

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

March 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 South Madison Street, Morrison, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by City Administrator Brian Melton at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Mike Hemmer recorded the minutes. Mayor Scott Vandermyde was absent. 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 Kevin Bruckner Jr, Sara Dunne, Todd Schlegel, Vernon Tervel, and Matt Tichler. Absent: Seth Buckwalter and Sidonna Mahaffey. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Police Chief Michael Moon, Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs, City Treasurer Margaret Jones, and CA Brian Melton.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Kevin Bruckner Jr as Mayor Pro Tempore due to the Mayor's absence; seconded by Ald Tichler. All ayes by voice vote without objection. Motion passed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

PRESENTATION

Chief Rob Vegter of the Morrison Fire Department gave a slide presentation about the history of the fire department, volunteer staff, insurance ratings, state regulations regarding equipment and finances. The Fire Department is currently going under a \$200,000 renovation and sought a donation by the city.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Police Chief Michael Moon and Superintendent of Streets & Parks Mike Garland provided written reports to council. Recreation Services Director Jacobs provided an update on upcoming events and recent event turnouts.

CA Melton removed the Executive Session due to lack of additional information.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Schlegel moved to approve City Council, Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2026; Bills Payable - \$127,068.58; Proclamation – Junior Achievement Day - April 2, 2026; Proclamation – Arbor

Day - April 24, 2026; seconded by Ald Tichler. Ayes: Bruckner, Dunne, Schlegel, Tichler and Tervelt. Absent: Buckwalter and Mahaffey. Nays: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Resolution 26-01; Resolution for Improvement Under the Highway Code (IDOT); seconded by Ald Tichler. CA Melton said this, as well as the next engineering item, was the last part of the Main Street project and would complete the ends of the street. Council discussed. All ayes by voice vote without objection. Motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement (IDOT); seconded by Ald Dunne. CA Melton said this was part of Resolution 26-01 and was required by the grant. All ayes by voice vote without objection. Motion passed.

Council discussed Ordinance 26-02: Municipal Code Updates DRAFT. CA Melton said the ordinance was still under review by the city attorney. Some regulations were discussed.

Council discussed Ordinance 26-03: Amending Budget Plan for FY26 DRAFT. CA Melton said the ordinance was still under review by the city attorney. Some regulations were discussed.

The City's Infrastructure Plan – Water & Streets DRAFT was discussed. CA Melton said these plans will be incorporated into the FY2027 Budget Plan. Council members were asked to evaluate the priorities listed and provide feedback. Some items presented were dependent on grant funding.

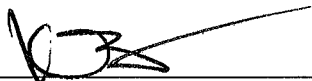
CA Melton discussed FY2027 Budget Plan PRELIMINARY DRAFT. CA Melton offered council members a workshop on planning and budgeting. The budget will need to be posted for public viewing on April 13 and voted for approval as an ordinance on April 27. Additional funding for the fire department was discussed.

CA Melton would try to get a more formal presentation organized and a budget request to be reviewed and included in the city's budget plan.

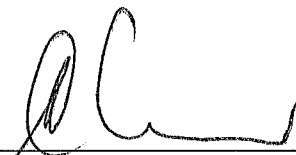
ADJOURNMENT

Ald Tervelt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald Schlegel. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Approved:



Kevin Bruckner Jr
Mayor Pro Tem



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk