

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE  
CITY OF MORRISON  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

February 28, 2021

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on February 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 S Madison St., Morrison, IL. Mayor Scott Vandermyde called the meeting to order. City Clerk Michael Hemmer recorded the minutes.

Aldermen present on roll call were Greg Kruse, Sidonna Mahaffey, Mick Welding, Harvey Zuidema, Josh West, Vernon Tervelt, Kevin Bruckner, Jr., and Arlyn Deets (via phone). Absent: None.

Other City officials present were City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Katie Selburg.

#### Public Comment

Jennifer Vander Molen suggested that meeting be live streamed. Mayor Vandermyde said that the City is considering it and is working out some of the technology challenges.

#### Report of City Officers/Report Of Department Heads

Public Services Director Matlack informed council that there is maintenance position open in her department. Also, the GE building at Heaton and Wall is scheduled to be the first building to be raised and has already been cornered off.

#### Consent Agenda (For Action)

Alderman Bruckner moved to approve Consent Agenda items: approve February 7 2022 Special Session Minutes; approve February 14 2022 Regular Session Minutes; approve Bills Payable; and approve April 7 2022 as Junior Achievement Day in Morrison. Alderman Mahaffey seconded. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Kruse, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, and Deets), and 0 nays; the motion carried.

Items Removed From Consent Agenda (For Discussion And Possible Action). None.

#### Items For Consideration And Possible Action

Alderman Mahaffey moved to approve the proposal from Baseball365. Alderman Bruckner seconded. Council discussed the original proposal and subsequent offer of profit sharing after the fourth year; on a roll call vote of 0 ayes, and 8 nays (Kruse, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, and Deets); the motion failed.

Alderman West moved to approve \$17,500 to Morrison On the Move to be used for the dog park completion. Alderman Welding seconded. Council discussed using City funds to offset rising costs of labor and supply in the park's construction. Karla Burns answered Council's questions and stated that the initiative for the dog park came out of the mapping project from a few years ago as the number one requested city improvement. Despite more than half of her committee not being dog owners, they took on this project to enhance the quality of life for its citizens. The group raised \$50,000 in less than a year. Aldermen Zuidema, Tervelt and Kruse opposed providing any funds. Alderman West informed Council that MADC offered \$7500 to One the Move if the city came up with

the rest. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Selburg told Council that the top requested city projects from the mapping study were dog park, splash pad, more things to do and the sports complex and a playground. Alderman West proposed an amended motion reducing the city's donation to \$12,500 and that On The Move could not ask the city for any additional funds for the park. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, and Deets), and 1 nay (Kruse); the motion carried.

Alderman Zuidema moved to approve a Vac Truck Purchase (\$464,231.50). Alderman Bruckner seconded. Asked if the purchase could be delayed. CA Dykhuizen said that it was highly unlikely that the city could get another year out of the equipment and that it was purchased in 1986. Alderman Tervelt. Mayor Vandermyde made note that the city had the funds to pay for the truck outright. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Kruse, Mahaffey, Welding, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Bruckner, and Deets), and 0 nays; the motion carried.


Arlyn Deets left meeting at 7:40 p.m.

#### Other Items For Consideration, Discussion & Information

Mayor Vandermyde opened a discussion on a city Sculpture Show/Installation. Charles Yost presented Council with a marked-up city map of potential sites for the installation and photographs of the sculptures being considered. Council discussed how the costs would be divvied up between fees, concrete bases and insurance. Mayor Vandermyde said that the installation would be for a year, 10 pieces and if a piece was purchased the city would receive a 10 percent commission on the sale. Sculpture locations would be made by a selection committee and that after contacting the City Attorney and insurance company, the city can write the sculptures into their existing policy and limit the city's legal liability. Council would vote on approval in a future meeting.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Zuidema moved to adjourn. Alderman Tervelt seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Michael Hemmer, City Clerk

  
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Mick Welding, Mayor Pro Tem