The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on August 12, 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: Mick Welding, Josh West, Vern Tervelt, Kevin Bruckner, Jr., Arlyn Deets, Dale Eizenga, Ken Mahaffey and Harvey Zuidema.

Other City officials present was Chief of Police Brian Melton, City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, City Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Treasurer John Prange.

The public commented on the parking of vehicles at 303 West Lincolnway.

Mayor Pannier introduced Lori Matlack, who is the new Public Services Director.

Chief Melton stated new signage is up indicating the low clearance at Jackson and Heaton Street railroad crossings.

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the July 22, 2019 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; June & July Treasurers’ Reports; and Screnock Plat Approval, seconded by Alderman Deets. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Bruckner, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration & Possible Action:

1) The topic of the lighting at City Hall was deferred to the August 26th council meeting, as council feels it more beneficial to do the entire building rather than just the lower level.

2) Herb Kuryliw from i-Fiber and Cesare Bratta of SurfAir Wireless were present to discuss the installation of i-fiber as part of the Main Street project. Alderman West moved to direct Willett, Hofmann to continue with adding the i-fiber project to the bid specifications/proposal, seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

3) Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the purchase of variable speed/message board and trailer at a cost of $16,155, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Chief Melton stated the City has received a grant from ComEd through Powering Safe Communities in the amount of $7,500 that will go toward this purchase.

4) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve Ordinance #19-10 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Owned by Mt. Pleasant Township, seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:

1) Mayor Pannier updated Council on the condition of the City’s vactor machine. It is in need of a new motor. Currently, he has signed an agreement to rent a machine for $3,500 per week. Council will need to weigh the options regarding the equipment to determine repair or replacement.

2) Attorney Zollinger spoke to the cannabis dispensary regulation and the options the City has in that regulation.

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 8:58 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk