The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on September 12, 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, City Treasurer Evan Haag and Chief of Police Brian Melton.

The public commented on the following topics: general obligation bond restructuring.

Chief Melton stated the Department is observing Rail Safety week from September 11 to 17, 2016. He reminded everyone to be safe around the tracks. He also stated he will have a listing of surplus property to dispose of at the next meeting.

Clerk Schroeder stated petitions will be available for circulation beginning September 20, 2016 for the following elected positions: Mayor, City Clerk, Ward 1 Alderman, Ward 1 Alderman (2-year un-expired term), Ward 2 Alderman, Ward 2 (2-year un-expired term), Ward 3 Alderman, Ward 4 Alderman, and Ward 4 (2-year un-expired term).


Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: August 22, 2016 Regular Session Minutes; August 289, 2016 Special Session Minutes; Bills Payable; FY 2016 Annual Financial Report; Final Pay Estimate – West Wall Street Project; Request for Parade Permit – MHS Student Council – Homecoming Parade; Request for Permits (Parade and Street Closure) for Halloween Parade & Christmas Walk – Morrison Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. 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 Helms moved to approve Ordinance #16-12 – Request for Variance – 204 Maple Avenue, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve Ordinance #16-13 – Establishing the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone, 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 Welding moved to approve Ordinance #16-14 - Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 of the City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed

4) $2,300,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the City and paying for costs related thereto, seconded by Alderman Bender. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bender, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding) and 1 nay (Zuidema), the motion carried. There will be an information meeting set for next week, allowing the public to come ask questions regarding this issue.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Council was asked to pursue the idea of allowing 24-hour parking on Market Street.
2) An Ordinance will be forthcoming regarding implementing an initial liquor license fee for new establishments wanting to serve alcohol

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk