

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2026, 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, Sara Dunne, Todd Schlegel, Vernon Tervelt, and Matt Tichler. Absent: Sidonna Mahaffey. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Mayor Scott Vandermyde, City Administrator Brian Melton, Police Chief Michael Moon, Recreation Services Director Nathan Jacobs, and City Treasurer Margaret Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dan Pepin, Community Funding & Planning Services, discussed the Water Works Park Splash Pad Project - Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant Application. Proposal must be submitted by August 31, 2026. Details include a splash pad with timers and triggers, parking lot improvements, pollinator prairie grass fields and improved lighting. Water usage was estimated for each equipment ranging from 6 to 12 gallons/minute. Timers would assist in water conservation. Barriers would be placed between the park and parking lot for safety. CA Melton said additional amenities to the park are planned in the future which would include a pavilion, tables, benches and restrooms. Utilizing monies from the Trees Forever Grant, shade trees would be planted to further enhance the setting. Facebook postings are being monitored for suggestions and support. Estimated project cost is \$641,894 with a 50% grant and 50% local match to begin in Spring 2027, if awarded.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Recreation Services Director Jacobs provided a written report to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Schlegel moved to approve City Council Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2026, and Bills Payable - \$111,754.85; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: Mahaffey. Nays: None. Motion passed.

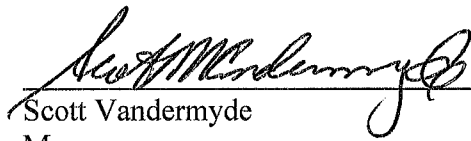
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Tervelt moved to approve Ordinance 2026-16 Amending and Replacing Chapter 20 Fee Schedule and Chapter 56 Water and Wastewater Charges (draft revisions, no rate increases; seconded by Ald Tichler. CA Melton said this ordinance was last updated in 1985 and is being updated to remove charges to reconnect water service and remove landlord liability for unpaid bills by their tenants. The city would pursue its own collections. Changes also removed some outdated language. Ald Dunne appreciated the inclusion of the partial forgiveness process and the city's efforts in notifying its customers of potential water leaks. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: Mahaffey. Nays: None. Motion passed.

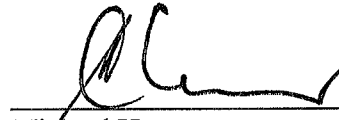
ADJOURNMENT

Ald Tervelt moved to adjourn; seconded by Ald Tichler. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Approved:



Scott Vandermyde
Mayor



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk