The Morrison City Council met in Special Session on September 21, 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, Dave Helms and Arlyn Deets. Alderman Vern Tervelt was not present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential Main Street construction project.

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

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

- Council needs to determine the scope of the project.
- A projected 2019 bid letting and a 2020 work start time.
- A committee of persons from: Council, Chamber, MADC and downtown businesses may be formed.
- Sidewalks must be ADA compliant
- Replacing the 100 year old water main, as firefighting capabilities are a concern.
- Businesses will be inconvenienced, but conditions of how much and how to deal with the inconvenience can be placed in the contract.
- Requests for Qualifications were due September 15.
- There will be some up-front costs (engineering, studies, etc…)
- Can use the 1% sales tax, however bonds may need to be taken out to fully pay for the project.
- There is little other funding available.
- “Niceties” such as benches, light poles, trees, fancy crosswalks, bump outs.
- Change the traffic pattern to 2-way traffic.
- ADA entrances to businesses will be responsibility of the business owner.
- Market Street ADA accessibility during the project is a concern.
- Inspection of basements will be needed.
- New water lines into each building.
- Frequent meetings with engineers will occur during the project.
- Which is better? Block-by-block construction or all at once construction.
- If a business owner/property owner is aware of anything under the sidewalk in front of their building, engineers will need to know before the project starts.
- Water in basements and the source of the water
Mayor Pannier asked for a show of hands from the business/property owners of who was interested in the City continuing to pursue the project. A show of hands proved a “yes” to that question.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk