The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on January 27, 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 Administrator Barry Dykhuizen recorded the minutes.

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

Other City officials present were Police Chief Brian Melton, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Katie Selburg, Morrison Area Development Coordinator Kim Ewoldsen, and Brian Frickenstein from Willett, Hofmann & Associates.

No Public Comments were made.

City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen informed the Council that budget preparations will be coming up and suggested a couple dates. Further coordination will be forthcoming.

Alderman Eizenga moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Zuidema. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following: January 13, 2020 Regular Session Minutes; Bills Payable; Request for One-day Special Use Liquor License and Request for Waiver of Fee-Crystal Cork for Morrison Chamber of Commerce Dinner. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Items for Consideration & Possible Action:

1) Brian Frickenstein discussed the Main Street Project Scope. A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Welding to remove 12 street lighting poles generally near Rt 30 and sections of Market. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

2) The Council discussed the options for a possible Relocation of Overhead Electric Facilities to Underground on East Main Street. A motion was made by Alderman Welding and seconded by Alderman West to table the topic pending additional information of hypothetical costs.

3) Katie Selberg discussed the Sports Complex status along with discoveries and challenges, in addition to the Usage Agreements. She asked if the Council would like her to pursue further investigation with an engineer on whether the building could withstand the winters without heat in order to save money. A motion was made by Alderman Welding and seconded by Alderman West. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

4) Lori Matlack provided details about the Grundfos Pump quote, location, and need for the equipment at Well 4 and Well 5. Due to vagueness of whether labor costs were included, a motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Deets to proceed with the purchase pending the Mayor’s discretion if additional labor costs were determined. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

5) Barry Dykhuizen provided information about the Underground Potable Water Pipeline Crossing Agreement. A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman
Welding to table the topic pending information from the railroad about the $4000 fee. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information:
1) Kim Ewoldsen discussed the Morrison Area Development Corporation’s annual updates. Discussion was also held on the cancellation of the Summer Extravaganza; experiences and challenges for events at the Sports Complex, and if another local group could run the event.
2) Kim Ewoldsen provided history and explanation of the Local Hotel Motel Tax and the Council discussed the options of local versus county collection for tourism.
3) The Council would like to have the Norrish Building Roof put out for re-bid.
4) Leaf Burning – Review Sample Burning Ordinances were provided and the topic will continue to be evaluated and will be brought back up in March.
5) Water Leak Adjustment Policy was discussed.

Executive Session:
1) There was no motion to enter Executive Session.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Welding moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman West. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved:

Everett Pannier, Mayor

Kim Ewoldsen, Acting City Clerk