

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, September 18, 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, Carol Cloyed, Marcia Benjamin, Margaret Richardson, Phillip Edwards, Aaron Smart, and Pastor Christy Ehrle were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Ehrle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Havard 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 Sheldon to approve the minutes of the August 14, 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 Baty and seconded by Richardson 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 \$23,395 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank for the bill from Municipal Supply for equipment for the water/sewer project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Department reports were given:

Fire – No report available. Jason Snow reported two calls during Fall Festival. Reminder by Sharla Stogdill to do driver license checks for anyone on fire department/EMT that drives a rescue vehicle and proof of auto insurance for any volunteers that drive personal vehicles to fires/emergencies. Reminder by Councilman Baty to start doing physicals this fiscal year. Discussion was held regarding Centerville Fire & Rescue. When they attend a council meeting, questions will be addressed.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board.

Cemetery – Cemeteries look good. The brush pile has grown. Someone has thrown away bricks, rock, a kitchen table, Dish receiver, and other items. The council may need to put up cameras, move the brush pile, or get rid of it.

Parks – The city park looked good after Fall Festival. Councilman Martin picked up trash, but most of it had already been picked up.

Streets – Councilman Havard will contact Norris Asphalt to get a price on repairing holes on South Trussell Street and also on square.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to close Account 3370 and turn it over to the Credit Bureau for collection. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Sewer – Need to order fish by January. Jason will let the council know how many he needs.

Nuisance Properties – Perry property needs mowed. Vehicles at Jackie White's property do not have current tags and two are broke down. Councilman Baty will contact lawyer about having them towed. Sean Woodward needs a letter sent to him about junk vehicles. Many more owners of junk vehicles will be receiving notices in the near future.

City Staff – Administrative Supervisor Jason Snow reported putting 45 ton of rock on the north end of East Street on Monday. By Tuesday, you couldn't tell it got rock. The road needs crowned and narrowed. Councilman Havard will have Norris Asphalt look at it. City staff finished cleaning streets for Fall Festival, trimmed trees, fixed numerous holes in streets, and did a lot of work in preparation and following Fall Festival. City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports, gave the Council an update to their Ordinance books, discussed the ICAP safety grant, IMWCA refund, and the Annual Financial Report that is due December 1. The error created in ClerkBooks by the WET tax has been fixed and a corrected July balance sheet was given to the Council.

Hillcrest Cemetery improvements were discussed. A plan needs to be put in place so work can start in the spring.

The community building and library roof replacement was discussed. Phillip Edwards and Aaron Smart from Smart Roofing in Albia were in attendance and are interested in bidding on the job. A bid notice will be put in the newspaper. The Council requested a separate bid for the north gazebo. Councilman Havard stated Rubel Roofing Company is also interested in bidding.

Hiring of a code enforcer was discussed. The Iowa League of Cities will be contacted to see what the requirements are.

Several letters are being sent to residents regarding their dogs. The sheriff will be contacted and citations issued if necessary. The mayor has been contacted about 16 dogs running loose in the last few weeks. The Appanoose County Sheriff is handling the case where a dog has bitten a person.

The Moravia Fall Festival was reviewed by the Council. Attendance was down (possibly due to heat). Floats were excellent this year. Hours worked and jobs that were done by city workers were discussed. Carnival workers need to keep dogs on leashes and show proof of rabies vaccination next year.

The water/sewer project was delayed one week due to running out of parts. More locates have been done and the project is still on schedule to be completed this year.

City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed the City Street Financial Report. Resolution #14-2018–City Street Financial Report for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Resolution #14-2018–City of Moravia’s Street Financial Report for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Mayor Brooks conducted the first reading of Ordinance #2018-06–Solid Waste Collection. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #2018-06. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Richardson and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Ordinance #2018-06–Solid Waste Collection. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Ordinance approved and adopted.

Council reviewed the invoice for \$665 from Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council for FY19 Regional planning contribution for Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments services. Council agreed by consensus not to pay this invoice.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution #15-2018-Application for Tax Exemption for Tyson Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Havard to approve Resolution #16-2018-Application for Tax Exemption for Lynne Warrick. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks and Sharla Stogdill will be meeting with Ellen Walker from USDA on Friday, September 21 regarding the grant for a mini excavator.

A workshop for the Council and Mayor to review ordinances was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 4:30 PM.

Council discussion items included the hole in the alley behind Spencer’s that was repaired, street lights that are out, and LED lights for the tennis court.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – A complaint form for residents to complete was presented to the Council. Council agreed by consensus to begin using the form. If a situation goes to court, the form could be used in court and the person filing the complaint may need to testify. An email from Lisa Fritz regarding the railroad accident was read. The Council supports her efforts to request crossing bars from the railroad. The council has tried in the past to get crossing bars but was not successful. Seventh grade students will be doing a project called “If I Were Mayor.” Students are invited to attend the November Council meeting to read their essays to the City Council. Tire chips on the playground were discussed. Albia got mats for their playground and gave their chips to Moravia School. The school offered the chips they did not use to the City. Council agreed to put them around the playground equipment by consensus. A Dollar General contractor contacted the Mayor and wants to build a Dollar General in Moravia at Hwy 5 & 142. This is outside the city limits so no action was taken by the Council. De-escalation training was discussed but Council agreed by consensus not to participate. Screws on light poles at flags at city park need tightened; Jason will do. The flag project by the Vo-Ag group has been organized. A man from Knoxville used a metal detector in the park and put sod back where he dug.

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 8:01 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer