

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

October 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on October 27, 2025, 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 6:31 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 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 City Administrator Brian Melton, Police Chief Michael Moon, and Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brent Shadle voiced his opposition on granting a signage variance for 617 Portland Ave. Shadle argued that according to Planning & Zoning regulations, the sign did not meet several criteria as required.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Recreation Services Director Jacobs provided an update on upcoming events and recent event turnouts.

Chief Moon provided a written report in the council packet.

CA Melton updated Council that IDOT road patching on Route 30 has been delayed to early November; representatives from IDOT would attend the November 24 meeting as an introduction to the Route 30 project; the Community Room was just painted (Andy Beranek did a great job!); and the City received almost \$300,000 funding through IDOT's Local Roads Program for phase one (planning and design) for the ends of Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Consent Agenda consisting of City Council, Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2025; Bills Payable - \$52,542.42; Planning & Zoning Board, Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2025; Treasurer's Report, September 2025 (FY 05, CY 09); seconded by Ald

Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Consulting Services Agreement, SB Friedman, \$39,919; seconded by Ald Schlegel. Rob LaSage reviewed the TIF policy, timeline, and area of designation. Council discussed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Abstain: Mahaffey. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve Annexation of 617 Portland Avenue (Ordinance 25-13 & Agreement); seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Council discussed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve Sign Variance, 617 Portland Avenue [Refer to Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes]; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Owners were present to answer questions. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to not approve the sign variance. Council discussed. Ayes: Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: Bruckner and Dunne. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion failed due to the 2/3 majority requirement was not met. Motion failed. NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, the Mayor sought guidance from the City Attorney, who indicated that with the vacancy on Council, 5 votes is indeed a 2/3 majority. Thus, the motion passed and the sign variance was approved.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Ordinance 25-11 Agreement with IMLRMA for Minimum/Maximum Contribution; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. CA Melton said this was for the city's property and liability insurance through the Illinois Municipal League. Council discussed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve 2026 IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution, \$99,243.35; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. CA Melton said the city saved almost \$20,000 this year. Council discussed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Council reviewed Ordinance 25-12 Tax Levy DRAFT which will be voted on at the November 10 council meeting for public posting. CA Melton reviewed several budget items. The tax rate is decreasing but because of a higher Estimated Assessed Valuation, revenues would increase just below the limitation of 5%. The city accounts for approximately 12-14% of the total property tax bill. Council discussed.

CA Melton discussed the Public Works Building roof options for the main building since the steel roof is starting to deteriorate. Costs of replacing the roof or coating the roof were discussed. A decision is expected to be considered at the November 10 council meeting.

Mayor Vandermyde and CA Melton included an overview in the packet regarding the closure of 200 Block North Genesee Street. Both discussed with council the options available within the scope of IDOT's plans for Route 30. Council discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Tervelt moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment and compensation of specific employees; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed. Executive Session began at 8:05 pm.

Ald Schlegel moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ald Tichler. All ayes by voice vote. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 8:21 pm.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken from Executive Session.

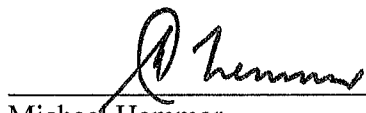
ADJOURNMENT

Ald Tervelt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 pm.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk