The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on May 26, 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, Mick Welding, Curt Bender, Vernon Tervelt, Dave Helms and Scott Connelly.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, City Treasurer Evan Haag, and Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to public comment. The public commented on the following: citations given to vehicles parked downtown on 5/10 and parking on High Street during the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Mayor Pannier stated a different approach will be taken when calling for reports from city officers/department heads. Anyone wishing to make a report should raise their hand.

Attorney Zollinger stated that he has had a recent conversation with the State’s Attorney regarding prosecution of ordinance violations.

Mayor Pannier stated the council will forego the signing of written motion forms. Should the council wish or need to return to that, they can.

Alderman Bender moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: May 11, 2015 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; April 2015 Treasurer’s Report and City Hall Board Room Video Conference Equipment Purchase, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. 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 Blean moved to adopt Ordinance #15-06 – Authorizing the Execution of a Quit Claim Deed for the property described therein to Morrison Institute of Technology, seconded by Alderman Tervelt. On a roll call of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Eizenga, Blean) and 1 abstention (Connelly), the motion carried.
2) Alderman Bender moved to adopt Ordinance #15-08 – Vacating a Portion of Tech Drive, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call of 7 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 1 abstention (Connelly), the motion carried.
3) Alderman Tervelt moved to replace the copier/printer, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
4) Alderman Welding moved to adopt Ordinance #15-07 - disposal of surplus copier machine seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) CA Dykhuizen updated the council regarding the waste water treatment plant, sale of the house and Route 78 frontage. The access off Route 78 has been approved by IDOT. Council discussed what to do with the house and the acreage between there and the Conoco station. Following discussion it was decided to obtain market values in three different manners: 1) the house only; 2) the land only and 3) both the house and the land.

2) CA Dykhuizen stated that, as part of last year’s goal setting session, one of the top 5 council projects included establishing a park district. Council and Attorney Zollinger discussed how a park district is formed, the boundaries that could be established and how a municipality would transfer the parks to a park district. Attorney Zollinger reminded the council that city councils do not create park districts.

3) Information was gathered from other municipalities regarding limits on household pets. Council would like a draft ordinance brought back in the future, which would limit the number of household pets.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk