The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on March 23, 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, Michael Blean, Harvey Zuidema, Curt Bender, Marti Wood, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly. Alderman Leo Sullivan was absent.

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

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following topic: limiting the number of animals in a residential dwelling.

Director Tresenriter stated that Well 5 has been showing more iron and crews have been pumping the well to help clear it of the iron. Samples of the water will be taken soon. He will report the findings in the near future.

Alderman Wood moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: March 9, 2015 Regular Session Minutes, March 18, 2015 Special Budget Session Minutes, Bills Payable and the February 2015 Treasurers Report, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Blean moved to approve the Community Development Assistance Program Grant Writing Proposal of Services for sewer main lining, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Wood moved to approve Utility Easements for: Aaron/Dianah Young, Thomas/Vicki Eakle, Morrison Community Unit School District #6, Eric/Tracy Coleburg and Kevin Schisler properties, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bender, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
3) Alderman Helms moved to approve the Articles of Agreement and the Lease Agreement between the City of Morrison and the Morrison Fire Department, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
4) Alderman Wood moved to approve Resolution #15-02 – Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Orange Street repairs and to approve the preliminary/construction engineering services agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Wood) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion and Information:
1) Mayor Pannier presented his report:
   a. He recently attended a Northern Illinois Mayor Association meeting where they discussed the proposed reduction in the LGDF funds from the State of Illinois.
b. He has received a letter from IDOT stating that they will be deep-patching some areas on Route 30 this year. IDOT also stated they have no plans at this time for repairs on Route 78.

c. The Historic Preservation Commission will hold a special meeting to explain the economic opportunities for those in the Historic District. The meeting will be April 21st at the Community Room.

2) Chief Melton asked for the council direction regarding the oversized loads that have been travelling through Morrison lately. Council suggested the Chief contact the trucking company to negotiate a fee for the reimbursement of cost for the special police services. If this does not work, other options include: adding a special police services fee to the fee schedule in the ordinances; or going directly to IDOT to request they reroute the oversized loads.

3) Council reviewed a timeline from Baxter & Woodman Engineers for the waste water treatment plant. Mayor Pannier stated that a 30-year loan from the IEPA is not looking good. Council discussed their options: putting the plant on hold for 1 more year but ultimately decided to begin the process starting with holding a public hearing on the Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination.

Executive Session:
1) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Alderman Eizenga moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Sullivan, Bender, Wood, Helms) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:13 p.m.

2) Regular session resumed at 8:54 p.m. There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk