The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on August 28, 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, Josh West, Vern Tervelt, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets

Other City Officials present included: City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Chief of Police Brian Melton and City Treasurer Evan Haag.

There was no public comment.

Chief Melton stated his report was sent out Friday. The police department has noticed a significant increase in calls for service during the months of June and July.

CA Dykhuizen presented his report:
1) The sports complex equipment will be placed into storage this week
2) The scope of street work on High Street will be ready by September/October.
3) The State of Illinois will be taking 2% of the sales tax monies as a “handling fee”.

Treasurer Haag reported that software issues continue, but that a resolution should be coming soon, as staff continues to work with the company to resolve the issues.

Mayor Pannier presented his report:
1) A representative from the Historic Preservation Commission will be at a September council meeting to review the process of the CBD reimbursement program.
2) He updated Council regarding the flooding at the golf course and his recent conversations with the residents who live in that area.

At the request of Alderman Zuidema, Mayor Pannier removed Resolution #17-11 – Restructure IEPA Loans from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: August 14, 2017 Regular Session Minutes, Bills Payable; Approve Mick Welding as Mayor Pro-Tem; Requests for Parade Permits/Street Closure – Morrison Chamber of Commerce for the Halloween Parade and the Christmas Walk/Parade; Resolution #17-10 – Support for the Morrison Institute of Technology Innovation Center; seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Alderman Zuidema stated he was concerned about the lack of information Council has received regarding the restructuring of the IEPA Loans. CA Dykhuizen stated that restructure information is not available at this time. This Resolution is required by the EPA and
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gives council approval to apply for restructure; the same approval that the Council gave at the July 24, 2017 council meeting, only in a more formal format. Terms of the restructure will follow in the future and the council will have the opportunity to review those terms before officially accepting the restructure. Alderman West moved to approve Resolution #17-11 – Restructure IEPA Loans, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, 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 transfer of 50% ($83,598.50) of outstanding Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) to the Library Fund over a 7 year period, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) CA Dykhuizen updated the Council on some items regarding the Main Street project. Cost of grinding/overlaying and street corners was in the packet. 6 area firms have received Requests for Qualifications with a 9/15 deadline. He suggested the forming of an ad hoc committee to review the RFQ’s. There will be a public meeting on 9/21/17 at 7 p.m. at the Community Room to discuss the project. It is with high hopes that more business owners and downtown building owners will be present at the meeting. Council will soon need to make a decision on the scope of the project.
2) Alderman Welding recently spoke with Rep. Toni McCombie regarding the condition of Route 78. She stated she will inquire about it. Mayor Pannier will be submitting a letter of request and the Chamber will be submitting a letter of support, as well.

Executive Session:
3) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Alderman Eizenga moved to enter Executive Session to consider the Collective Negotiating Matters Between Public Employers and Their Employees or Representatives, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 7:42 p.m.
4) Regular session resumed at 7:53 p.m.
5) Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the FOP Bargaining Unit Agreement, for a term from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017, seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Being no further business, Alderman Tervelt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk