The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on December 9, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the Whiteside County Board Room, 400 N. Cherry St., Morrison, IL. Mayor Everett Pannier called the meeting to order. City Clerk Melanie Schroeder recorded the minutes.

Aldermen present on roll call were: Vern Tervelt, Kevin Bruckner, Jr., Arlyn Deets, Dale Eizenga, Ken Mahaffey, Harvey Zuidema, Mick Welding, and Josh West.

Other City officials present were City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Police Chief Brian Melton, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, City Treasurer John Prange, and Brian Frickenstein from Willett, Hofmann & Associates.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Pannier opened a Public Hearing regarding a USDA Rural Development Grant which Chief Melton has applied for. This grant will assist with the purchase of a squad vehicle. There were no verbal or written comments, thusly Mayor Pannier closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Other public comment included comments regarding leaf burning.

Daniel Payette of Blackhawk Hills Regional Council presented information regarding their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

CA Dykhuizen stated the City has received a $35,000 grant for the Sunset Drive drainage project.

Alderman Deets moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: November 25, 2019 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Resolution #19-14 – Providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied against real property for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (alternative revenue source) Series 2016; and Renewal of Animal Control Agreement with Whiteside County Animal Control, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration & Possible Action:

1) Alderman Bruckner moved to approve Ordinance #19-17 – Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

2) Alderman West moved to approve Main Street Storm Drainage Option B (a.k.a. Hybrid Version), seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote is 8 ayes (Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema) and 0 nays, the motion carried. The extension of street lights to Clinton Street will be determined at a later date.
3) Alderman Mahaffey moved to refer to the Planning/Zoning Commission the consideration of rezoning parcel numbers 19-18-477-006, 19-18-477-008 & 19-19-266-006 from R-2 to R-3, 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. This is for the property located in the 400 block of Portland Avenue, adjacent to and east of the 4 apartment buildings and south of RC Smith.

4) Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Snow Removal Agreement with Green & Clean Lawn Services, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) CA Dykhuizen reviewed the newly-created sports complex rental agreements. Council offered some revisions to the forms. Council was urged to provide additional feedback to the Mayor or CA.

2) Alderman West spoke regarding a desire to ban leaf burning.

3) Council discussed the potential of an additional police officer. CA Dykhuizen felt with some future spending cuts and with some cuts already taken, the position would be nearly 2/3 funded. A proposal to fund the position will be available at the January council meeting.

4) An informational public meeting regarding Main Street will be held on December 16, 2019 at the Community Room between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Council decided to hold a special meeting that same evening at 7:45 to finalize the scope of the Main Street project. The project is slated to go to bid in January 2020.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Tervelt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

Melanie T. Schroeder, City Clerk