

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Irene Brooks at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Brooks, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Gary Ehrle, Don Havard, and Shawn Richardson. Sharla Stogdill, Jason Snow, Carol Cloyd, Kyle Ocker, Ann Repp, Margaret Richardson, Sabrina Wells, Brandon McElderry, Krystal Fowler, Jessica Lenik, and Bonnie Gore 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 Havard to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported that paying the Cicco Construction and Municipal Supply bills in this fiscal year puts the city over budget on water and sewer. The options were to pay it now and be over budget or amend the 2019/20 budget and pay it after the approval of the amendment. Council chose to pay now and be over budget. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to borrow \$32,750 from our line of credit at Iowa Trust Bank for the Municipal Supply and Cicco Construction bills for the water/sewer project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Representing Furever Friends Rescue was Jessica Lenik, Sabrina Wells, Brandon McElderry, and Krystal Fowler. The group has secured a building (former Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville) to lease or rent. The facility is 3900 square feet and will have 45-50 kennels and a cat room. They recently took in 24 dogs from one place in Centerville. They are seeking \$5,000 per month in financial support to sustain payments to operate and to get financial backing. They currently have \$2,000/month in pledges. Pledges are needed from individuals, groups, companies, and government entities. Motion by Baty and seconded by Richardson to give Furever Friends Rescue \$250 from the 2018/19 budget by June 30, 2019 and \$250 from the 2019/20 budget. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried. Budget workshops for the 2020/21 fiscal year will be held in January 2020 and consideration will be given to the group at that time.

Comments from the public – None

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Jason Snow reported seven medical calls, two fires, and one car wreck in May. No update or contract has been received on the new truck. The department received \$2,300 from the Cargill Caring Grant to purchase a bumper and winch for the brush truck.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. Library Director Ann Repp reported on the magic show held on Monday, June 10. They had ten children and eight adults in attendance.

Cemetery – Councilman Martin reported Putnam Co. Monument installing several stones at Hillcrest. Councilman Havard stated the need for a small push mower to use at the cemetery between some of the stones instead of using a weed eater. Motion by Havard and seconded by Richardson for Jason to purchase a push lawn mower. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Parks – Councilman Ehrle reported the trash issue at Trussell Park has been taken care of. He is still working on the ICAP requirements for the playground equipment. The north gazebo needs cleaned and both gazebos need painted. Councilman Martin stated Roger Boley volunteered to help us spray paint them.

Streets – Councilman Havard has not heard from contractors. He informed the Council about an auction being held at RRWA and asked if they would have anything we need. Jason Snow reported the tube by the county shed is fixed and that Church Street will have to be closed and replaced. Councilman Baty stated contractors are running behind schedule due to the rain.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Close to 60 delinquent letters were sent out this month and water was shut off on June 10 for non-paying customers. Council agreed by consensus to send thirty day notice of tax lien letters to Accounts 1121, 710, and 1770.

Sewer – Jason Snow reported using the trash pump to unplug lagoon. He talked to French-Reneker about dredging and sludge issue. A sludge test will be done to get an accurate cost estimate. There are no E. coli issues and no issues since it has stopped raining.

Nuisance Properties – Grass at 610 North Brandon needs mowed. Realtor said it will be taken care of. Original Notice and Petition has been posted on the front door of the Moffatt property.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill requested Council approval to order a new ergonomically designed office chair and Council agreed by consensus. Upcoming vacation and personal days were reported. Work orders and financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Baty and

seconded by Richardson to transfer \$50,000 from Road Use Savings to Road Use Checking and transfer \$70,000 from fire checking to fire savings (open a new account). Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried. Council agreed by consensus to pay \$220 for 20 banker boxes of shredding and \$5 per additional box to The Shredder in Des Moines. Councilman Richardson wants the Clerk to purchase any office supplies needed such as toner, paper, etc. if any money is left in the budget for supplies. Jason Snow reported on the many hours spent at the lagoon with all the rain we received. Mowing is almost caught up. Culverts were replaced on Montgomery Street. The jetter pump has been rebuilt. Jason's upcoming vacation was reported.

Resident complaints – A complaint was received about the gutters in the streets at West View being plugged. Residents are not supposed to mow grass into the streets. The city does not have anything to sweep the streets with. A resident requested the fill dirt be put in around their new water pit. The City will do this but have only had a few days without rain. A pit bull running loose and tires and boards behind a house at West View were discussed. The resident with items behind their house up next to the alley said they would begin clean up next week. Deputy Carter was investigating a dog who had bitten a person and got bit himself by the same dog. The complaint about the trailer with no water, no electricity, and trash was reviewed again and will be taken care of after the current nuisance property is done.

Cemetery rules were reviewed and discussed. Council agreed by consensus that after June 15, flowers on the ground will be picked up like normally done. For one month, the city will not be trimming around shepherd hooks, solar lights, and other items not on the stone. Families that wish to have these items around stones must be responsible for the care of the trimming and weeds. If after one month they are not being taken care of, the city will remove these items.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to approve the Community Building Rental Agreement as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Ehrle to approve the Stage Usage Agreement with the removal of the decibels portion. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to approve the \$1,520 bid from PNS Construction to replace 290 square feet of 4' sidewalk in front of City Hall. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried. Councilman Baty will contact PNS Construction. There will be limited hours for City Hall to be open while this is being done.

Water/Sewer Project Update – Considerable progress has been made installing the new pits and pits are being dropped into the ground lower. City Clerk Stogdill reported the line of credit loan matures on July 15. Council requests a six month extension of the line of credit.

The USDA grant for the mini excavator was discussed. Bids from three places were reviewed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to accept the bid from Vermeer Iowa and Northern Missouri for \$58,400 due to the bid meeting all of the minimum requirements and being the lowest price. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

Dollar General Update – They are in the process of closing on purchasing the land.

Due to end of the fiscal year and time requirements to close out the books, Council agreed by consensus to have the July regular council meeting on the third Tuesday of July (16th) instead of the second Tuesday.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to add \$43,000 in items at Trussell Park to our insurance policy for \$125/year additional cost. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Richardson-Aye, Havard-Aye. Motion carried.

The need for rules at Trussell Park was discussed. Due to possible changes in Little League and AAU teams, the rules will be made before the season starts in 2020.

Council discussion items – Councilman Ehrle is looking into tires for borders of playground equipment and shredded rubber tires available at the school. Last month when it was decided to try working four 10-hour days, Gary did not understand that Mitch was included in that. He thought it was just for Jason. The rest of the Council understood it was for both of them. Gary would like to see them alternate their days off with one gone on Fridays and one gone on Mondays. Jason said they need to be here on the same days due to most of their jobs requiring two people. Holidays were discussed and whether we should pay 8 hours or 10 hours for the holidays. We will check with the state and county on what their policy is. Councilman Baty inquired if water usage for the town was still down. It was higher than the previous month but still much lower than it had been. Parking at the ball field has improved. Councilman Richardson discussed radar speed warning signs and collecting data from the signs.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – The tobacco-free park signs are here and need to be installed by the Parks Committee. The possibility of expanding the parking lot toward the shelter house at Trussell Park is being looked into. We have been asked to complete a survey of the USPS. During the last pay period, four hours were charged to the City due to someone talking to city workers while eating their lunch. This cannot happen anymore. Get your questions answered and discussions during their working hours and do not stay and visit.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Ehrle to adjourn at 8:14 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Irene Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer