

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
CITY OF MORRISON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 27, 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

Alders present on roll call were Kevin Bruckner Jr, Seth Buckwalter, Todd Schlegel, and Vernon Tervel. Absent: Sara Dunne, Sidonna Mahaffey, and Matt Tichler. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Police Chief Michael Moon, City Treasurer Margaret Jones, and City Administrator Brian Melton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Vaughn expressed his appreciation to council for its establishment and hire of a Code Enforcement Officer, asking about water/sewer loan balances, budget questions and council priorities.

Planning & Zoning Commissioner Charles Yost invited council members to attend the next P&Z meeting to offer specific recommendations for the special use permit requested by Brian Jimenez, 903 West Morris Street.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Superintendent of Streets and Parks Mike Garland and Recreation Services Director Jacobs provided written reports to council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Buckwalter moved to approve City Council Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2026; Bills Payable - \$127,958.82; Street Closure Permit – Dept. of Fun – MFD 150th Celebration, June 6, 2026; Parade Permit – Dept. of Fun – MFD 150th Celebration, June 6, 2026; and Comcast ROW Agreement & Permit; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Dunne, Mahaffey and Tichler. Nays: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Ordinance 26-06 FY27 Budget Plan; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Dunne, Mahaffey and Tichler. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to waive competitive bidding and approve Tomcat Consultants Proposal for Water Tower Project; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Dunne, Mahaffey and Tichler. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Ald Bruckner moved to approve Final Pay Request – Balayti Painting (PW Building Exterior Painting), \$11,395.70; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Council discussed. Ald Bruckner moved to amend his original motion to provide final payment to Balayti Painting pending confirmation of project completion by CA Melton; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Motion amendment approved by voice vote. Original motion with amendment: Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Dunne, Mahaffey and Tichler. Nays: None. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Schlegel moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation of specific employees and /2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Executive Session began at 7:08 pm.

Ald Schlegel moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. All ayes by voice vote. Executive Session ended at 7:28 pm.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald Schlegel moved to approve FY27 Wage Increase of 3.5% for Non-Union Staff, effective May 1, 2026; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Schlegel, and Tervelt. Absent: Dunne, Mahaffey and Tichler. Nays: None. Motion passed.

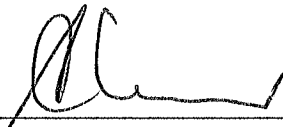
ADJOURNMENT

Ald Buckwalter moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald Tervelt. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Approved:



Kevin Bruckner Jr
Mayor Pro Tempore



Michael Hemmer
City Clerk