The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on April 8, 2019 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: Ken Mahaffey, Harvey Zuidema, Mick Welding, Josh West, Vern Tervelt, Dave Helms, Arlyn Deets and Dale Eizenga.

Other City Officials present included: Chief of Police Brian Melton, City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, City Attorney Tim Zollinger, City Treasurer John Prange and Parks/Rec Coordinator Katie Selburg.

Public comment topics were as follows: the property located at 301 & 303 W. Lincolnway, garbage at Stuart Apartments, emergency services for south side of town and garden club maintenance.

On behalf of the Friends of the Parks, Council heard a presentation from Ed Barsotti of Ride Illinois regarding bike and pedestrian trails in Morrison.

Chief Melton responded to the public comments regarding the garbage and emergency services.

CA Dykhuizen introduced Katie Selburg, Parks/Rec Coordinator, who reviewed a recent visit from Augustana students. CA also informed council on French Creek Park pavilion upgrades being done by the Lion’s Club.

Alderman Mahaffey moved and Alderman Zuidema seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following: March 25, 2019 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; and an Audit Services Agreement. Attorney Zollinger recommended the audit agreements be pulled from the Consent Agenda, as a specific firm would be chosen. Mayor Pannier moved the audit agreement from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Mahaffey restated his motion, to approve the March 25, 2019 Regular Session Minutes and Bills Payable seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Alderman Tervelt moved to approve an audit services agreement with Hopkins and Associates, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
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Items for Consideration & Possible Action:
1) Ms. Mertes of Mertes & Mertes spoke on behalf of the application for Special Use filed by Pete Harkness for the property located at 301 W Lincolnway and requested the topic be sent back to the Planning/Zoning Commission for further review. Following discussion, Mr. Harkness withdrew his Special Use application. However, after additional discussion, Alderman Mahaffey moved to send the request for Special Use back to the Planning/Zoning Commission, requesting them to add a listing of items they require the property owner to complete for the Special Use to be valid, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (West, Helms, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding) and 1 nay (Tervelt), the motion carried.

2) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the preliminary draft budget and place it on file for public inspection, seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Helms, Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Council agreed larger signage is needed in Grove Hill Cemetery noting no dogs are allowed.
2) Chief Melton requested Council consider placing a 4-way stop at Knox Street and Madison Street. Attorney Zollinger stated some sort of traffic study would need to be completed. Council consensus was that a 4-way stop is needed at that intersection.
3) Alderman West commented on the very large amount of cigarette butts on Main Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk