

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 8, 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

Alderspersons present on roll call were Seth Buckwalter, Sara Dunne, Sidonna Mahaffey, Matt Tichler, Todd Schlegel, and Vernon Tervel. Absent: Kevin Bruckner Jr. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were City Administrator Brian Melton and Chief of Police Michael Moon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

PRESENTATION

Karla Burn and Charla Olson from MORRISON ON THE MOVE reported on their activities:

Kelly Park Courts Renovation Project

- On Saturday, June 27th, we will be hosting a Bingo Bash event at the Sports Complex.
- Fundraising letters were sent out. We are now creating a marketing piece to encourage more donations.
- We will have a pickleball paddle on High Street showing where we are in fundraising for our goal.
- We will be hosting a Lotta Lucky Loot, a Mother Son Arcade Fun and More at Southside, and Bingo at the Whiteside County Fair (with the Department of Fun).
- We have purchased 2 grills –one will be placed at Water Works Park and one at Kelly Park.
- We are considering purchasing and installing sun shades at the Jumper Pillow or planting trees which may be much more cost effective and provide more shade when they are larger.
- We will be fundraising for a Splash Pad (next project), then for Rolle Bolle Lanes.
- Queen of Hearts – continues every Thursday at BBP.

Kiwanis Park

- We would like to update the park by creating an intergenerational park that would work for young and old alike. Some early ideas for the park would be a concrete ping pong table; concrete corn hole sets; horseshoes; game tables for cards, chess and checkers; shuffleboard and/or a small playground area.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Chief of Police Moon, Superintendent of Utilities Shane Osburn, and Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs provided written reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Schlegel moved to approve City Council, Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2026; Bills Payable - \$77,048.47; Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2026; and Street Closures – Pop-Up Markets, Chamber of Commerce; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Tichler, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Bruckner. Nays: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Morrison On The Move Request – Alcohol On-Premise During Bingo Bash 2026; seconded by Ald Tichler. Council discussed this “bring your own” request. All ayes by voice vote without objection. Motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve 26-09 Ordinance Amending & Replacing Chapter 12 Business Regulation; seconded by Ald Tichler. Council discussed. CA Melton clarified that the ordinance pertained only to businesses located in Morrison, and would include service industries as well (e.g., legal, accounting). Ald Tichler suggested the fee going to the Economic Development Fund rather than the General Fund. Mayor Vandermyde said this was a good idea and that the City would update the Ordinance and bring it to a vote at the next meeting. Motion failed due to lack of votes.

Ald Buckwalter moved to accept & approve Trees Forever, Illinois Community Canopy Tree Planting Program Grant; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. CA Melton reviewed with Council the details of the grant. Council discussed. All ayes by voice vote without objection. Motion passed.

Council continued their discussion on Utility Billing; Processing Fees & Billing Credits. A fee of \$3 per month would be charged to those people requesting a paper bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Buckwalter moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Approved:



Kevin Bruckner Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk