

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

July 11, 2016

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on July 11, 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, City Treasurer Evan Haag and Police Chief Brian Melton.

There was no public comment.

Director Tresenriter presented his report:

- 1) The waste water treatment plant construction is coming along nicely. The control building iron structure is up. The concrete walls are up for the aero-mod. And the mechanicals will be installed soon.
- 2) Concrete for sidewalks on West Wall Street is anticipated to be poured Thursday. Weather permitting, the street project will be done at the end of next week.

Chamber Director Kim Ewoldsen provided an update on the Summer Extravaganza. Planning and advertising are going very well.

Alderman Bender moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: June 27, 2016 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Waste Water Treatment Plant Request for Loan Disbursement #8 & Application for Payment #7; Request for Street Closure – Morrison Farmer’s Market; and Ordinance #16-10 – Request for Variance – Charles West – 618 Lincolnway Court, seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

- 1) Alderman Mahaffey moved to include the paving of Grape & Base Streets, North of Wall Street, as part of the West Wall Street project, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays the motion carried.
- 2) Alderman Zuidema moved to approve the DCEO/CDBG Administration Services as amended (incorrect dates), seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 3) Alderman Helms moved to waive building permit fees for structures within the locally designated historic districts, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

- 1) CA Dykhuizen has been working with the MADC in looking for ways to encourage businesses to stay/locate in Morrison. One example is a local real estate tax abatement, which could be tied to retaining and/or creating a certain number of jobs. General thoughts from the council was that this was ok. The MADC will continue pursuing this idea.
- 2) The current building lease agreement with the Chamber of Commerce is due to expire in August 2016. Following attorney and chamber review, the agreement will return to the council for action. Contact CA with questions or concerns in the meantime.
- 3) Council discussed refinancing the current general obligation bonds. Two options seem to come to the forefront... refinancing at a lower rate until either 2029 or 2035. The topic will be on the July 25th Council Agenda.
- 4) Council discussed putting to referendum, the question of increasing the tax levy for police protection. An ordinance will be presented at the July 25th to put the question to voters.
- 5) Mayor and CA recently met with a representative from Senator Kirk's office regarding any grant opportunities available.
- 6) A drone video is available online showing the downtown street project in Maquoketa, IA.
- 7) A reminder there is a Special Council Meeting on July 20th at 4 p.m. beginning at French Creek Park to tour city facilities.
- 8) Director Tresenriter stated the public works department is installing smart meters in residences and businesses. These smart meters record data and can be helpful in helping detect leaks.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk