

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present were Councilpersons Sheila Kirby, John Baty (arrived at 4:10 PM), Ron Deal, Ken Martin, and Gary Ehrle. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, and Marcia Benjamin were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

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

Comments from the public – None.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Ehrle to approve payment to J Leu Contracting for \$1,911.38 for sewer videoing and inspection. Roll Call Vote: Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Moravia City Council Plan of Action - Councilman Ehrle addressed the Council on the city's plan of action. He has been researching solar and wind power for the city's utilities as a cost savings. He is working with Josh Clark, Renewable Energy Consultant with Simpleray Solar. Clerk Stogdill provided Gary with a breakdown of average utility costs per meter for the city. Utilities at the fire department are high. When leaving for a fire call, doors need to be shut. When not at the station, air conditioning and heat settings need to be monitored similar to the community building. Air quality was also discussed. Councilman Ehrle would like to see more trees planted and ordinances to eliminate burning in the city limits in the middle of the night. The City Council would like to attract more businesses to Moravia and support current businesses. Infrastructure improvements are needed. The budget was discussed and ways to increase the city's income and lower expenses. Headcount for the city needs to be added. A grant writer, cemetery liaison, code enforcer/compliance officer are all needed. The possibility of having two different supervisory positions at the city, one for water and sewer and one for cemeteries and parks was also discussed.

Parks and Code Enforcer Position – Job descriptions and essential functions will need to be written. Combining job duties from other positions will need to be addressed and determine if part-time or full-time position.

Grant Writing – The possibility of sharing a grant writer with the school was discussed. Councilman Ehrle will contact the school to discuss.

Street Lights – The cost of street lights was discussed. These will not be able to put on solar power.

Resolution #20-2021 was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve Resolution #20-2021 – Resolution Authorizing Abandonment Process Against Real Property Located at 104 North John, Moravia. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle said we will not have time to build the road at the new cemetery section this year. Instead of using the money budgeted for the road, he requested spending the budgeted funds on trees and boulders. Memorial trees were also discussed. Sam Kirby is looking at a grant for trees for next year. A columbarium cremation container was discussed for the new section of the cemetery. The street re-surfacing project will start this week. The company is running short on material so area by the railroad tracks and Highway 5 junction will not be fixed at this time, but company will come back. The street will be striped in six to eight months. The cost is approximately \$36,000 and payable in two years. A back-up generator for the city was reviewed. Councilman Deal will check into fuel tanks for the city to purchase fuel in bulk for a savings. Councilman Baty inquired if funds from the American Rescue Plan Act could be used to repair the street by Highway 5 since a water break there required the street be dug up. Repairs need to be done before winter. Councilwoman Kirby showed the council a design for the southeast corner of the Moravia square (education corner) that the Betterment Committee will be undertaking. All wooden planters in the park on the square will be replaced with new planters with the Garden Club still involved in planting and maintaining them. Councilman Martin requested Mitch Main to check on the downspouts at 505 West Church Street to make sure they are not going into the sewer. Mitch Main

inquired if the old fire truck could be stored somewhere besides the city shop. It is Moravia's first fire truck and needs to be stored in a safe and secure place.

Mayor Discussion Items – The owner of the dogs that bit two males has fixed the pen so the dogs will not be able to get out again. They will bring in proof of rabies vaccination and purchase dog licenses. The sheriff did not contact the owners, they only received the certified letter from the city. If the dogs bite anyone else, they will have to be removed from the city.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:09 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer