

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

August 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on August 25, 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 6:30 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, Sidonna Mahaffey, Todd Schlegel, and Matt Tichler. Absent: Vernon Tervelt. Vacancies: Ward 1 and Ward 3. Other city officials present were City Administrator Brian Melton, Police Chief Michael Moon, and City Treasurer Margaret Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Senator Liandro "Li" Arellano, 37th District introduced himself to Council. Arellano, former mayor of Dixon, represents 12 counties in Illinois and welcomes any concerns or issues his constituents may have.

Bob Smith, representing the Lion's Club thanked city workers for their assistance throughout the years, highlighting the installation of their donated basketball hoop at French Creek Park and yearly placement of flag holders for Memorial Day. Smith is also the new President of the Morrison Area Development Corporation and thanked Council for their continued support. He reported that MADC's website is currently being updated by Gracen Harmon.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Police Chief Moon provided a written report in the council packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Schlegel asked that the request for a Pollinator Plot at French Creek Park be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Vandermyde removed the Treasurer's Report, July 2025 (FY 03, CY 07) from the Consent Agenda. The report has not yet been completed due to a software issue being addressed by the City's software vendor.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: City Council Meeting Minutes July 28, 2025; Bills Payable - \$370,633.92; Bills Payable - \$195,466.26; Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2025; Resolution 25-09 Community Solar Savings Program; Resolution 25-

10 Supporting America250 Commemoration; Petition for County Aid, Genesee Court (Crocker) Bridge; and Maintenance and Jurisdiction Agreement, Genesee Court (Crocker) Bridge; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Council discussed the hospital's request for planting a Pollinator Plot at French Creek Park. Ald Schlegel felt the current pollinator gardens were becoming an eyesore and wondered if there was anything that could be done to improve their look. Ald Schlegel asked CA Melton to discuss these issues with the hospital. Ald Mahaffey moved to approve the request. Without a second, the motion died.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Change Order No. 1, Sewer Lining Project (a decrease of \$222,780.60); seconded by Ald Bruckner. CA Melton reported that the City's engineering services failed to include some sewer line locations in the project and essentially could not complete all locations in time to meet the grant deadline. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Mahaffey moved to approve Pay Request No. 1 & Final, Sewer Lining Project, National Power Rodding Corp., \$395,159.40; seconded by Ald Schlegel. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Pay Request No. 3, Public Works Building Exterior Painting Project to Balayti Painting \$14,971; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. CA Melton said that this bill was for roof painting, was done by a subcontractor, and was satisfactorily completed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Tichler moved to approve TBK Bank Treasury Management Proposal - Establish Intrafi Account & Transfer \$500,000 from Illinois Funds to TBK Bank Intrafi Account; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. CA Melton suggested moving \$500,000 from Illinois Funds to the city's TBK account to bring the account balance to \$750,000.00 to qualify for the Intrafi account. Currently the city's account is getting almost no interest and the new account, currently, offers 4% interest. TBK Vice President Bob Smith was in attendance and was able to answer Council's direct questions. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Keystone Solar Proposal (WWTP) - Authorize Mayor & City Attorney to Execute Solar Power Purchase Agreement; seconded by Ald Tichler. CA Melton outlined the proposal. Representatives of Keystone Holdings participated in the meeting (via Zoom) and provided information and answered questions. Council discussed. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve the purchase of a vehicle for Code Enforcement/Community Service, Kune's Chevrolet, \$38,468.70; seconded by Ald Tichler. Council discussed the vehicle type and pricing. CA Melton felt a truck would be more versatile. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Ordinance 25-10 Amending Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupational Tax; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve and support the SVCC Impact Program – Mustang Challenge, \$5,000; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Schlegel moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters and /2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed. Executive Session began at 7:27 pm.

Ald Schlegel moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Nays: None. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 7:35 pm.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

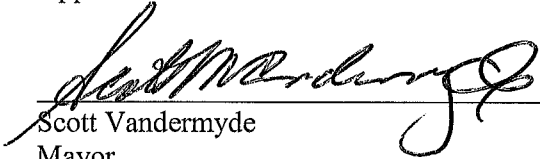
Ald Bruckner moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding with FOP, Sergeant Promotional Process; seconded by Ald Mahaffey. By voice vote, all ayes. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve sealing Executive Session Minutes as presented; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. By voice vote, all ayes. Absent: Tervelt. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Tichler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ald Bruckner. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk