

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

November 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on November 10, 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 Administrator Brian Melton recorded the minutes due to the absence of City Clerk Mike Hemmer. Meeting was offered to the public via Zoom and video recording to be available at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMorrisonIL>

ROLL CALL

Alders present on roll call were Kevin Bruckner Jr, Seth Buckwalter, Sara Dunne, Sidonna Mahaffey and Vernon Tervelt. Absent: Matt Tichler and Todd Schlegel. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Police Chief Michael Moon, Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs and City Treasurer Margaret Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Exner addressed the City Council with questions regarding the US RT 30 Reconstruction Project and the possible closure of the 200 block of North Genesee Street.

Charles Yost, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, expressed his concern over the approved sign variance at 617 Portland Avenue even after the Commission recommended to not approve such sign variance.

Nicole Dopler introduced herself to the City Council as a Democratic candidate for State Representative in District 73. Nicole has a background in healthcare and is a resident of Rapids City.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Superintendent of Utilities Shane Osborn provided a written report which was passed out at the meeting.

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

Chief Moon provided a written report in the council packet.

Treasurer Jones had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Tervelt moved to approve Consent Agenda consisting of City Council, Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2025; Bills Payable - \$162,036.31; Historic Preservation Commission, Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2025; and Street Closure Request by Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Walk & Parade; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, and Tervelt. Nays: None. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve Ordinance 25-12 Tax Levy DRAFT for public posting, seconded by Ald Bruckner. The tax rate is decreasing but because of a higher Estimated Assessed Valuation, revenues would increase just below the limitation of 5%. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, and Tervelt. Nays: None. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve the Technology Assessment Proposal & Agreement as presented, seconded by Ald Bruckner. This assessment was requested by City Administrator Melton and Chief Mike Moon due to recent email account breaches and the ongoing software upgrades being conducted county-wide with public safety. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, and Mahaffey. Nays: Tervelt. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Ordinance 25-14 Disposal of Surplus Personal Property, being a 2001 International 4900 dump truck, seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, and Tervelt. Nays: None. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

No discussion or action taken on Change Order No. 1 and Final Pay Request, Exterior Painting Project, Balayti Painting.

Ald Brucker moved to approve steel roof replacement estimate with Bader Construction, \$98,250.00, seconded by Ald Dunne. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, and Mahaffey. Nays: Tervelt. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

Mayor Vandermyde and CA Melton included an overview in the packet regarding the closure of 200 Block North Genesee Street. A brief history was provided by CA Melton once again. Both discussed with council the options available within the scope of IDOT's plans for Route 30. Representatives from IDOT and their engineering consulting firm will be at the November 27th Council meeting. Council discussed. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Buckwalter moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment and compensation of specific employees; seconded by Ald Tervelt. All ayes by voice vote.

Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed. Executive Session began at 7:26 pm.

Ald Bruckner moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. All ayes by voice vote. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 7:34 pm.

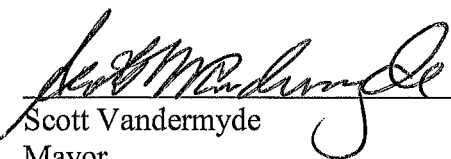
ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Bruckner moved to approved the revised Employment Agreement for City Administrator Brian Melton, effective October 1, 2025 as presented, seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey and Tervelt. Nays: None. Absent: Schlegel and Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Motion passed.

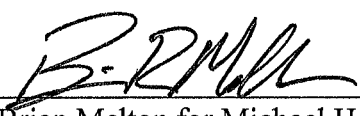
ADJOURNMENT

Ald Tervelt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Brian Melton for Michael Hemmer
City Administrator for City Clerk