

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Sheila Kirby, Ken Martin, Ron Deal, Gary Ehrle, and John Baty. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Josh Clark, and Freddy Finley were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Freddy Finley and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

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

Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Josh Clark from Simpleray Solar presented the Council with an overview of solar power for the lagoon, fire station, library/community building, and city hall. Community investor(s) would be needed to finance the project. Tax advantages and depreciation for the investor was discussed as well as the number of years for payback of the project.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – No representatives were in attendance. Eight calls were reported for the month of November. Santa Claus will be at the fire station on December 18.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. No representatives from the library were in attendance. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the appointment of Amanda Smith to fill the vacancy on the Moravia Library Board. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Miller reported meeting with Amanda Smith and Julie Seals from the Friends of the Library regarding a grant for a handicap ramp and doors for the library. Amanda and Julie requested prices for both the ramp and the doors before the Library Board and Friends of the Library vote on whether they will apply for a grant.

Cemetery – None.

Parks – Council complimented how nice the Christmas lights look at the park. Lights at Trussell Park were discussed. City will use poles donated by Councilman Martin.

Streets – Alliant Energy will be contacted regarding the street light not working at the corner of William and King Street. Councilman Deal reported looking at streets to identify areas that need repaired to put in next year's budget.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Sewer – No updates on CDBG grant money. Mitch Main will be taking the sewer license test on January 6.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were reviewed. Councilman Baty will get pictures of junk vehicles. A locate was called in for property at 504 West North Street. A deadline of December 5 was given to property owners and renters to clean up at 310 West North and 106 North Henry but no progress was made. City attorney has been notified to proceed with a municipal citation for both.

City Staff – Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The city is on target with spending and staying within the budget. Holiday closures for the city were discussed. We will be closed December 24, 27, and 31. The recycling trailer was discussed. If usage is not higher in January, the trailer will no longer come to Moravia. Council was given ordinances to update their books at home. Mitch Main reported on the refrigerator at the lagoon. By making revisions to a refrigerator purchased at Mick's, the city saved \$7,000. City employees have been busy decorating for Christmas. Six loads of tree limbs were picked up after the storm on December 15.

Resident Complaints – Nothing to report.

A grant writer position was discussed. Councilman Ehrle met with Tasha Irving and Sam Swenson to review requirements. Most grants will be researched upon the council's request and presented to the council prior to applying for the grant. If the grant is awarded, the grant writer will receive five percent and the school will pay the same percentage amount for their grants. At the top of the city's list is a grant for a new siren, speed limit radar sign, and infrastructure for water. An agreement will be written by the city for signature. No travel or supply costs will be included. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to contract with Tasha Irving for five percent (5%) commission for writing grants for the city of Moravia. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

A proposal for a budget amendment was presented by Gary Ehrle for the expansion of Hillcrest Cemetery. Costs to build a road and columbarium footing was included. Motion by Deal and seconded by Ehrle to have a public hearing for a budget amendment of \$7,125 for the north addition to Hillcrest Cemetery. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve Resolution 23-2021 – application for tax exemption for Anthony Salato at 908 West North Street in Moravia. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve Resolution 24-2021 – application for tax exemption for Carol E. Lambert at 108 West North Street in Moravia. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Stogdill swore in Mayor Roy Miller, and Councilmen Ken Martin and John Baty. They were re-elected for their positions effective January 1, 2022.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle discussed the apron off Highway 5 as you enter Moravia on West North Street. The council's understanding is that it is owned by the State. Ehrle will contact the State about making road repairs to the apron. Damage done to our streets by heavy truck traffic was discussed. The city ordinances will be reviewed to add weight limits on streets. Councilman Baty stated the no parking signs on Trussell are working. He thanked the city crew for putting up the Christmas lights.

Mayor Discussion Items – Mayor Miller inquired if the Council would like to change the starting time of council meetings to 5:00 PM instead of 5:30 PM. Council agreed by consensus to change to a 5:00 PM starting time for council meetings beginning with the January 2022 meeting. The circus will be back in town in mid-August.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer