

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

February 13, 2023

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 South Madison Street, Morrison, Illinois. Mayor Vandermyde was absent. Michael Hemmer, City Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Alderman Mick Welding as Mayor Pro Tem; Deets seconded. Motion carried without objection. Welding called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Alders present on roll call were Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Absent: Tervelt. Other City officials present were: Recreational Services Director Nathan Jacobs and Police Chief Pedro Valladares Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Adolph, Founder and CEO of Merge Impact spoke to the council on natural habitats and public space. His company has offered to fund a pollinator habitat at Water Works Park next to the gardens already planted by the Morrison Rotary Club. Adolph's company would fully fund the habitat as a community service. Council said they would be happy to consider his plans in the future.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND/OR COMMITTEES

Police Chief Valladares informed Council that the police department would have their annual training from February 22 – March 16. His department was also looking into a computer-aided dispatch system which would combine multiple centers and would share information through a records management system.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Zuidema moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2023; approve Bills Payable; and appoint: Ned Nesti to Historical Preservation Commission and Vaughn Maxfield to Planning & Zoning Commission; seconded by Ald Deets. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION & INFORMATION

Ald Kruse moved to approve Pay Request 2 for Contract 1 (Water Meter Project) to Core and Main, LLC, \$192,151.28; seconded by Ald Zuidema. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve Change Order 2 for Contract 1 (Water Meter Project) with Core and Main, LLC, increase of \$565.00; seconded by Ald Deets. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Deets moved to approve Pay Request 2 for Contract 2 (West End Water Main Loop Project) to Martin & Company Excavating, Inc., \$85,046.95; seconded by Ald Zuidema. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve Change Order 2 for Contract 2 (West End Water Main Loop Project) with Martin & Company Excavating, Inc., decrease of \$12,305.90; seconded by Ald West. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Zuidema moved to approve to Engage Hopkins & Associates for FY2023 Auditing Services, not to exceed \$20,400; seconded by Ald Deets. Ayes: Kruse, Mahaffey, Zuidema, Welding, West, Bruckner, and Deets. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

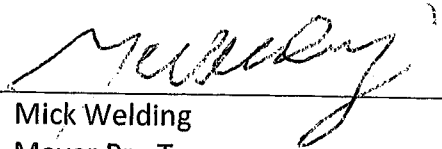
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Council discussed allowing residents to raise chickens within City limits. Several alderpersons have been contacted recently asking that this would be allowed; Aldermen then discussed possible changes and limitations to the suggested ordinance. Alderman Zuidema asked that it would be put to a vote in a future meeting.

Adjournment.

Ald Kruse moved and seconded by Ald Zuidema to adjourn at approximately 7:25 pm, without objection.

Approved:


Mick Welding
Mayor Pro Tem


Michael Hemmer
City Clerk