

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, George Bob Robinson, Don Havard, and Sheila Kirby. Sharla Stogdill, Paul Simpson, and Sam Kirby were also present.

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

Comments from the Public – Paul Simpson requested use of the library basement to put exercise equipment in for the fire department's use. Council agreed by consensus. Paul inquired about using Trussell Park for a softball tournament for a fundraiser for the fire department. Council stated Clint Woodward is in charge of it, so to schedule the field with him. Council requests the facilities to be left clean and all trash be picked up and put in dumpster. Sam Kirby gave the Council a copy of an article that was in the Albia Newspaper about revenue bonds being at 1.3%. He encouraged the Council to contact Piper Sandler to get more information. Mayor Miller stated he would call them to see if they could attend the next council meeting. Iowa Trust Bank has lowered the interest rate for the water/sewer project loan from 5% to 3.25%. Council agreed by consensus to accept the new lowered rate.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to open the budget hearing. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Robinson-Aye, Havard-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried. Clerk Stogdill stated she had received no questions or comments about the budget at City Hall. Mayor and Council received no questions or comments. The public in attendance had no questions or comments. Motion by Martin and seconded by Robinson to close the budget hearing. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Robinson-Aye, Havard-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Resolution #6-2020 – Approval and Adoption of the City of Moravia's Budget and Certification of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Robinson-Aye, Havard-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Martin reported Brandon Avenue underneath the railroad overpass has washed and has gotten worse. It belongs to the County. Councilman Robinson will look at it. Councilman Baty stated the school is looking into a possible shared grounds maintenance position with us. He has two contacts of companies that could dredge the lagoon. The map of the roads in the new section of Hillcrest is needed. Council inquired how many people have applied for the seasonal mowing positions. At this time, we have one applicant. Councilperson Kirby had checked in with city hall and the library on Monday regarding the coronavirus pandemic. At that time, the library had received notification from the State to remain open. Councilman Baty said the library had just made the decision to close to the public effective March 18. Councilman Robinson reported other city halls in the area have closed to the public and are having people use the drop box. Council wants to close city hall if the virus is found in Appanoose or surrounding counties. Otherwise, they are leaving it up to the Mayor and Clerk to close to the public if they deem necessary. City workers are not to enter the homes of any residents and look at things on a case by case basis for the safety of customers and employees.

Mayor's Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller discussed the mandate to not have gatherings of more than ten people until April 16. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 14. Council agreed by consensus to reschedule that meeting for April 21. If the mandate gets extended, we will change the date accordingly. Recognizing bills will still need to be approved to pay, Council agreed by consensus for the Clerk to email the list of bills to Council for approval. Their email response can be used as a signature.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Havard to adjourn at 5:24 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer