The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on December 11, 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, Director of Public Works Gary Tresenriter, Sports Complex Director Travis McBride and Chief of Police Brian Melton.

There was no public comment.

Director McBride gave a brief update on the sports complex and an upcoming meeting he has with USSSA.

Director Tresenriter stated that Martin & Co has been installing new manholes and will be performing sanitary sewer repairs. This is all in preparation for future sewer lining, which will be done by Hoerr Construction.

Mayor Pannier provided an update on the quarterly meeting he attended regarding the Thomson Prison and an update on developments in Clinton, IA and Mt. Carroll, IL.

CA Dykhuizen stated the City has been approved for an EPA Loan restructure. Staff will run the numbers based on the letter they received and a report will be forthcoming to the Council for their final decision.

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: November 27, 2017 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; September & October 2017 Treasurers Reports; Winfield Street Engineers Pay Estimate #3 and Change Order #1; 2018 Holiday Schedule; 2018 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Schedule; Cancellation of December 27, 2017 Council Meeting; Ordinance #17-14 – Variance Request – Vandermyde – 508 W Park St; & Final Platt: Cross Creek Clubhouse 1-lot Subdivision (within 1.5 miles of city limits), seconded by Alderman Deets. 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 Helms moved to approve Ordinance #17-15 – Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2) Alderman Welding moved to approve Ordinance #17-16 – Sexual Harassment Policy, 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.
3) There was no action regarding Ordinance #17-17 – Sealing and Removal of Open Bottles of Wine, as council passed Ordinance #17-18, which includes this ability.
4) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve Ordinance #17-18 – Permit Certain License Holders to Sell Growlers and Allow for the Sealing and Removal of Open Bottles of Wine, seconded by Alderman West. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

5) Alderman Zuidema moved to approve the MOU – Drug & Alcohol Testing (FOP), seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) A special council meeting will be held on December 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to hear presentations from 3 firms who submitted RFQ’s for the Main Street project.
2) Information was included in the packet regarding a partnership with the Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative. Further discussion will happen in the future.

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk