

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:31 PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 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, Ann Repp, Sam Kirby, Sheila Kirby, Margaret Richardson, Ronald Wheeler, and Kelsey Worcester were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

Motion by Martin 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 Havard and seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the December 11, 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.

Kelsey Worcester from HBK Engineering addressed the council about the building and development of Dollar General and working with the city. She submitted preliminary site plans for construction of the building on the empty lot by CD's Motel. The building will be 9,100 square feet (70'x130'). This is a smaller store and is similar in size to the one just constructed in Eldon. Storm water/drainage, sewer, and water were discussed. Once final plans have been submitted and approved by the council, it takes approximately two months to construct the building.

Comments from the public – Carol Cloyed complimented city staff on how our cemeteries looked during the holidays. Margaret Richardson thanked Jason Snow & Ellis Paxston for fixing potholes and stated she can't wait for Dollar General to get here. Ronald Wheeler stated he is impressed with Moravia. He walks a lot and is impressed with the roads and sidewalks. Sam Kirby voiced concern about a box store coming in to our community and the money does not stay in the community.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Jason Snow reported ten calls last month. Of those ten, six were medical, two were structural fires, and two were vehicle fires. Last year, there were 133 calls. Six people will be taking Fire Fighter I classes and five or six will be taking EMR classes. For the EMR classes, they have a pre-approved grant that pays a maximum of \$3640, but pays up to 70% of the cost. They have recruited one new volunteer.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. Library Director Ann Repp reported 57 E-Reader books, which is an increase. This includes books to read on laptops, I-Pads, etc, books to listen to, and movies. The library has until February 28 to get the application done for accreditation and direct state aid tier level.

Cemetery – Opening up a new section at Hillcrest Cemetery was discussed. Councilpersons Martin & Sheldon will be coordinating the work that needs to be done.

Parks – Councilperson Sheldon received a compliment on how nice our parks look.

Streets – Twelve 25 mph speed limit signs have been ordered. Pot holes have been repaired.

Water –Delinquent accounts were reviewed. A very large water leak was found and the water was going into the sewer. The leak was not being metered before, but was caught when reading the meter at the new pit. It is unknown how long it had been leaking. The city's water and sewer usage has dropped considerably since the leak has been fixed.

Sewer – Nothing to report.

Nuisance Properties – Pictures of building on square that is falling in have been taken and will be sent to lawyer. Council needs to make a list of residents with junk vehicles that will need a letter sent to them.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported the city received \$1,000 from ICAP for a safety grant. Road barricades and signs were purchased with the safety grant money. ICAP is also offering the grant in 2019, so we will apply again. Special meetings for the budget will be held at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 24. Financial reports were reviewed. Jason Snow reported capping off a sewer on Charles Street and also where the buildings fell in on square. Pumps at the lagoon and lift station have been serviced. The frame is cracked on the equipment trailer and he has welded it. The trailer bows when the skid loader is loaded on it. Jason will be at the fire station all day on January 9 for ISO inspection. Thanks to John Baty and George Bob Robinson for taking down the Christmas lights.

Resident complaints – Two complaints were filed at city hall this month, both involving dogs running loose.

Water/Sewer Project Update – The city is postponing installation of pits until it thaws due to the risk of freezing and breaking lines.

USDA Grant for Mini Excavator – No updates due to government shutdown.

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

Resolution #1-2019 – Designate Official Depository and Maximum Depository Amount was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution #1-2019 naming Iowa Trust & Savings Bank as the city's official depository with maximum limits of \$250,000 in savings and \$250,000 in checking accounts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to transfer \$65,000 from the Road Use Fund in our checking account into a new savings account in order to be within our limits. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2-2019 – Designate Official Publication of Public Notices was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve Resolution #2-2019 naming the Moravia Union as our official publication of public notices. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson and seconded by Baty to keep council committees the same for 2019. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to appoint Sharla Stogdill as the City Clerk/Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #3-2019 – Line of Credit Extension for Water/Sewer Project was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution #3-2019 to extend the line of credit with Iowa Trust & Savings Bank until July 15, 2019. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

The tobacco-free/nicotine-free policy for parks will be added to the agenda of the January 24, 2019 special meeting.

Council discussion items – Councilman Richardson discussed the ambulance service and taxation. A speed trailer was discussed and quotes will be requested. Councilman Martin inquired on the status of a booster for cell phones. We are waiting on a quote but will be in the \$1000 to \$1500 range. Councilman Martin inquired about the job applications for Maintenance Assistant. Four applications have been received. Mayor Brooks asked for volunteers for a hiring committee. Councilpersons Baty and Sheldon will be the committee, with Councilpersons Havard and Martin on standby if needed. Councilman Sheldon reported Eastlack Street needs rock. A resident reported to her they had been bitten by a dog. They were told to call the sheriff and file a complaint at city hall. Councilman Havard inquired if the old saw mill ground would be available for us to purchase. Councilman Martin said the owners were considering it and will let us know.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Quarterly safety meeting dates have been set. A resident inquired if we have a live animal trap they could use. Councilman Martin has one they can use. The resident also inquired if anyone in town wants a male cat. The 911 sign at the lagoon has been installed. The new drop box for payments has been ordered. Furever Friends is looking for land to construct an animal shelter in the Moravia area and inquiring if we know of any place.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Richardson to adjourn at 7:42 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer