

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

May 23, 2016

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on May 23, 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, Kenneth Mahaffey, Harvey Zuidema, Mick Welding, Curt Bender, Vernon Tervelt, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets.

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

There was no public comment.

Director Tresenriter stated work on Sawyer Road will begin next week and the sealcoating of streets will begin after July 4th.

CA Dykhuizen reported the following:

- 1) The American Legion is nearly half-way to their \$15,000 fundraising goal to purchase new tablets at the Veterans Park & Memorial.
- 2) He thanked the youth softball/baseball group for cleaning up Waterworks Park over the weekend.
- 3) He announced that City Hall will be closed Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a computer software review.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: May 9, 2016 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; April 2016 Treasurers Report; Proclamation – American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day; Revised Audit Engagement Letter, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Item for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) Alderman Helms moved to approve Ordinance #16-06 – Amending Section 36-281 & Section 36-282 (Drug Paraphernalia & Cannabis Control Act), seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 2) Alderman Deets moved to approve Ordinance #16-07 – Repealing Parking Lot Parking Restrictions (former Jennings Lot), seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

- 1) Engineers have reviewed the iron issues at Well #5 and recommend adding Phosphates to assist with the reduction of the iron. Costs of this process are forthcoming.

- 2) City of Morrison Street Signs do not currently meet IDOT retroreflectivity standards. \$10,000 in MFT funds are budgeted for this fiscal year to replace some of the signs. CA Dykhuizen asked for suggestions regarding colors of the signs and most of the Council chose green with white lettering.
- 3) Council discussed refinancing the current debt service and possibly incorporating other capital needs into the refinancing. Council was asked to consider the options provided. The issue will be revisited in July.
- 4) Electric rates with ComEd will soon be lower than the current City of Morrison aggregation rates. At any time, residents may opt-out of the aggregation program. Information will be sent to residents about the lower rate.
- 5) Alderman Welding presented an idea of asking the two Townships to put to referendum so that county residents share in the cost to maintain Grove Hill Cemetery. CA Dykhuizen will speak with Attorney Zollinger on the issue.

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 8:21 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk