

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

January 11, 2021

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 S Madison St., Morrison, IL. Mayor Everett Pannier called the meeting to order. Acting City Clerk Scott Vandermyde recorded the minutes.

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

Other City officials present were City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, Police Chief Brian Melton and City Treasurer John Prange.

Chief Melton updated the Council with his personal thanks for best wishes as he recovers from his accident, participation in a new crime reporting database, status on his full year 2020 report, monitoring pending State legislation and Federal requirements around use of force practice and procedures.

City Administrator Dykhuizen discussed the results of the December 21, 2020 Special Council meeting and reported that there are still questions around the cost (immediate and over time) difference between asphalt and concrete. He acknowledged that much of the information was received and forwarded immediately. Further, should Council wish to reconsider, it does not appear to be an issue with the Contractor if the Council acts quickly. Mayor Pannier called a Special City Council Meeting for Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss.

Alderman West moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: December 14, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, December 21, 2020 Special Session Minutes, Bills Payable, November 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report, December 30, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes, Resolution #21-01 – Providing for the abatement of certain taxes and Resolution #21-02 – Providing for the levy of additional tax for Library Buildings. The Continuation of a non-conforming use permit and Lot Subdivision items, both for 103 N. Heaton St. were removed from the consent agenda. Alderman Eizenga seconded. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Bruckner and Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

The items removed from the Consent Agenda (103 N. Heaton St.) were discussed. The current owner, Stephanie Mann, was present to describe the situation. The property is the former Wilson Greenhouse and its use as a retail establishment had a non-conforming permit for many years. She intends to sell the property and the buyers wish to continue using the property as a retail store and thus request continuing the non-conforming use permit. If the non-conforming use permit is extended, there will be no request to subdivide the property. Alderman West moved and Alderman Welding seconded to refer the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Bruckner and Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action


1. Public Services Director Matlack updated Council on the condition of the tree at 412 S. Grape St. The tree surgeon cannot determine if there is disease or damage until spring. Alderman West moved to table the item until such determination can be made. Alderman Mahaffey seconded. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Bruckner and Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
2. Council referred to the letter supplied by City Attorney Zollinger regarding the Cemetery and Public Services Buildings Project. The letter discussed issues around waiving competitive bidding and using a volunteer instead of engaging a construction manager. Council discussed the value of competitive bidding, the impact of the building on City finances overall, location, whether a Public Services Building and a new building at the Cemetery (two buildings) should be considered at one time, how local contractors can participate as much as possible and the cost of professional engineering advice vis a vis the potential liability avoided. Alderman Deets moved and Alderman Bruckner seconded to convene the Building Subgroup again and ask them to contact engineers for estimates on various sketches and plans. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Bruckner and Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.
3. Chief Melton described his request for an additional vehicle. Council and Chief Melton discussed the need, intended use, anticipated cost and various purchase, lease, financing options. Alderman Tervelt moved and Alderman West seconded to consider the purchase in the next Budgeting Cycle which begins in February. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Eizenga, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Bruckner and Deets) and 0 nays, the motion carried.

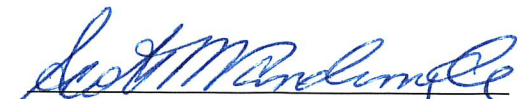
Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information

1. Council discussed Code Section 62.173 c.3 Special Use Bars and Taverns. A special use can be granted if a Bar or Tavern is in the Central Business District and is greater than 100 feet away from a residential district, religious institution, or school. If a bar or tavern were to be established in the Central Business District closer than the 100 foot distance, it would require changing this portion of the code through Ordinance. This was not an action item and no action was taken.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Eizenga moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zuidema (all ayes). Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved:


Everett Pannier, Mayor


Scott Vandermyde, Acting City Clerk