

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

March 28, 2022

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on March 28, 2022, 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, Harvey Zuidema, Mick Welding, Vernon Tervelt, Josh West, Kevin Bruckner, Jr, and Arlyn Deets. Absent: none.

Other City officials present were City Administrator Barry Dykhuizen, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Katie Selburg, City Treasurer Maggie Jones and Police Chief Brian Melton.

Public Comment.

Amanda Dierkson wanted information on the demolition of the former GE buildings and future for the property. She raised concern about the lack of communication related to the current demolition activities. The city was not made aware of any timelines for the GE site. CA Dykhuizen stated he would get contacts for anyone interested and to contact City Hall. Council discussed additional concerns regarding carcinogens in the air during demolition, cleanup, and street damage caused by demolition crews. Alderman Zuidema suggested that an explanation of the activities would be helpful for the community.

Report of City Officers, Department Heads, & Committees.

Police Chief Brian Melton informed Council that he is working on his monthly report and would present it to Council soon.

Consent Agenda.

Alderman Kruse moved to approve Consent Agenda items consisting of the following: approve March 8, 2022 Regular Session Minutes; approve Bills Payable; approve Purchase Vactor \$470,731.50; approve April 9th Parade –Street Light Ceremony; approve Memorial Day Block Party 5/30/22; approve Memorial Day Parade 5/30/22; and approve Ordinance 22-03 – Disposal of Property. Alderman Zuidema seconded. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, West, Bruckner, and Deets), 0 nays, and 0 absent; the motion carried.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda. None.

Items For Consideration, Discussion & Information.

Alderman West moved to approve a new 14' x 28' storage building at the Sports Complex (\$16,359). Council members were concerned about the price, vendor, and lack of plan for future expenditures at the Complex. Alderman Tervelt moved to table the motion until additional bids could be obtained and the City came up with a long-term plan. Alderman Deets

seconded. On a roll call vote of 8 ayes (Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, West, Bruckner, and Deets), 0 nays, and 0 absent; the motion carried.

Approval Sports Complex HVAC upgrade/replacement died for lack of motion.

Alderman Bruckner moved to approve Ordinance 22-02 Amending Chapter 6 by the Adoption of a New Annual Fee for Video Gaming Terminals – raising gaming terminal fee from \$25/each to \$250/each and was seconded by Alderman West. After Council discussion and clarification by City Treasurer Jones, Alderman Tervelt amended the ordinance for a step-up fee of \$150/each in the first year and \$250/each thereafter. On a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, West, and Bruckner), and 1 nay (Deets), and 0 absent, the motion carried.

Other Items for Consideration, Discussion & Information.

Stephanie Vavra updated Council on some of the developments related to the Sculpture project. Costs have been lowered by reducing the number of participating artists to six, reducing artist stipends from \$20,00 to \$12,000 and Ms. Vavra would be writing several grants to offset some of the project's costs. Local artists Bill and Marianne Biagi argued that the costs of the project should be privately funded especially as the city was facing so many other demands and expenditures.

CA Dykhuizen reported that during the last School Board Meeting, its members discussed the City's interest in entering a City – School District Field Rental Agreement

CA Dykhuizen reviewed the Sports Complex utility usage: water and electrical were now being turned off during off season and the building were now winterized. Current electricity usage was for path and parking lots at the complex.

CA Dykhuizen highlighted points in the City's FY23 Budget and that Council would vote on a preliminary budget on April 11 and the final budget on April 25 Council meetings.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Zuidema motioned for adjournment; Alderman Deets seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Hemmer, City Clerk



Scott Vandermyde, Mayor