

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Ruth Sheldon (arrived at 5:35 PM), Don Havard, and Shawn Richardson. Sharla Stogdill, Jason Snow, Carol Cloyed, Marcia Benjamin, Ann Repp, Sam Kirby, and Sheila Kirby were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

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

The order of the meeting was changed so that Jason Snow and Ann Repp could leave.

Fire – Jason Snow did not have a report to give to the Council, but said there were at least 11 emergency calls in the last month and 0 fire calls. More volunteers are needed. Mayor Brooks requested a representative of the fire department/EMT attend the ambulance meeting in Centerville on Thursday, October 11 at 5 PM. Mayor Brooks read a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Jeremy Cole effective October 22, 2018. In the letter Jeremy stated he would like to remain on the fire department as a fire fighter, but recent changes to his schedule and obligations at work left him with very little time for Fire Department business. As Assistant Fire Chief, Jason Snow will automatically become the Fire Chief until February at which time an election will be held. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to accept Jeremy Cole's resignation. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

For the city staff portion of the agenda, Jason Snow discussed lagoon issues created by all the rain. A missing stop sign at Cummins Street was discussed. Council requested the stop sign be replaced with one of the older signs we have. Tubes have been cleaned. Residents need to know all the problems that are caused when items are dumped in their ditches and tubes. Several streets have been worked on, two sewers have been capped, and one water disconnected from a property. Alliant Energy was assisted with two gas shut-offs that were near our lines.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. Library Director Ann Repp discussed the shelving and furniture donated to the Moravia Library from the Centerville Library. A lady in Albia donated over 1,000 paperback books. The annual state report is due the end of October. A Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 27. The State Head Librarian will be at the Moravia Library on Thursday, October 11. The library was open during Fall Festival and had 150 visitors. Delsey Hinners volunteered for the summer reading program. A puppet show may be held in December.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the September 18, 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 Sheldon to approve the bills and receipts as revised. 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 \$5,880 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank to pay the bills from Municipal Supply and Rathbun Rural Water 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:

Cemetery – Cemetery looks excellent. Ben Lange commented to Councilman Baty that Hillcrest Cemetery is the best kept cemetery in the county and it always looks good for funerals.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Streets – Jason Snow and Councilman Havard met with Norris Asphalt about street repair projects. They will send us a bid. The tube at 407 East Charles is full and water is backing up in the basement. Resident has dug out the north end of it. Council requested Jason to look at it. The spotlight by the Moravia brick sign at Highway 5 is off and needs looked at. Street light west of funeral home is out and needs reported to Alliant.

Water –Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to close Account 3686. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Sewer – The pipe between Pond 1 and Pond 2 is plugged so we are pumping it and trying to dislodge it.

Nuisance Properties – Remaining work needed at Jackie White property was discussed. Junk cards with old tags need removed. There is still some trash that needs removed. John will get pictures to send to lawyer. An emergency issue that the city is going to move quickly on is Jackie White's collapsing building north of City Hall. The school was contacted regarding kids waiting on the school bus in front of that building. That issue has been resolved now as the bus stops in front of City Hall instead. The Betterment Committee is working on a program where junk vehicles can be picked up and a tax write-off taken for them.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports and gave the Council an update for their Ordinance books. Work continues on the Annual Financial Report. WET tax has caused more problems with ClerkBooks. No resident has completed a complaint form yet.

Mayor Brooks opened three bids received for the community building/library/gazebo roofs. After further discussion, the council voiced concern about the roof sealing with temperatures this time of year and decided to re-bid the job in early spring 2019. Resolution #17-2018 – Roof Contractor was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to reject all bids for the roofing project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

The Appanoose County ambulance service was discussed. A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 5 PM at the Board of Supervisors' office in Centerville. Mayor Brooks, Councilman Baty, and Councilman Havard will attend.

Animals running at large continue to be a problem. The citation issued by the Appanoose County Sheriff for Carolyn Clark's dog had several errors and had to be amended. A dog running at large was captured October 6. The owner was told the dog has to be either on a leash or behind a fence at all times and a citation will be issued if it happens again. Residents walking dogs without leashes will be sent a letter and told a citation will be issued if it continues. There are also problems with a cat that bit a resident. Consensus by council to issue citations for violators.

Motion by Richardson and seconded by Havard to approve the alcohol license for Spencer's Grocery. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

The water/sewer project continues to progress but has slowed down due to the weather.

Resolution #18-2018 – Water/Sewer Project Line of Credit Extension was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution #18-2018 – Water/Sewer Project Line of Credit Extension until January 15, 2019. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks updated the council on the USDA grant for a mini excavator. It is anticipated that we will get the funding and we have signed a "letter of intent to meet conditions."

A council workshop to review ordinances was set for Tuesday, October 23, at 4:30 PM.

Council discussion items – Ken Martin inquired about a booster so that cell phones and computers would work better in the city building. Shawn Richardson will check on prices. John Baty reviewed an email regarding funding for safety precautions for railroad crossings. Moravia does not meet the standard of a Predicted Accident (PA) of 0.075 or above. Ruth Sheldon reported that Jim Smith has a hydraulic wrench and barrel dollies he would donate to the city if we will write a receipt for the donation. Council agreed by consensus to accept the donation and write a receipt for the value of the items. Ruth also reported a complaint received about a trailer parked too close to a stop sign. Ruth looked at the trailer and it was fine. Council agreed by consensus to designate 6 PM to 8 PM on October 31 as the date and times for trick-or-treaters to visit Moravia. Residents are encouraged to turn their lights on if participating.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – An email was received regarding speeding on East Street and North Street. Councilman Richardson will find out where we could get a speed sign. There is an ice trailer parked on the sidewalk by Fat Annie's. Council agreed by consensus that it has to be moved off of the sidewalk. Moving the siren was discussed. Mayor Brooks will check with Chariton Valley Planning and Development about a possible grant for moving and updating it. A new weather radio needs to be purchased. The League of Cities has a scholarship program for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. They write an essay "If I Were Mayor" to enter in a contest. Information has been given to the Moravia School and participants are invited to attend the November council meeting to read their essays.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to adjourn at 8:21 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer