

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

February 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on February 26, 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 Administrator Brian Melton 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 Sidonna Mahaffey, Greg Kruse, Todd Schlegel, Harvey Zuidema, Josh West, Vernon Tervelt, Matt Tichler and Kevin Bruckner. Absent: none. Other city officials present were City Treasurer Margaret Jones, Police Sergeant Kevin Soenksen, and Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs. Police Chief Pedro Valladares and City Clerk Michael Hemmer were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cited.

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO RECORD

Charlene Bielema for Shaw Media (Sauk Valley).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

City Administrator Melton reminded the Council and public of the upcoming Annual Cemetery Clean-up, March 25th to March 28th. Items must be removed from grave sites before March 25th and can be replaced after March 28th. All forms of media are being used to inform the public along with the sign that is permanently posted at the Kelly Park entrance to Grove Hill Cemetery. CA Melton also provided a written report to the Council prior to the meeting.

Recreational Services Director Jacobs reviewed activities and ideas for Parks and Recreation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Zuidema moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2024, Bills Payable - \$61,744.31, Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and Appointment of Charles Yost to Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending April 30, 2025; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, West, Tervelt, Tichler and Bruckner. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Resolution 24-01 Electric Municipal Aggregation Program; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. CA Melton explained the City's three-year agreement expires in September 2025 and its time to seek electrical rate bids and consider a new agreement. Mike Mudge, Rock River Energy is assisting the City with this process, as they have for the past several agreements. After discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve the Illinois EPA Loan Application Signature Authorization for No. 175646, Phase 4 Water Tower Site; seconded by Ald West. CA Melton explained this action allows Mayor Vandermyde to review and sign the necessary documentation for such application. After no discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Ald West moved to approve the Satori Enterprises LC Solar System Consulting Services Agreement; seconded by Ald Tichler. Information on Satori Enterprises was included in the council meeting packet. CA Melton explained this agreement would allow the City to pursue renewable (solar) energy solutions for City facilities, possibly starting with the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Rather than working directly with solar system companies that sell systems, an unbiased consulting firm would be beneficial for the City in this process. The process of compensation was also discussed for clarification. After discussion; Ald Mahaffey moved to table this agreement for more information and further follow-up; seconded by Ald Kruse. Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Amendment to initial motion passed. Initial motion with amendment; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Amended motion to table was passed.

Ald Zuidema moved to approve Change Order No. 3, Fischer Excavating, Inc. for Rt 78 Watermain Replacement and Looping Project with an increase of \$112,130.62; seconded by Ald Bruckner. After no discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Ald West moved to approve Pay Request No. 5, Fischer Excavating, Inc. for Rt 78 Watermain Replacement and Looping Project for \$223,818.55; seconded by Ald Tichler. After no discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & INFORMATION

Replacement Mower for Parks & Cemetery: CA Melton updated the Council on replacing two mowers; one for the Cemetery, which was budgeted and one for Parks, which would be paid by General Fund balance: CA Melton is still collecting quotes per the Purchasing Policy. Ald Zuidema reminded CA Melton and the council of the Fleet and Facilities Advisory Committee that was formed by the previous mayor in May of 2020. Discussion followed.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station: CA Melton updated the Council on purchasing and installing an electric vehicle charging station to serve our residents and visitors. CA Melton is still collecting quotes per the Purchasing Policy. Discussion followed. It seemed to be a consensus of the council that it was too early for a charging station in our community.

Strategic Plan: Mayor Vandermyde and CA Melton updated the Council on the Strategic Plan. Survey questions are being reviewed and preparation on identifying stakeholders and participants for the focus groups. Information and timeline were provided in the council packet. Council members were asked to forward possible stakeholders and survey questions to Mayor Vandermyde and CA Melton.

FY2025 Budget Preparation: CA Melton asked the Council for their input on the process for FY2025 Budget Preparation. It seemed to be a consensus of the council to continue with the process only using regular council meetings with no budget workshops or special meetings. CA Melton offered Alderpersons to meet individually with CA Melton, if so wished, to review the budget plan.

Liquor License for Banquet Halls/Event Centers (Pour-Only): CA Melton explained that due to ongoing inquiries about possible liquor licenses for event centers in Morrison, CA Melton requested the discussion of the Council. It seemed to be a consensus of the Council that additional liquor licenses with restrictions may be considered without any guarantee. CA Melton will work with legal counsel to draft possible language for the Council's review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Zuidema moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance ... 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters; seconded by Ald Kruse. All ayes by voice without objection. Executive Session began at approximately 7:33 pm. The session was audio recorded.

Ald Kruse moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ald Zuidema. All ayes by voice without objection. Motion passed and Regular Session resumed at 8:38 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Kruse moved to approve the revised Personnel Manual as presented; seconded by Ald Tervelt. After discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to accept with regret Police Chief Valladares' resignation effective April 30, 2024; seconded by Ald West. After no further discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

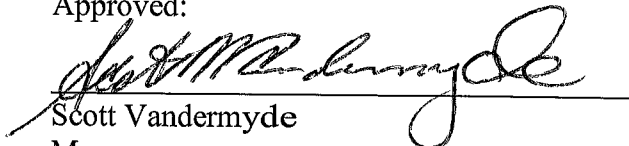
Ald Tichler moved to approved the Police Chief position posting as presented; seconded by Ald Tervelt. After discussion, Ald Bruckner moved to amend the initial motion to require residency within the city limits of Morrison; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. After no further discussion; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Amendment to initial motion passed. Initial motion with amendment; Ayes: Mahaffey, Kruse, Schlegel, Zuidema, Tervelt, West, Tichler and Bruckner. Nay: None. Absent: None. Amended motion passed.

No motion was recognized on Employment Agreement revisions for the City Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Zuidema moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ald Tichler. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 pm without objection.

Approved:


Scott Vandermyde
Mayor


Brian Melton on behalf of Michael Hemmer
City Administrator on behalf of City Clerk