

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 4:30 PM on Monday, June 15, 2020, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, John Baty, Don Havard, George Bob Robinson, and Sheila Kirby. Sharla Stogdill, Paul Simpson, and Carol Cloyed were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

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

Comments from the public – None.

The Council discussed a request from the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors to put a question on the ballot to change the allocation of our Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) revenue in Moravia to include a ten percent (10%) allocation for a new law enforcement facility in Appanoose County. The current LOSST public measure that is in place states the revenue is to be used for zero percent (0%) property tax relief and the specific purpose for which revenues will otherwise be expended are for "any lawful purpose." This being the case, the Council determined a vote by local citizens is not required and it does not need to be on the ballot. The current allocation as determined by the City Council when the measure passed in 2007 is fifty percent (50%) Street Fund and fifty percent (50%) Fire Fund. If the County's vote to build a new law enforcement facility passes, the Council will determine at that time if they are going to change the current allocation to include the new facility. An investigation of fire department and street loans would need to be done to see if LOSST funds are in the wording in our loan agreements before any changes could be made. The Council agreed the Fire Department cannot afford a cut in their LOSST funds so they agreed to not give less than fifty percent (50%) to the Fire Fund, regardless of the election outcome. Councilman Robinson stated the Street Fund cannot take the hit and wants to stop borrowing money for street repairs. The possibility of loans that are paid by water, sewer, and streets could have less taken from streets. The Council is concerned about the sheriff's fees being increased. Many more tickets could be written if they came to town more often, thereby increasing their income. Motion by Baty and seconded by Robinson to not put a question on the election ballot about changing the LOSST revenue allocation and that the Fire Department will not lose any LOSST funds regardless of the outcome of the county election. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Robinson-Aye, Havard-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried. Due to not putting a question on the ballot, the proposed resolution was not adopted.

Councilman Baty stated the nuisance property at 106 South William is currently in negotiations.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Robinson requested a storage building be purchased for approximately \$4,000. Council may have another building they will be using so no purchase will be made at this time.

Mayor Discussion Items – Two bills were presented that need to be paid in the current fiscal year: Bingham Signs for \$300 for lettering on the fire truck and Norris Asphalt for \$773.45 for cold patch. Council approved and signed both bills. Mayor Miller asked what the Council wanted to do with the old council room tables and Mayor's stand. Paul Simpson said the Fire Department could use them and the Council agreed by consensus. Frontage Road by Dollar General has damage caused by construction crews and must be repaired. An email was sent to the contractor by Dollar General and if no response, Roy will call Dollar General.

Motion by Havard and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 4:59 PM. All Ayes - Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer