The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on September 14, 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 and Dave Helms.

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

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to Public Comment. The public commented on the following topics: private, shared water lines; wood burning furnaces; motorized vehicles on city streets

Mayor Pannier presented a plaque of recognition to former Ward 4 Alderman, Scott Connelly, and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Pannier declared a vacancy in a Ward 4 Alderman position. Alderman Blean moved to appoint Arlyn Deets to fill the unexpired position, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Alderman Deets took his seat at the table.

Mayor Pannier reported on the following:
1) He recently attended a Bureau of Prisons Community Relations meeting and a Savanna Council meeting.
2) He has met with IDOT regarding the resurfacing of Route 78. This project is not currently on their timeline.
3) A reminder that the Harvest Hammer and Paint the Town events are on 9/19/15.

Alderman Helms moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: August 24, 2015 Regular Session Minutes; July 2015 Treasurers Report; Bills Payable; Request for Parade Permit – Chamber of Commerce – Halloween Parade; Request for Parade Permit – Morrison High School – Homecoming Parade; Triumph Bank Line of Credit Extension, seconded by Alderman Tervelt. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Eizenga moved to establish a community landscaping improvement fund, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Bender moved to adopt Ordinance #15-15 – Outdoor Wood Burners (Hydraulic Heaters), seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean, Welding) and 1 nay (Zuidema), the motion carried.
3) Alderman Tervelt moved to adopt Ordinance #15-16 – Equipment Lease with AERO-MOD, pending attorney review, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Welding, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Council discussed the potential of banning solicitors in Morrison.
2) Lot #2 in Sunrise Addition has not yet sold. No bids were received. Council decided to request a new ordinance be written placing the parcel up for bid again and, if unsuccessful, pre-authorizing the City Administrator to market the property.
3) Council reviewed the current zoning classification of the block between Jackson and Bartlett Streets and Bartlett to Clinton Street. It was decided to leave the north side of that area zoned as C2 General Business, but refer the rezoning of the south side of these areas to the Planning/Zoning Commission, with the thought of changing the zoning in these two blocks to R2 General Residential.
4) Mayor Pannier reminded the Council of the potential special council meeting on 9/21/15 at 2 p.m. to discuss awarding the bid for the Jackson Street/East Wall Street project.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk