

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

March 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 South Madison Street, Morrison, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Scott Vandermyde. City Clerk Michael 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, Greg Kruse, Sidonna Mahaffey, Todd Schlegel, Vernon Tervelt, Josh West, and Harvey Zuidema. Absent: Matt Tichler. Other city officials present were Police Chief Pedro Valladares and Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs. City Treasurer Margaret Jones was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cited.

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO RECORD

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Chief Valladares reviewed his recruit's progression and expected April 25th graduation.

Recreational Services Director Jacobs reviewed Parks and Recreation's activities.

City Administrator Melton stated that council member laptops were at City Hall and cases were expected tomorrow. Members could pick up at their convenience.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of; Council Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2024; Bills Payable - \$87,827.44; Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2024; Proclamation for April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month; Street

Closure Request - Department of Fun, Ken Taco Wars on May 4, 2024; Street Closure Request - Chamber of Commerce (Genesee to Orange): Farmers Market on June 27, 2024; Street Closure Request - Chamber of Commerce (Genesee to Orange): Farmers Market on August 8, 2024; Internet Service Agreement Renewal, NIUNET (iFiber), 06-01-2024 to 05-31-2029; and State of Illinois Certificate of Authority– Procurements & Joint Purchasing; seconded by Ald Zuidema. Ayes: Bruckner, Kruse, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, West, and Zuidema. Nay: None. Absent: Tichler. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald West moved to approve Renewable Energy (Solar) Consulting Services Agreement, Satori Enterprises LLC; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Council discussed terms, costs and services. Ayes: Bruckner, Schlegel, and Zuidema. Nays: Kruse, Tervelt, and West. Abstain: Mahaffey. Absent: Tichler. Due to the tie vote, Mayor Vandermyde voted aye, and the motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve the Purchase of Replacement Mowers; seconded by Ald Zuidema. Ald Zuidema agreed with employee recommendations that the city purchase the Cemetery - Birkey's 2024 EX-Mark L2E 48" (\$11,502) and for Streets & Parks – Birkey's 2023 EX Lazer XL2k 72" (\$17,997). After no further discussion, Ayes: Bruckner, Kruse, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, West, and Zuidema. Nay: None. Absent: Tichler. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & INFORMATION

Council discussed Strategic Plan – Survey Questions & Schedule for Workshops. Ald Zuidema said Planning & Zoning wanted to be involved and felt the survey was too long. He also presented the Comprehensive Plan from 2002 for the Council's information and review. CA Melton will disseminate in the coming week.

CA Melton presented to Council an updated version of FY2025 Budget Preparation, First Draft (Worksheets Only) for Council's review. CA Melton requested Alderpersons to contact him with any projects they would like included for funding consideration.

Ald Schlegel suggested Main Street Improvements – Planters, Hanging Baskets and Sidewalk Cafes were discussed to further beautify our Main Street. Sidewalk Cafes would require a change/addition to the Municipal Code, but there seems to be support and interest to follow through with these ideas.

CA Melton presented to Council for review a draft ordinance to add a Class H liquor license specifically for Banquet Halls/Event Centers. After some discussion, Aldermen were asked to consider and offer any changes for the next council meeting.

CA Melton presented to Council for review an Ordinance Addressing Vacant Buildings as several municipalities have done this to revitalize their downtowns. This is for information at this time.

CA Melton discussed Annexation of Properties on Route 30 east of the city. Exact locations are still being considered and if necessary, negotiated.

Mayor Vandermyde discussed Rotary's interest in the expansion of the Pollinator Plot at Water Works Park. The City had already authorized 2 acres and following discussion, the Rotary will then be expanding the plot to the east.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Zuidema moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters; seconded by Ald Kruse. All ayes by voice without objection. Executive Session began at approximately 8:12 pm. The session was audio recorded.

Ald Schlegel moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ald Tervelt. All ayes by voice without objection. Motion passed and Regular Session resumed at 8:17 p.m.

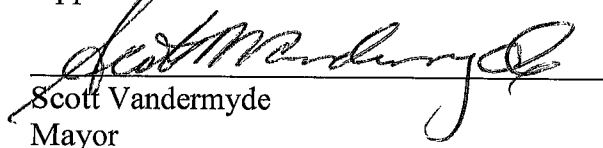
ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Zuidema moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ald Kruse. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 pm without objection.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk