The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 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: Mick Welding, Josh West, Vern Tervelt, Kevin Bruckner Jr., Dale Eizenga, Ken Mahaffey and Harvey Zuidema. Alderman Arlyn Deets was excused.

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

Public comment included comments regarding leaf burning.

Director Matlack stated the replacement truck box has been installed and a salt box has been replaced.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: December 9, 2019 Regular Session Minutes; December 16, 2019 Special Session Minutes; Bills Payable; November & December 2019 Treasurer’s Reports; the purchase of a community room remote thermostat controller at a cost not to exceed $696; Ordinance #20-01 – Disposal of Surplus Personal Property, seconded by Alderman Mahaffey. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Tervelt, Bruckner, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration & Possible Action:
1) Council discussed lighting for the Main Street project. CA Dykhuizen stated he felt approximately 12 light fixtures could be eliminated as those fixtures either don’t exist now or would be under a much larger light at a corner. Concerns were raised about not enough lighting for the street and sidewalks. No action was taken on the agenda topic, however Aldermen were reminded that the January 27, 2020 council meeting is the last meeting in which to make a decision in order to keep within the timeline. The topic will appear on the January 27, 2020 council agenda.

2) After discussing alternatives to the proposed Main Street brick purchase agreement, Alderman West moved to deny the agreement, seconded by Alderman Welding. On a roll call of 7 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

3) Chief Melton requested permission of Council to hire an additional police officer, who would serve as an investigator and a supplemental patrol officer. Mayor Pannier felt the General Fund could handle the hiring of a new officer. Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the hiring of an additional police officer, seconded by Alderman Eizenga. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Eizenga, Mahaffey) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
4) Alderman West moved to approve the creation of a Capital Project Improvement Fund and to transfer monies into the new Fund from the General Fund, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Bruckner, Eizenga, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Tervelt) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Council approved advertising for bids to demolish the waterworks public works building, old concessions building and cemetery salt shed. Council also discussed allowing the bidders to demolish for the cost of recycling the materials.
2) CA Dykhuizen collected municipal examples of water leak adjustment policies and asked Council to review in preparation of creating a written policy.
3) Alderman West stated his feelings on a leaf burning ban. Mayor Pannier stated he will hold the topic over to March for a decision from the Council.
4) CA Dykhuizen stated he would like to obtain a site plan and survey of the drainage issues at Waterworks Park so that it can be determined what to do with the area where water never drains.
5) Mayor Pannier receives many calls from businesses wanting to obtain a “pour” liquor license in order to have video gaming. He asked the Council’s feelings on allowing this activity. Council’s consensus was to not allow liquor licenses to places that only want video gaming.

Executive Session:
1) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Alderman Mahaffey moved to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s), seconded by Alderman Zuidema. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Mahaffey, Zuidema, Mahaffey, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, Eizenga) and 0 nays, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:53 p.m.
2) Regular session resumed at 9:13 p.m. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Mahaffey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Approved:

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Everett Pannier, Mayor

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Kim Ewoldsen, Acting City Clerk