The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on April 13, 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, Marti Wood, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly. Alderman Leo Sullivan was absent and Curt Bender was excused.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pannier stated he and CA Dykhuizen had recently visited with Senator Anderson regarding legislative changes to the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund, the waste water treatment plant and Route 78 resurfacing. They, along with Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen, will meet again with the Senator and the IEPA on 4/14/15.

Chief Melton stated that one squad car is officially out of service. Repairs needed are too costly in comparison to the age/mileage of the vehicle. At the 4/23/15 meeting, he intends to request the purchase of a used squad vehicle from the Missouri State Police.

Director DuBois informed council of the recent and upcoming tournaments at the Sports Complex. Opening Day is May 15th. The Lions Club will dedicate their park pavilion on May 31st.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: March 23, 2015 Regular Session Minutes, March 30, 2015 Special Budget Session Minutes, Bills Payable, March 2015 Treasurers Report, and a Parade Permit Request from the American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade (insurance requirement was waived), seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Zuidema, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Connelly moved to approve the preliminary Fiscal 2015-2016 Budget and place it on file at City Hall for public inspection, seconded by Alderman Wood. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Zuidema, Wood, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Blean moved to approve Resolution #15-02 – Declaring Intent to Vacate a Portion of Tech Drive, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Wood, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema), 0 nays and 1 recuse (Connelly), the motion carried.
3) Alderman Connelly moved to approve the purchase of the Everbridge Mass Communication System, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Wood) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion and Information:

1) A budget public hearing will be held on 4/23/15 at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting. And a public hearing regarding the PEID will be held the same evening at 7 p.m. before the start of the regular council business meeting.

2) Council discussed some options regarding financing of the waste water treatment plant. Options included: 20 year loan with the IEPA; a 40 year loan with the USDA; or a possible lower 30 year rate with the IEPA in 2016. Council will need to decide the path in which they want to take so staff knows how to proceed with the project.

3) A meeting will be held on 4/21/15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room regarding the economic benefits available for those located in the National Historic District.

4) CA Dykhuizen stated he will be accompanying Director Kim Ewoldsen on an open house tour of the Thomson Correctional Facility.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk