The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on May 11, 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, Sports Complex Director Jim DuBois, and Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter.

Three newly elected Aldermen were sworn into office by Clerk Schroeder: Ward 1 Michael Blean; Ward 3 Vernon Tervelt; and Ward 4 Scott Connelly.

Clerk Schroeder conducted a roll call of the new council. Those present were: Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Tervelt, Helms and Connelly.

Mayor Pannier declared a vacancy for Ward 2 Alderman. He then informed the Council that he wished to appoint Mick Welding to fulfill the vacancy for a 2 year term. Alderman Blean moved to appoint Mick Welding to the 2 year Alderman Ward 2 vacancy, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Clerk Schroeder swore Mr. Welding into office. Mr. Welding took his seat at the table and was considered present.

Mayor Pannier presented a plaque of appreciation to Marti Wood for her service as Ward 3 Alderman.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following: Thanking Leo Sullivan and Marti Wood for their service as Aldermen.

Chief Melton stated that an orientation for city staff will be on 5/12/15 with the Everbridge system. Also, May 10-May 16 is National Police Week and he thanked the MPD officers for their service.

Director Tresenriter presented his report:

1) The UP Railroad may have grant monies available for the at-grade crossing at Orange Street project. Staff is looking into those opportunities. The Orange Street project will be on hold until further information is collected. He also noted that the project would run to just south of the USPS mailboxes but some “clean-up” of the area north of there would happen.

2) Parkway clean-up will begin soon on Route 30. This is from the maintenance from last years’ water leaks.
Director DuBois stated that Morrison Youth Baseball’s open house will be on May 15th at 6 p.m. at the Sports Complex.

Alderman Helms moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: April 27, 2015 Budget Hearing Minutes; April 27, 2015 PEID Public Hearing & Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Request for Street Closure – Ebenezer Reformed Church – “Touch a Truck”; Annual Appointment of Attorney and Members to Board & Commission; and Proclamations for American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day in Whiteside County & National Public Works Week, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the One-day Special & Limited Use Permit Liquor License for the Morrison Athletic Boosters fundraising event at the Whiteside County Fairgrounds on July 25, 2015, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried. The event will have a DJ and alcohol; no food. Chief Melton requested the Boosters inform him of their set-up once it is finalized.
2) Council discussed the feedback they received regarding the request for a pour liquor license at Sullivan’s Foods. The topic died for a lack of a motion.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) CA Dykhuizen requested council input regarding the limitation on household pets. Staff will check with other municipalities regarding their ordinances. Following further research, the topic will be brought back to the council for further discussion.
2) CA Dykhuizen and staff wish to place video conferencing technology in the lower level conference room at City Hall. This purchase has been placed in this years’ budget. This equipment would allow staff to remotely video conference with other parties and do online training. More information will be forthcoming.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk