The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on November 27, 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, City Treasurer Evan Haag and Chief of Police Brian Melton.

There was no public comment.

CA Dykhuizen stated the installation of the additional tablets at the Veteran’s Park & Memorial has been completed. The American Legion raised funds to pay for a majority of the project. The City will cover the remaining $1,824.69.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: November 13, 2017 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Resolution #17-12 – Dyke Tax Abatement; Resolution #17-13 – Berge/Woods Tax Abatement; Resolution #17-14 – Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied Against Real Property for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (alternative revenue source) Series 2016; Resolution #17-15 – Supporting Illinois Bicentennial, seconded by Alderman West. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:
1) Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve Ordinance #17-12 – Fee Schedule Amendment – Add Variance Fee, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Helms moved to approve Ordinance #17-13 – Agreement Providing for the Operation and Maintenance of the Odell Public Library and Morrison Community Center Facility, seconded by Alderman West. On a roll call of 8 ayes (Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Kim Ewoldsen provided an update on the progress of Loft112 where 8 to 12 artists will show/sell their artwork. Kim also gave an update on the economic developments in Morrison.
2) Council discussed allowing overnight parking on Main Street except for when there is 2” of snow. The 2-hour daytime parking would remain in effect.
3) Chief Melton is seeking clarification in the city’s ordinances to assist the Department in enforcement of liquor ordinance and noise levels. Mayor Pannier stated staff will continue working on the topic and will bring suggested amendments back to council.
4) Council discussed Badger Court and the suggestion that was made to include its resurfacing as part of the High Street project. The question still remains of whether or not it’s a city street.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk