

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

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:32 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Ruth Sheldon, and Shawn Richardson. Councilman Don Havard was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Jason Snow, Carol Cloyed, Marcia Benjamin, Sabrina Wells, Dustin Bozwell, Mike Miller, Pastor Christy Ehrle, Pastor Terry Chapman, Sam Kirby, Sheila Kirby, Ann Repp, and Krystal Fowler 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 Baty and seconded by Sheldon to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheldon and seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Absent. 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, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to borrow \$10,044 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank for the Municipal Supply bill for the water/sewer project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Sheldon-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Absent. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Dustin Bozwell, Sabrina Wells, Mike Miller, and Krystal Fowler representing Furever Friends Rescue were in attendance. Dustin Bozwell addressed the Council regarding the plans for the non-profit organization to build an animal shelter in Appanoose County. It will be a no-kill shelter and will provide adoption, fostering, immunizations, spaying/neutering, and educational services to owners. The organization has three promising prospects for land/facility. They are requesting Moravia's financial assistance of \$3,600 annually or a monthly donation of \$300. The Council agrees a shelter is needed but the budget has already been set. The budget will be reviewed to see if any assistance can be given and let them know. Their request will be considered again in future budgets.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Jason Snow reported five medical calls, one car wreck, and one mutual aid structure fire in February. The Firemen's Bash plans are well underway. If it is not profitable, the fire department will not be able to afford to do a fireworks display any more. The department needs the full support of the town. The new truck for the fire department is ordered and will arrive in 6-8 weeks.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. Library Director Ann Repp reported they have turned in their accreditation and the city needs to do more with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. A handicap parking sign is missing and needs to be replaced, as well as blue paint applied to the parking spots. Jason Snow stated we have the sign to replace it but he is waiting for the tree to be removed and the weather will have to warm up before he can paint. Ann also reported work needs to be done to the ramp and the doors need to be able to be opened from a wheelchair. Councilman Baty will check into push button door openers for the library and city hall. Ann also requested Council members visit the library to see what they have to offer.

Cemetery – Nothing to report.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Streets – Street repairs and potholes were discussed. DOT needs to be notified about the pot holes that are the state's responsibility.

Water –Delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Sewer – French-Reneker has been notified about dredging and they are getting measurements and information needed.

Nuisance Properties – Council will be making a list of the junk vehicles that must be removed. Councilman Baty will contact Craver & Grothe on the status of the case on the collapsing building on the square. The Council requested records of the water line installation at Westview from Pastor Terry Chapman at the Nazarene Church.

City Staff – Jason Snow reported on snow removal. The tractor broke down during road repair. The shop is being cleaned and shelving and cabinets will be built. There are lighting issues in the shop. The water project was discussed. State of Iowa requires pits to be buried 54" below the ground which will require the water lines to be bent in some cases. The gas line connection at the community building needs to be insulated. The new siren has not been discussed with Fire Chief Mike Bogle due to lack of time. City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. Iowa Trust Bank in Centerville is remodeling and offered to

give the city their old chairs. We will be getting 12 of their chairs in April or May for the Council room and clerk's office. The plug-in for the refrigerator in the kitchen is shutting off and needs to be looked at. The new drop box and lock for the clerk's office door need installed. Training on the Sensus water meter readings upload to ClerkBooks will be on Monday, March 18. Records retention is being worked on and old documents shredded. Hunting in the old cemetery was reported to city hall. Resident was told to call the sheriff next time they see someone hunting there as guns cannot be shot in the city limits.

Resident complaints – A resident complained about water on their property. Councilman Richardson will be reviewing and talking to the resident. Part of the problem is snow from their driveway is being pushed into their ditch and the buildings are in a low area.

Verizon Cell Tower Site - A 250' tower is being erected. The driveway has been installed. The 911 address marker has not been installed yet by the sheriff. A map showing the proposed route for the 2" conduit with fiber optic was reviewed by the Council. The Council did not approve the route proposed by Civil Design Advantage and Aureon due to the water mains along that route. The Council requests the route to be straight south and straight east instead. An email will be sent to the project manager by the city and Councilman Baty will contact them with the recommended alternative route.

Tobacco Free Park Signs – Council approved by consensus ordering five metal signs and six stickers at no cost to the city. Councilman Richardson stated he disagrees with the tobacco free park policy.

Street Improvement Projects – Iowa Trust Bank has approved loaning the city money for street improvement projects in the next fiscal year. East Street was discussed. Norris Asphalt needs notified by the Street Committee to get a new quote and to be put on their schedule.

Water/Sewer Project Update – Frost is still in the ground. Project will start again when it gets warmer.

USDA Grant for Mini Excavator – Grant has been approved and the city will be awarded federal funds to help purchase a new mini excavator. Steps to follow have been outlined by USDA. Jason Snow will get minimum specifications for the equipment we are purchasing and bids from vendors.

Mowing Season – Council agreed by consensus to hire two part-time seasonal helpers for the summer and approved the ad for the Moravia Union. The jobs will also be advertised at the Moravia High School. Minimum age requirement is 18 years.

ICAP Insurance Renewal – Council did not recommend any changes to be made to the ICAP renewal at this time. The library reviewed their portion and do not recommend any changes until they get a new printer/copier. Jason Snow and Councilperson Sheldon will review the policy further.

Preliminary Plans for Proposed Dollar General – Pastor Terry Chapman stressed to the Council the church board's desire to work with Dollar General on the road between the two facilities. Kelsey Worcester from HBK Engineering will need to contact Councilman Baty regarding the sewer, road, and fire hydrant.

Bids for Library/Community Building Roof – Council reviewed bids received last fall to replace the library/community building roof. The low bidder will be contacted to confirm the bid price. Roof replacement is budgeted for the 2019/20 fiscal year beginning July 1.

Council discussion items – Councilman Martin reported the sign on South Brandon Street that tells the underpass height has been twisted. Jason will fix. He inquired about taking bids for the cemetery expansion work that needs to be done. He will write the bid advertisement. Councilman Baty reported a trench that was dug across a service alley on to a neighboring property and caused their basement to flood. He requested Jason add to his schedule to be ditched.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Leona Bortis requested use of the park for spring and fall dog training classes. Council agreed by consensus. An ordinance review meeting was scheduled with the Council for Tuesday, March 19 at 4:30 PM. Trees are available from the DNR and information was given to Sam Kirby. City-wide cleanup days were discussed and the Council agreed by consensus not to have them.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Sheldon to adjourn at 8:03 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer