

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Ruth Sheldon, Don Havard, and Shawn Richardson. Sharla Stogdill, Jason Snow, Sheila Kirby, Sam Kirby, Carol Cloyed, Margaret Richardson, Kyle Ocker, and Tina Grimes were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Sheldon to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Richardson and seconded by Havard to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to get a loan advance of \$24,000 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank for the bill from Cicco Construction for labor and equipment to install 60 water meter pits. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Allie Parham was not in attendance to discuss giving boxes.

Malea Sager was not in attendance to discuss Michael Street. Council agreed by consensus that the city does not own Michael Street, so we would not be responsible for paving it.

Tina Grimes discussed the upcoming Fall Festival. A tentative schedule was given to the Council but more items are being added. Council agreed by consensus to allow temporary benches to be put around trees, water fights were approved, and adding a temporary second stage on a year by year basis is approved if it is located in a place where weather does not affect it. Motorcycle stunts and a tractor pull on the streets were not approved by the council. Tina stated they have outgrown the big tent and some booth rentals will be in the park on Saturday. The fallen buildings owned by Jackie White have to be completely cleaned up by Fall Festival time as this affects the parade and safety of attendees. Approval of a beer garden at Fat Annie's is contingent upon the buildings being cleaned up. The water source for carnival workers will be at the new lot south of City Hall. No parking is allowed on King Street by City Hall in order for city employees to be able to get equipment in and out of the city buildings. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to allow the use of city streets for Fall Festival and to share half of the portajohn rentals with the Fall Festival Committee. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Department reports were given:

Fire – No report was available to be given to the council. Driver license checks and proof of auto insurance need to be done for any volunteers that drive personal vehicles to fires/emergencies.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board.

Cemetery – Mowing is excellent. Dirt work at the new section was discussed.

Parks – Mowing is excellent.

Streets – Liners in tubes were discussed - A person in Fort Madison will come and look at them at no cost to see if it is feasible. City employees will take care of streets at Jay and Baird intersection.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Sewer – One of the motors at the lift station needs to be sent to 3E in Des Moines. A technician from Smith & Loveless needs to be contacted to get motors to alternate and check into a possible battery backup.

Nuisance Properties – The Council complimented the Neighbor Helping Neighbor organization and the work they are doing. Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to contact Craver & Grothe to start on the next nuisance property for demolition located at the building north of Kozey Inn at 110 South William Street. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

City Staff – Administrative Supervisor Jason Snow reported on work that needs to be done at the new property south of city hall. A concrete enclosure is needed for a water pipe. The council authorized Jason to run the pipe and cover it with clay. The water tank on the jetter has rusted out. Council agreed by consensus to have a new tank built. The trailer house that sits on city property has asked a contractor to hook up to water and sewer. The trailer must meet all requirements of Moravia City Code including a permanent frost-free foundation system. Council also needs to check on right of way rules.

City Clerk Sharla Stogdill requested the September meeting be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> instead of the 11<sup>th</sup> due to her vacation – approved by council consensus. The Street Finance Report is near completion and will be on the September agenda for approval. Council requested a tax lien be filed for water pit damage at Chad and Cheryl Miller's. No further updates have been received on the USDA grant request for a mini excavator. Financial reports were reviewed with the Council. The first deposit was received for franchise fees that took the place of LOST on Alliant energy bills. Problems with the drum on the new printer/copier were reported. The WET tax created an error in our accounting closing tools and will be fixed by ClerkBooks.

The water/sewer project continues. Contractor says the project is on track and will be done by fall. Some pits are above the ground. After the ground settles, they will be cut off as close to ground level as possible.

The Council reviewed emails from our insurance company regarding fuel tanks. Council agreed by consensus for Jason to get what he needs and to put a fuel tank in the back of the pickup.

The Moravia City Council discussed the ambulance situation in Appanoose County and agrees that ambulances are an essential service. Centerville representatives will be attending a Moravia city council meeting in the future to discuss the ambulance service and a 28E agreement.

The first reading of Ordinance #2018-05 – Alcoholic Beverages Control – highlights read by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2018-05 – Alcoholic Beverages Control. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson and seconded by Havard to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #2018-05 – Alcoholic Beverages Control. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Richardson to approve and adopt Ordinance #2018-05 – Alcoholic Beverages Control. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance updates from the workshop were reviewed. No changes will be made to the junk vehicles ordinance. Consideration was given to require cat licenses, but the council decided not to require it. Council recommends a change to section 106.01 regarding the collection of solid waste to add “an approved method by the city” as long as the trash is removed weekly. The Council also discussed the trash dumpsters in the park that are being used by unauthorized people. This dumpster is for use by the library, community building renters, and the city. The dumpster will be moved to the city shop.

The NPDES permit application (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) was reviewed and will be completed by Jason Snow.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Martin stated the owners of the old saw mill would be willing to sell it. The City would possibly be interested in part of it from the road to the creek.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Mayor Brooks reported the continuous problems with dogs running loose in town.

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 7:43 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:  
/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer