The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on June 22, 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 Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen, City Treasurer Evan Haag, and Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pannier reported on the following:
1) He recently attended the Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting with CA Dykhuizen. Representative Smiddy was the speaker who spoke regarding the budget issues with the State.
2) Mayor Pannier is on the search committee to find a new County economic development director.
3) Aldermen Welding and Tervelt recently attended a Newly Elected Officials seminar.
4) Sales Tax will be increased on July 1, 2015.
5) The Everbridge mass communication system is in operation. Online registration is available, as well as in person registration at City Hall. This is a free service to the community.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: June 8, 2015 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Resolution #15-06 – CDAP Grant Resolution of Support, 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 accept options 1 & 2 combined for the 2015 street repair project, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 1 nay (Zuidema), the motion carried. Option 1 is to grind a wedge the gutter and overlay Pine St to Wall St. Option 2 is to grind and overlay Clinton St to Jackson St.
2) Alderman Helms moved to adopt Ordinance #15-12 - Authorize the Execution of an Agreement for Prosecution of Ordinance Offenses, seconded by Alderman Tervelt. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
3) Alderman Bender moved to adopt Ordinance #15-13 – Authorizing the Allocation of City Funds for Repayment of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Under the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
4) Alderman Tervelt moved to approve the retention of Fehr Graham for the Construction Engineering Component of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to work with Fehr Graham on a mutually acceptable form of contract and upon completion of the same authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

5) Alderman Blean moved to use Fehr-Graham for the waste water treatment plant pumping (engineering services), seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) CA Dykhuizen asked for thoughts regarding what to do with the vacant land that used to be the water treatment plant/city house property. Alderman Tervelt would like to see the property sold. Following discussion, council agreed to allow CA Dykhuizen to look into selling the property.

2) Alderman Blean inquired about what the plan is with the prairie field at French Creek Park. Director Treserntiret stated that there is a farmer that knows how to deal with the thistle. According to that farmer, the issue is best dealt with in the fall.

3) Alderman Connelly inquired about the overgrown brush and guard rail on North Orange Street. Estimates are in hand for the repair of the guard rail. Discussion also included removal of the brush.

4) CA Dykhuizen will be meeting with some members of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the placement of more tablets at the Veterans Park and Memorial.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk