

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019**

The special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:04 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Don Havard, and Shawn Richardson. Sharla Stogdill, Carol Cloyed, Roy Miller, Gary Ehrle, Darcy Weibrenner-Sheldon, Bill Benjamin, Marcia Benjamin, and George Bob Robinson 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 Martin to approve the amended agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None

Mayor Brooks stated there were four applicants for the two seasonal openings to mow and trim this summer. The applicants were Nathan Nigh, Allen Parlier, Lydia Lewis, and Tucker Babbitt. All four applicants were interviewed by the Council and Mayor Brooks. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to hire Tucker Babbitt and Allen Parlier as seasonal employees on an as needed basis up to 40 hours per week at a pay rate of \$9 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Six written requests for the City Council vacancy were received. The applicants were George Bob Robinson, Carol Cloyed, Darcy Weibrenner-Sheldon, Roy Miller, Gary Ehrle, and Willard Armstrong. The expectations of a city council member were reviewed by the Mayor. The term for the appointed person filling the vacancy ends on December 31, 2019, and will be on the election ballot in November. Mayor Brooks invited each of the applicants in attendance to talk about themselves, their qualifications, experience, and activities they have been involved in, as well as tell the Council why they are interested in becoming a Council member. Willard Armstrong was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment. After the five other candidates spoke, Mayor Brooks asked the Council to vote for their top three candidates. A second vote of the top three candidates would then be held to determine the winner. Roll Call Vote: Ken Martin – Gary Ehrle, Roy Miller, George Bob Robinson; John Baty – George Bob Robinson, Gary Ehrle, Roy Miller; Don Havard – Gary Ehrle, George Bob Robinson, Roy Miller; Shawn Richardson – George Bob Robinson, Roy Miller, Gary Ehrle. For the second vote of the top three candidates, the City Council submitted a written vote to Mayor Brooks. Three votes were for Gary Ehrle and one vote for George Bob Robinson. Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to appoint Gary Ehrle to fill the open council seat vacated by Ruth Sheldon. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 7-2019 was introduced by Mayor Brooks. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Resolution No. 7-2019 to appoint Gary Ehrle to the Moravia City Council to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Ruth Sheldon. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Havard-Aye, Richardson-Aye. Resolution adopted.

The oath of office of Gary Ehrle was administered by City Clerk Sharla Stogdill. Council members and Mayor Brooks welcomed him to the Moravia City Council and Gary expressed his thanks to the Council.

Motion by Ehrle and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 5:40 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer