

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:31 PM on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons John Baty, Ruth Sheldon, and Shawn Richardson. Councilman Don Havard arrived at 5:46 PM. Councilman Ken Martin was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Jason Snow, and Marcia Benjamin were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mayor Brooks and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brooks welcomed the public.

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

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Baty to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Baty to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. 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: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to borrow \$53,427 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank for the water/sewer project loan to pay the Municipal Supply bill. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Furever Friends – Tammy Cassidy – Absent.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to open the budget hearing at 5:40 PM. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent, Havard-Absent. Motion carried. City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed the budget forms that will be filed with the county auditor and state auditor and reviewed the final worksheets with changes from the last budget meeting. No questions or comments, written or verbal, had been received at City Hall regarding the budget. There were no questions or comments from the public in attendance about the budget. Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to close the public hearing at 5:47 PM. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution #5-2019 to approve and adopt the City of Moravia's budget and certification of city taxes for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 – ending June 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Jason Snow reported seven calls in January (five medical, one mutual aid for a structural fire, and one car wreck).

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board.

Cemetery – Councilwoman Sheldon reported that Councilman Martin met with Mike Robinson about the cemetery expansion and it was agreed to not do it until fall. Tim Kettel also agreed.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Streets – Council complimented city staff on a good job removing snow from the streets. Jason Snow reported the county is out of sand and salt so we can't get any right now and the city is almost out. We have to get it from the county because the city does not have a way to mix the sand and salt. Salt does not work when the temperature is below 20 degrees. To blade snow in the entire town costs approximately 60 man hours of labor, 130 gallons of fuel, and five tons of sand. A resident is dumping cat litter on the side of the road and will be notified to remove it and stop putting it there.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to write off and close account #3660 in the amount of \$5.52. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried.

Sewer – Regulations for dredging the lagoon are being investigated.

Nuisance Properties – Councilman Baty will provide a list of junk vehicles on properties that will be sent a letter. Pictures have been sent to Craver & Grothe of Jackie White's collapsing building.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The City is on track with the budget for income and expenses. ClerkBooks announced they have a fix for the program problems with the WET tax. The printer/copier needs to be serviced. ICAP insurance renewal has been received and has been given to the library, fire department, and Jason. Councilwoman Sheldon will also be assisting in the review of the policy. Jason Snow reported plowing snow continuously. They dug up a water stop by hand to get the water shut off. Gas and phone lines are on top of the water stop. Water is draining behind city hall from old buildings. Turbo went out of the skid loader and was repaired by Southern Iowa Equipment with a very fast turnaround. Jason asked the Street Department if they have talked to the bank about refinancing our loan so we can make needed repairs. We need to make plans now or we won't be able to get on the contractor's schedule.

Resident complaints – The Mayor received two verbal complaints but no written complaints were filed.

Water/Sewer Project Update – Waiting for weather to get better to start project again. Training will be held in the near future for the radio read. A tool has been purchased to cut the new pits that are above ground.

USDA Grant for Mini Excavator – The City has been notified by USDA that we will receive the grant funds for the mini excavator. Paperwork has been signed by the Mayor and sent back to USDA.

Mayor Brooks read Ordinance #2019-01-Sewer Rates. Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2019-01-Sewer Rates. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Richardson & seconded by Havard to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #2019-01-Sewer Rates. The reasons stated for waiving the second and third readings were due to lack of interest by the public, dredging that needs to be completed, and funds are needed quickly. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to approve and adopt Ordinance #2019-01-Sewer Rates effective March 1, 2019. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks read Ordinance #2019-02-Snow Emergencies. Motion by Richardson and seconded by Havard to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2019-02-Snow Emergencies. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty & seconded by Havard to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #2019-02-Snow Emergencies. The reasons stated for waiving the second and third readings was due to lack of interest by the public and the urgency of snow removal and the need to get it done. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Havard and seconded by Richardson to approve and adopt Ordinance #2019-02-Snow Emergencies. Roll Call Vote: Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Martin-Absent. Motion carried. Letters will be sent to several residents to move their vehicles after the ordinance is published. It is very difficult to clean the streets when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. Councilman Baty will make tow truck arrangements.

Council discussion items – Weight limit signs need to be ordered for streets in town and weight limits enforced. The tube at corner of Baird and Eastlack is collapsing due to a truck cutting the corner and driving on it. Roads are being destroyed by trucks. Councilman Baty received an email from Musco Lighting about changing the lights at the ball field at Trussell Park to LED's. Baty will talk to the M Club about fundraising projects.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – A letter was received from Alliant Energy regarding a safety inspection on gas equipment at 114 East Chariton Street. Jason will check the equipment. There is a balance due for IPERS re-payment. No payment has been received since October. An invoice has been sent. Rathbun Rural Water Association meeting is February 28 at 7 PM. Chariton Valley Planning legislative coffee is Saturday, March 9 from 10 AM to 11 AM at the Chariton Valley Planning & Development office in Centerville. Water installation and maps at West View were discussed. Garden & Associates will be contacted. A retirement party for Ellis Paxston will be held Friday, February 22, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to adjourn at 7:20 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer