The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on June 26, 2017 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, Vern Tervelt, and Arlyn Deets. Aldermen Josh West and Dave Helms were not present.

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, City Attorney Tom Sanders, Chief of Police Brian Melton, City Treasurer Even Haag and Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter.

The public commented on the following: vehicles parking in “bike paths” and compliments to Alderman Zuidema for his appearance on KWQC showcasing the historical museum.

Chief Melton reported that his monthly report will be forthcoming, new Officer Mike Moon has started duty and the new squad vehicle will be getting equipment installed soon.

Treasurer Haag reported that the Treasurer’s Reports for March, April and May are done and will be in the next council packet for review/approval.

Alderman Zuidema requested the Bills Payable be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: June 12, 2017 Regular Session Minutes as amended; and Transfers: $35,000 from Fund 46 to Fund 24; $75,000 from Fund 46 to Fund 26; seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Alderman Zuidema wishes the MADC dues not be paid out of the water and sewer funds. CA Dykhuizen stated this was part of the budgeting process and the council can change it at the next budgeting time. Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Bills Payable, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

1) Alderman Welding moved to approve Resolution #17-07 – Establishing an Arts, Cultural and Entertainment Corridor, seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Welding, Tervelt, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

2) Alderman Eizenga moved to set a date for a public meeting regarding Main Street rehabilitation as July 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Community Room, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Tervelt, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

3) Alderman Zuidema moved to approve the purchase of a 2018 Peterbilt Dump Truck at an approximate cost of $149,000, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

4) Alderman Deets moved to approve the purchase of a “Smith and Loveless” Lift Station upgrade for the North Jackson location, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) Council discussed the current zoning code as it relates to the distance of a bar/tavern from a residence. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the council to reduce the distance from 500’ to 100’, which puts all existing bar/tavern locations into compliance. The issue will need to be referred to the Zoning Board.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Mayor Pannier congratulated Alderman Zuidema on a job well done with his recent appearance on Fran Riley’s spot on KWQC. The spot highlighted the historical museum.

Mayor Pannier congratulated Morrison Tech on being named in the Top 30 Two-Year Technical Schools. MIT is #19.

The pumps for Genesee Avenue are in.

Winfield Street road construction will be halted for approximately 2 weeks and will resume after the July 4th holiday and the 4-H Fair.

Alderman Mahaffey inquired if the city would be recognizing the girls’ softball team. Mayor Pannier stated that IDOT will be erecting a sign noting their accomplishment.

Alderman Zuidema requested a FY 2017 revenue & expense report.
Being no further business, Alderman Mahaffey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk