

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

July 27, 2015

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on July 27, 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 Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen and City Treasurer Evan Haag.

There was no public comment.

CA Dykhuizen stated that patching on Route 30 will begin around 8/24 and will last until approximately mid-October. This is an IDOT project. Construction will take place from Bartlett Street west to the Rock Creek Bridge.

Alderman Zuidema moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: July 13, 2015 Regular Session Minutes; Bills and appointment to Library Board – Chris Vanderleest (filling Nancy Rikken vacancy), seconded by Alderman Blean. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to a Public Hearing to discuss the submission of a CDBG Grant from DCEO. Sharon Pepin provided an overview of the request for funds. See the attachment for notes from this public hearing.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve Resolution #15-08 – A Resolution of Council Support from the CDBG Grant, 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.
- 2) Alderman Helms moved to approve Resolution #15-09 – Meeting Urgent Need National Objective for the CDBG Grant, seconded by Alderman Tervelt. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 3) Alderman Bender moved to approve Resolution #15-10 – Maintenance of Streets and Highways – MFT Project, 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. This is for the street project for South Clinton Street to East Wall Street and Jackson Street to Pine Street.
- 4) Alderman Blean moved to approve Maintenance Engineering to be performed by a consulting engineer – MFT Project, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

- 5) Alderman Helms moved to approve construction estimate of cost – MFT Project, seconded by Alderman Tervelt. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Helms, Connelly, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 6) Alderman Welding moved to approve municipal estimate of maintenance cost – MFT Project, seconded by Alderman Bender. 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 stated that the issue of limiting pet waking to the perimeter path at the Sports Complex was up for discussion and review by the Council. Hearing no objections to the idea, CA Dykhuizen will work with City Attorney Tim Zollinger to draft an ordinance.
- 2) The \$3900 bill on the bill list was to replace a compressor in the A/C unit at the Sports Complex, which was hit by lightning. The damage has been claimed on the city's risk management insurance.
- 3) 8 to 10 bid packets have been handed out for the sale of the city house and lot #2 in Sunset Addition.

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 7:35 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk

MORRISON - PUBLIC HEARING NOTES

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

Mayor Pannier opened the public hearing at 7:06 and turned the meeting over to Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services, who reviewed the following information.

Purpose of Public Hearing -

The City of Morrison is holding a Public Hearing to obtain citizens' views on the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery – Public Infrastructure grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The City's project entails the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. This Public Hearing is a requirement of the grant program, and is the first of two Citizen Participation Public Hearings.

Range of Activities Funded -

The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 made available \$16 billion in CDBG funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1974, due to Hurricane Sandy and other eligible events in calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

DCEO worked closely with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Housing Development Agency and obtained input from communities, individuals and other interested parties to develop the State of Illinois Action Plan and Amendments. The State of Illinois Action Plan and Amendments outline the eligible activities and programs available to assist communities to meet unmet housing, business, public infrastructure, and other needs resulting from the 2011-2013 disasters. The plan allocates \$6,800,000 for short and long-term public infrastructure recovery through the Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure program.

The State estimates more than \$40 million in public infrastructure damage requiring short term recovery assistance exists in counties declared under Federal DR-4116, DR-4157, DR-1991 and DR-1960. To address this damage, the State has received approximately \$35 million in emergency response and immediate recovery assistance through funds made available through the Federal Emergency management Agency. The difference remaining after FEMA funding is approximately \$19 million which represents the current unmet, short-term financial needs identified in the affected counties to-date. The extent of impact to affected areas in Illinois in 2011, 2012 and 2013 made the State one of several eligible for this disaster recovery assistance to address both short and long-term recovery, restoration and mitigation needs in these counties.

The CDBG Disaster Relief Public Infrastructure program will support projects that FEMA or other sources cannot fund, but which are nevertheless critical to recovery. Examples include water/sewer systems, storm drainage systems, and levee systems damaged by storm / flood in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Before any activity can be funded in whole or in part with CDBG Disaster Recovery funds, a determination must be made as to whether the activity is eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended. Activities must also meet one of the three

national objectives, and all projects funded under CDBG must address at least one of the following three national objectives of the CDBG Program:

1. Benefit low-and-moderate income persons;
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight; or
3. Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency.

Amount of Funds Available -

Each year, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity establishes funds for each of their CDAP program categories. This year, the state's allocation is estimated at \$26,000,000. A breakdown of each program category's funding allotment is as follows: Economic Development - \$2,000,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000; Public Infrastructure - \$14,000,000, maximum Construction grant and maximum Construction with Design grant is \$450,000; Housing Rehabilitation - \$6,500,000, maximum grant amount is \$400,000; and Emergency Public Infrastructure - \$2,803,325, maximum grant amount is \$200,000. A special allocation of \$16,000,000 for CDBG Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure has been issued. The maximum grant amount is \$600,000, and the Department reserves the right to increase the maximum award based on the unique aspects of circumstances surrounding a project application.

Plans For Minimizing Displacement -

No displacement is anticipated as a result of this project.

Detailed Prioritized List of Community Development Needs -

The City of Morrison has identified the following community development projects:

- Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Lining Work
- New Wastewater Treatment Plant Project
- New In-System Sanitary Sewer Improvements (part of the new wastewater plant project)
- Street Reconstruction and Storm Sewer Drainage Work

The City of Morrison is applying for a CDBG Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure Program and requesting grant assistance for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. Morrison's proposed project is eligible for grant assistance as the plant itself was damaged as a result of the 2011 Federal Disaster Declaration (FEMA-1960-DR). In March 2011 (Release Date – March 17, 2011; Release Number – HA-11-028), which was amended in May 2011 (Release Date – May 16, 2011; Release Number – 1960-004), Whiteside County was declared a federal disaster due to the severe winter storm and snowstorm that struck the area during the period January 31 to February 3, 2011. Morrison and all of Whiteside County experienced an 18.82" snowfall event on February 1, 2011, with another 1.5" falling two days later. In total, for the first week of February, close to 22" of snow fell on the City of Morrison.

This historical storm event greatly impacted the City of Morrison's wastewater treatment facility, a floating digester cover collapsed from the weight of the snow, which damaged the sludge piping, heating coils, gas piping and supports and possibly even the concrete cover supports. Additionally, the concrete cap on the top of the digester tank was severely cracked and spalling off with some exposed rebar, which has allowed water to get behind the face brick

of the digester, creating structural defects. The facility's sludge storage tank sustained a large radial crack in the concrete foundation cone, and the manhole concrete cover cracked into several large pieces, all presenting a safety concern to the operations of the facility.

Not only has the weight of the snow been a contributing factor to damage sustained at the existing wastewater treatment plant, but so has the ultimate meltdown of the snow. Combined with warmer temperatures, frost still in the ground and the fast melting of 22" of snow caused major flooding all across Whiteside County, including Morrison. The City's wastewater treatment plant became inundated with major flood waters, with the primary clarifier tanks and chlorine tanks being completely submerged with storm flood waters from Rock Creek to which the Morrison wastewater treatment plant discharges to.

To prevent recurrence and to make Morrison resilient against future natural disasters, the City has been planning and designing for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant that will be located in a different area, outside of a floodplain. Due to the disasters experienced over the last few years, Whiteside County is undergoing the planning process for the creation of a County-wide Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Morrison participated in this planning process, and the need for a new, relocated wastewater treatment plant was a high priority project identified in the Plan. In addition to constructing a new wastewater treatment plant, the City will also be constructing in-system sanitary sewer improvements that will be needed for the new plant, which will also address a violation notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Morrison's CDBG Disaster Relief Public Infrastructure (DR PI) grant application request is for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant project. The City's proposed CDBG DR PI project meets two of the national objectives: 1) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight; and 2) Meets other community development needs having a particular urgency. Morrison's project will also address the IEPA violations notice and the activities identified in the IEPA Compliance Commitment Agreement.

The City's treatment plant project is estimated to cost \$15,384,000. Morrison is applying to DCEO for a CDBG DR PI grant in the amount of \$1,061,233 (this amount takes into consideration monies previously received from FEMA for this particular disaster). The grant is roughly 7% of the total project cost, and grant funds will be used for construction and grant administration. The City's project is being financed solely with an IEPA Clean Water Loan. The City is requesting more than the allowed \$600,000 maximum grant amount due to the financial hardship the project will have on its residents in the form of increased sewer user fees.

The public may access the City's CDBG Disaster Recovery grant application by contacting the City Clerk at 815-772-7657 to arrange a time. A complete copy of the grant application will be available at City Hall after August 3, 2015.

Questions / Comments:

None

Respectfully Submitted:

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk/Collector