

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Baty at 4:30 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at the Moravia Community Building. In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Baty, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Sheila Kirby, and Gary Ehrle. Mayor Roy Miller was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Bill Benjamin (arrived at 5:20 PM), and Marcia Benjamin were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Gary Ehrle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Baty welcomed the public.

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

Comments from the public – None.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the invoice for Account 4100. When the meters were read in January, a leak of 453,200 gallons of water was found at this location. Clerk Stogdill had applied the water leak rate, which is \$2 off per gallon for water usage over and above the 4000 gallon minimum where there is a leak of 20,000 gallons or more. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to remove the sewer usage fees of \$1,828.47 and to allow the customer to make payments on the invoice in the amount of \$250 per month. Late fees do apply to the balance of the invoice. Roll Call Vote: Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed the second draft of the city budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 with the council. All changes from the meeting on January 21 had been made to the budget. Several cuts had to be made to the Special Revenues Fund budget including repair of the drainage ditch by Agriland. Council decided to have city employees repair the section of West North Street by Highway 5, which would save money versus if the job was contracted. The city will contact Agriland to contract a fuel price after reviewing the number of gallons of fuel purchased in the last year. With anticipated hikes in fuel prices, the city hopes to save money by locking the price in. Pay increases for city employees was discussed and different scenarios of increases was reviewed by the Council. Motion by Ehrle and seconded by Kirby to give all city employees a three percent wage increase effective July 1, 2021. Pay rates for seasonal mowers will be determined at a later date. Roll Call Vote: Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. The Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy will be published on February 3 in the Moravia Union. A special meeting to conduct the first of two public hearings will be held at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the community building.

Council Discussion Items – Mayor Pro Tem Baty stated the “M” Club is no longer in charge of the shed at Trussell Park. It has been turned over to the Little League and the City needs to monitor it. Baty also complimented Mitch Main and Shaun Wubben on the good job of pushing snow after the last snow storm.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – None

Motion by Martin and seconded by Ehrle to adjourn at 6:06 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer