

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

July 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 South Madison Street, Morrison, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Vandermyde at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Mike Hemmer recorded the minutes. Meeting was offered to the public via Zoom and video recording to be available at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMorrisonIL>.

ROLL CALL

Alders present on roll call were Kevin Bruckner Jr, Seth Buckwalter, Sara Dunne, Sidonna Mahaffey, Todd Schlegel, Vernon Tervelt, and Matt Tichler. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Mayor Scott Vandermyde, City Administrator Brian Melton, Police Chief Michael Moon and City Treasurer Margret Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dan Pepin, Community Funding & Planning Services, discussed the Water Works Park Splash Pad Project - Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant Application. Details include a splash pad with timers and triggers, parking lot improvements, pollinator prairie grass fields and improved lighting. Water would drain into the creek. Facebook postings are being monitored for suggestions and support. Estimated project cost is \$641,894 with a 50% grant and 50% local match to begin in Spring 2027.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Superintendent of Streets and Parks Garland and Recreation Services Director Jacobs provided written reports to the Council. Ald Mahaffey asked the city to review purchasing a roller to use when filling potholes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Mahaffey asked that City Council Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2026, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Bills Payable - \$191,148.95; and Street Closure 26-04 AMENDED, Chalk the Block - Street Chalk Art Festival, Dept. of Fun, September 19-20,

2026; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve City Council Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2026; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Ald Mahaffey said the dissenters to the approval of Ordinance 26-13 were not Buckwalter and Dunne but were Bruckner and Tervelt. Ald Mahaffey made a motion to amend minutes to make this correction. Ayes by voice vote without objection for the change. Ayes by voice vote without objection for the revised minutes. Motion passed.

CA Melton updated Council regarding the Deerview Condo Association's Snow Removal Reimbursement Request. Council members were emailed a list of all private streets in Morrison and plowing responsibilities. CA Melton recommended that the city not reimburse the HOA for plowing their private streets. Council consensus was to take no further action on this matter.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve FY26 Audit Report and Presentation; seconded by Ald Tichler. The report was formally presented and discussed at the last Council meeting. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve Resolution 26-03 Library Building & Equipment Tax Levy; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. The resolution was formally presented and discussed at the last Council meeting. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

CA Melton reviewed Ordinance 26-14 Dedication of Kimmel Drive & Melody Court Right-of-Way. Council discussed. Ald Tichler moved to approve Ordinance 26-14; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Ayes by voice vote with one objection (Ald Mahaffey). Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 pm, Ald Bruckner moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation of specific employees and /(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act; seconded by Ald Schlegel. Motion passed by voice vote. Executive Session began at 7:06 pm.

Ald Bruckner moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ald Schlegel. Motion passed by voice vote. Executive Session ended at 7:12 pm.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Tichler moved to approve Compensation for Specific Employees; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Office staff (2) would receive a net payment of \$1,000.00 and an additional two (2) personal days for FY27 in recognition for their efforts in a successful software conversion. Ayes:

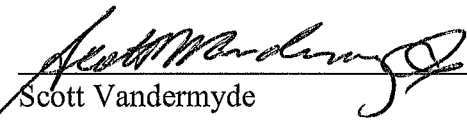
Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Tichler, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve sealing Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 03/10/26 to 07/26/26 ; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes by voice vote without objection

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Buckwalter moved to adjourn; seconded by Ald Tichler. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk