The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on March 14, 2016 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, Vernon Tervelt, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets. Aldermen Mick Welding was absent.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Chief of Police Brian Melton, Sports Complex Director Jim DuBois, Public Works Director Gary Tresenriter, City Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen and City Treasurer Evan Haag.

There was no public comment.

Director Tresenriter has spoken with an IDNR engineer about the excess flow pond permit. The Engineer stated he would get to it next week.

City Engineer Ortgiesen stated bids for the Wall Street street project will be due on 4/20/16. Council will review at their 4/25/16 meeting. The waste water treatment force main bids will be within the next month.

Mayor Pannier stated he has contacted the IDNR director about the above mentioned permit.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: February 22, 2016 Regular Session Minutes; March 1, 2016 Special Session Minutes; Bills Payable; February 2016 Treasurers Report; Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month: May 2016; Proclamation – Junior Achievement Day: April 7, 2016; and Application for Payment #3/Request for Loan Disbursement #4 – Waste Water Treatment Plant, seconded by Alderman Blean. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Blean, Zuidema, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

1) Alderman Blean moved to approve to continue evaluation of working with County Engineer Renner to design, plan and bring back a proposal to Council for a new French Creek Bridge, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried. The proposal included Engineer Renner working with the MHS Physics class on designing a new bridge for the park.

2) Alderman Eizenga moved to authorize purchase and planting of trees for French Creek Park using Margy Haines memorial fund pending review by the Morrison Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Blean, Zuidema, Bender) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) Administrator Dykhuizen spoke regarding the Community Room at Odell Library. Staff has discussed changing the fee to include kitchen access to all renters and charging 1 fee for rental. Anyone with feedback should contact CA Dykhuizen.

2) The first draft of the 2017 fiscal budget was handed out. A second budget prep meeting will be held later this month.

3) Mayor Pannier reminded Council to complete and return their Statement of Economic Interest forms with the County Clerk.

4) Mayor Pannier reminded everyone to vote on March 15th.

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 7:43 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk