:35 p.m. There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

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

Mayor Pannier adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier
Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder
City Clerk