The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on August 14, 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, Josh West, Vern Tervelt, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets. Alderman Mick Welding was not present.

Other City Officials present included: Chief of Police Brian Melton and Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pannier removed the Bills Payable from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: July 19, 2017 Special Session Minutes, July 24, 2017 Regular Session Minutes; March 2017 Treasurers Report; Waste Water Treatment Plant Request for Loan Disbursement #21/Application for Payment #20; Waterworks Park Pump Station, Genesee Avenue Pump Station & Sanitary Sewer Improvements Request for Loan Disbursement #7/Application for Payment #7; Sanitary Sewer Liming Application for Payment #1; Community Development Block Grant Payment Request #5; Remove Jim DuBois and Authorize Travis McBride as Signatory on Parks & Recreation Checking Account; Request for Street Closure – Morrison Rotary – Harvest Hammer; Request for Street Closure – CAPA – Paint the Town; seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Council discussed the Bills Payable; questioning the payment to Mr. & Mrs. Kenady and questioning the amount of “prepaid” bills. Concerns were addressed. Mayor Pannier will ask a representative from the Historic Preservation Commission to the next meeting to explain their procedure for the CBD Building Improvement Program. Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Bills Payable, seconded by Alderman West. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the purchase of a tractor, loader, rotary cutter & quick coupler at a cost of $49,949, financing at 0% for 5 years, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen has spoken with Fehr-Graham, who has provided estimates on several components of the Main Street reconstruction project. The City will soon solicit Requests for Qualifications from 3 other engineering firms who have been involved in Main Street reconstruction projects similar to the one Morrison is contemplating. Mayor Pannier stated there will be a public meeting on September 21st at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. He hopes many of the Main Street business owners and property owners will be present. Jill Pepin spoke with regard to grant opportunities for the Main Street project. The first thing the Council needs to decide is the scope of the project. Thereafter, a preliminary engineering report is needed.

2) Sewer lining and manhole maintenance will begin toward the end of August.

3) Alderman Tervelt feels Civil Constructors are not addressing the problem at Water Works Park and feels they are not acting responsibly. He says the residents are upset. Mayor Pannier stated that the amount of rain and the dike break were out of control of the City. He assured Alderman Tervelt the contractors will put the yards back the way they were. Mayor Pannier stated he has a meeting scheduled with the residents to discuss their concerns.

4) The sewer connection at Winfield Street has been made and the street is open. Only a few more days of construction are left, which will continue after the Whiteside County Fair is done. Once completed, all waste water will flow to the new waste water treatment plant.

5) Alderman Zuidema expressed concerns over some items at the Sports Complex. He feels the mulching of the fence line is a waste of money and time. He also requested the equipment that is being stored outside be moved to the storage area at General Electric ASAP. Mayor Pannier stated he and CA Dykhuizen will get with the new parks and recreation director to see what can be done.

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 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk