The Morrison City Council met in Special Session on July 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Community Room, 307 S. Madison St., 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, Josh West, Vernon Tervelt, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets.

Other City Officials included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter, City Engineers Noah Carmichael and Adam Holder.

There was no public comment on items unrelated to Main Street.

CA Dykhuizen made a presentation regarding Main Street and the condition of the street. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential Main Street construction project. The 1% sales tax was reviewed, as well as the 2008 Pavement Management Report. Approximate cost of the project is $1.9M, which could be split into two phases. Also discussed were funding options.

Mayor Pannier opened the meeting to comments from the public. Comments regarding the project included the following:

- Suspending Paint the Town due to the current condition of the street.
- Sections of the curb/sidewalk have sunk.
- Steps into the businesses are not handicap accessible.
- Changing the traffic pattern from 1-way to 2-way.
- Storm water in basements.
- Erosion issues.
- ADA compliance: parking & van accessibility.
- Hollow underside of sidewalks.
- Financial position of the City.
- Don’t piece-meal the project. Do it all at once.
- Allow residential spaces on the main floors.
- Chamber of Commerce is in support of the project.
- Concern for seniors getting in and out of the buildings.
- Are there other projects to consider first?
- Capability of water main downtown to fight a fire.
- Has the City looked into Grants?
- Estimated completion time.

Mayor Pannier stated the Council will continue to address other street condition issues along with Main Street. There will be more meetings with the public regarding Main Street. He also stated he recently visited Maquoketa, IA, who has recently re-done their Main Street.
Alderman West asked for a show of hands from those present of who was not in favor of the project. No one raised their hand. While he would like to see more information, he stated he is in favor of the project.

Alderman Zuidema stated he didn’t feel the water mains need to be done on Main Street, due to the availability of water from larger mains elsewhere. He felt the City was moving too fast and felt the City needs to look at the basements of the downtown businesses. He stated he is for the project, but not a door to door fix.

Alderman Welding liked the positive comments and is interested in engaging more businesses. He is in favor of the project.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk