

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE  
CITY OF MORRISON  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

May 23, 2022

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on May 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 S Madison St., Morrison, IL. Mayor Scott Vandermyde was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Mick Welding called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. 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, Public Services Director Lori Matlack, and Police Chief Brian Melton.

Public Comment.

Jackie Damhoff asked for an income/expense report on the Sports Complex from the city.

Report of City Officers, Department Heads, & Committees.

Chief Melton reviewed his Monthly Report, number of "notices to mow" and number of non-highway vehicles issued. Alderman Tervelt asked about the mowing at the country club by the road not being done.

City Administrator Dykhuizen updated council on the Sculpture Exhibit.

Consent Agenda.

Alderman Zuidema moved to approve Consent Agenda items consisting of the following: approval of May 9, 2022 Regular Session Minutes; approve April 30, 2022 Treasurer's Report; approve Bills Payable; and approve Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Main Street Closure Madison to Clinton. 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.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda. None.

Items For Consideration, Discussion & Information

Alderman Harvey moved to approve #22-06 Ordinance Variance to Article V, Section 62-142 (p)(3) of the Zoning Code for 614 W Morris Street. After discussion with owner Randy Renkes and Council, Alderman Zuidema suggested allowing the Request for Variation be reduced to 4'. Alderman Mahaffey 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.

Alderman West moved to approve Sculpture Exhibit. After discussion with Charles Yost and Council, Alderman Bruckner seconded. On a roll call vote of 3 ayes (Mahaffey, West, and Bruckner), 5 nays (Kruse, Zuidema, Welding, Tervelt, and Deets), and 0 absent; the motion failed.

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

CA Dykhuizen said that the last pay increase for Aldermen Compensation was in 1992 and suggested it be increased to be in alignment with surrounding municipalities. Needing an ordinance, he would forward the request to the city's attorney.

After discussion, June 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. was set for the Special Council Meeting regarding Recreation Programming/Staffing.

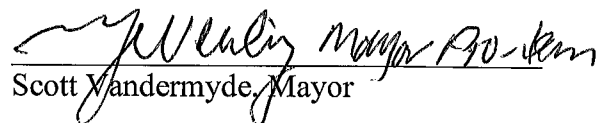
Council discussed concerns with the GE Demo Site especially post demo cleanup, street repairs, fencing, and plantings. CA Dykhuizen was in talks with GE and that they were looking at different mowing contractors. Police Chief Melton said that city police were not responsible for keeping people out of private property and could do little about people going onto the property.

CA Dykhuizen reviewed historical burial figures and suggested that the city contract out Grove Hill Burial Operations to an outside vendor to save money on personnel and equipment. No objections were made.

With no additional business to discuss, Alderman Tervelt motioned for adjournment; Alderman Kruse seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Michael Hemmer, City Clerk

  
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Scott Vandermyde, Mayor