

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, December 11, 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, Carol Cloyed, Marcia Benjamin, Ann Repp, Paul Simpson, Pastor Christy Ehrle, Zach Bedford, McKenzie Crawford, Lisa McConnell (SIEDA), and Tim McDanel were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Christy Ehrle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

Motion by Havard and seconded by Baty 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 Martin to approve the minutes of the November 13, 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 Martin and seconded by Baty 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 from Iowa Trust Bank in the amount of \$1,950 for the bill from Municipal Supply for the water/sewer project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – Lisa McConnell from SIEDA discussed a tobacco-free/nicotine-free parks and trails policy and reviewed statistics with the council. Consideration of implementing the policy will be on the January agenda.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to open the public hearing for an amended budget for fiscal year 2018/19. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried. City Clerk Sharla Stogdill explained the amendment for \$55,000 in expenditures for the Fire Department to purchase a brush truck and related equipment. Mayor Brooks asked for questions and comments from the public and council and asked for any questions or comments received either verbally or in writing by the council and clerk. The only question received was from Councilman Richardson asking if \$55,000 was going to be enough money. Paul Simpson and Jason Snow, representing the fire department, stated it was enough. Motion by Martin and seconded by Sheldon to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Richardson and seconded by Havard to approve Resolution #22-2018 to adopt the amended budget for fiscal year 2018/19 for the purpose of the fire department to purchase a brush truck and related equipment at a total cost of up to \$55,000. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Paul Simpson turned in the incident report for November with eight calls, of which seven were medical calls. The fire department requested use of the streets on the square for the Independence Day celebration being held on June 29. Council agreed by consensus. Paul also requested approval to have a water fight on the square that day and use the city's water. Council agreed by consensus. He reported there will be 150 cars in the car show that day. Moravia will have five people attending Fire Fighter I training in Centerville. There may possibly be EMR training in Moravia beginning in mid-January and Centerville may be attending too. Grants may be available to cover part of the cost of the training. They are still checking in to a Junior Fire Fighter program and a new siren.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. Library Director Ann Repp reported the library hours will be changing January 2 due to the school's early out Wednesdays. New hours will be 10 AM to 6 PM on Wednesdays and 9 AM to 2:30 PM on Thursdays.

Cemetery – Brush pile has been burnt. Someone cut fire wood that was left in the pile.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Streets – Pot holes at the end of Frontage Road were discussed.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. A leak was discussed and information will be given to Councilman Baty to discuss with the landlord. Zach Bedford reviewed a monitoring violation for lead and copper received from the DNR. Sample bottles were not received from the lab so Zach and Jason were unaware of the testing requirement. The violation will need to be reported on the consumer confidence report. The testing must be completed by September 30, 2019 and done every three years.

Sewer – We have received a 911 address for the lagoon and Mayor Brooks will request a sign from the county.

Nuisance Properties – A citation has been issued for a damaged water pit at Westview. A citation form letter needs to be sent to residents with junk vehicles. Attorney needs notified to start legal process for building on square that is falling in. Two other properties are being issued citations to remove junk and junk vehicles.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported work on the 2019/20 budget has begun and will continue through March. She inquired if the bill for publication of the budget amendment for the Fire Department in the amount of \$122.52 was to be paid from the Fire fund. Council agreed by consensus. Financial reports were reviewed with the council. Jason Snow reported the rest of the material for the water/sewer project needs to be bought and finalized from Municipal Supply before the end of the year. Radio read for pits that are installed will be set up in January. Input from the council is needed regarding the placement and number of speed signs in town. Councilman Havard will meet with Jason and then talk to Councilman Richardson. More salt and sand has been delivered. They have put in long hours pushing snow. Councilmen Baty and Richardson need to meet at new house at 512 North Brandon to review water/sewer & have McCann install. More dead ash trees in the park will be removed this winter. Lift station still will not cycle. They are servicing equipment this winter. Christmas lights need to be replaced. Thank you to Rod Hutt for letting the city use his bucket truck to put up the Christmas lights.

Special meetings to set the 2019/20 budget were scheduled for January 15 and 24 at 4:30 PM.

The first reading of Ordinance #2018-07 – Dangerous and Vicious Animals was read by City Clerk Sharla Stogdill. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #2018-07 – Dangerous and Vicious Animals. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Havard and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Ordinance #2018-07 – Dangerous and Vicious Animals. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

The site investigation report received from HBK Engineering was reviewed and discussed. Council approved the answers to the report that Councilman Richardson had supplied. Council instructed City Clerk Sharla Stogdill to reply to their email with the answers provided and to also strongly urge them to attend a council meeting to further discuss water and sewer issues at the property. Council is willing to have a special meeting if necessary.

NLC Service Line Warranty Program endorsed by the Iowa League of Cities was reviewed. Council agreed by consensus to decline.

Appanoose Co. ambulance service was discussed. Council needs more information about what happened to Midwest Transport. Resolution #23-2018 - Payment to Appanoose County for Ambulance Services was not approved.

Resident complaints – Two residents complained about snow on sidewalks and in driveways. Per Ordinance 136.03, residents are responsible. A letter and copy of the ordinance needs to be sent to the Methodist Church. A court hearing was held with a resident who had received a citation for barking dogs. The resident has made efforts to stop the barking. If no more complaints are made in the next 30 days, the citation will be dropped and resident is responsible for court charges only. Going forward, the council wants citations to be paid in order to help offset legal fees for the city.

Water/Sewer Project Update – Councilman Baty reported contractors will be back by the end of this week to resume work on the project.

USDA Grant for Mini Excavator – Information regarding availability of funds was supposed to be available by December 7. That date is now changed to December 21 and no guarantee it will be then.

Council discussion items – Councilman Martin asked what information had been received regarding the cost of a booster for cell phones being installed in city hall. Councilman Richardson will obtain price information for the budget workshops.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Mayor Brooks requested a sign be put up by the drop box that we do not accept cash in the drop box. Council agreed by consensus. Councilman Baty will check on a new drop box and costs. An invitation from Iowa Trust & Savings Bank was received for their holiday open house at Lucile's Steak & Spirits on Thursday, December 13, from 5-7 PM. Mayor Brooks held a safety meeting on December 10. Jason is concerned about sludge in the lagoon. Council advised Jason to call Stephen Pedrick at French-Reneker. The next ordinance update meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 18 at 4:30 PM. A pipeline safety information survey was completed.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to adjourn at 8:13 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer