

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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, Chris Sheldon, Marcia Benjamin, Christy Ehrle, Stephen Pedrick, Marty Hatfield, and Paul Simpson were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Christy Ehrle 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 Kirby to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 regular 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 Deal 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.

No representatives from SIEDA were in attendance.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to open the public hearing for an amended budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 at 5:06 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried. Clerk Stogdill reported no comments or questions, verbally or written, had been received by the public at City Hall. Mayor Miller asked the public in attendance if they had any comments or questions and none were received. The expenses for the cemetery expansion that were reviewed at the December 2021 meeting were reviewed again by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to close the public hearing for amended budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 at 5:07 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution #1-2022 – Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Councilman Ehrle reported Tasha Irving was not able to attend the meeting but she will do the grant writing for the city and school on a trial basis. The Council agreed by consensus to the agreement written by the clerk for Tasha and the city to sign.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Chief Paul Simpson reported 12 calls for December 2021. The department is hoping to receive their new gear by mid-February.

Library – Report submitted by the Library Board. No representatives from the library were in attendance. The library board meeting had been postponed until Thursday, January 13. Mayor Miller reported he has given Amanda Smith on the Library Board the quotes for a handicap ramp and one quote for door openers.

Cemetery – Councilman Ehrle is still working on details, rules/regulations for the new section of Hillcrest.

Parks – Several positive comments have been received from the public on how nice the Christmas lights looked this year and the decorated fire truck.

Streets – Snow was cleared from the streets and salt/sand put at main intersections. Councilman Baty noted a dip in the old highway by Hillcrest Cemetery near the speed limit sign. The city will put up barricades now and look at it in the spring to repair. Councilman Ehrle reported calling the DOT in Fairfield about Highway 5 and J18. It does belong to the state and not the city. The DOT will contact Brad Skinner about repairing it. The county will need to be contacted regarding grinding some of the bumps on North Street through town.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. One shutoff for non-payment was made in January. The city had two requests to shut off water due to residents having pipes break in the extreme cold weather.

Sewer – Stephen Pedrick from French-Reneker discussed the sewer lining project. The city was approved for a \$300,000 CDBG grant and \$300,000 SRF loan for a total of \$600,000 for the project. CDBG funding requires an environmental review. Pathfinders will do the review and it takes approximately two months to complete (one public hearing and a thirty day notice period). We cannot start the bid process until the review is complete. That means bid openings will start in late spring. The city needs to hire a grant administrator for the CDBG grant. Chariton Valley Planning and Development in Centerville would be our local vendor or Pathfinders. There is no selection process if we use Chariton Valley P&D but would be if we use Pathfinders. Council agreed by consensus to use Chariton Valley P&D. Pedrick will contact them. For the SRF, a municipal advisor is required and we have talked to Travis Squires. A bonding attorney will be needed before we close on the loan. We had spoke with Dorsey & Whitney previously and Pedrick will contact them as well. The current budget will need to be amended with most of the contractor expenses being in FY 2023 and not FY 2022 as budgeted.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were reviewed. No updates have been received from our city attorneys.

City Staff – Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The city is on target with spending and staying within the budget. The clerk is preparing for budget workshops. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reported the snow removal went well. He will be taking his sewer test in person at DMACC. Mitch will be attending a free water class at Rathbun Regional in Centerville to earn CEU's for his water license.

Resident Complaints – Nothing to report.

Chapter 66 of the Moravia Code of Ordinances (Load and Weight Restrictions) and Chapter 61 (Traffic Control Devices) were reviewed by the Council. Councilman Ehrle noted that heavy trucks are tearing up our streets. He will be checking with other nearby communities to see how they handle this. Weight limits for the streets were reviewed and will be discussed again at the February meeting. An amendment to the ordinance will be considered.

Mayor Miller inquired if any council members wanted to switch committees for the year. Council agreed by consensus to leave the committees the same.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to appoint Sharla Stogdill as the City Clerk/Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Resolution 2-2022 – Designate Iowa Trust Bank as the Official Depository and the Maximum Depository Amount. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Ehrle to approve and adopt Resolution 3-2022 – Designate the Moravia Union as the official publication of public notices. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Resolution 4-2022 – Hazardous Communications Policy/Right to Know. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Council agreed by consensus to hold budget workshop meetings on Thursday, January 20 and Thursday, January 27 at 4:00 PM.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve the alcohol license for Fat Annie's. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle inquired about the progress on the Betterment Committee's clinic project. Marcia Benjamin stated one of the board members was going to inquire about it at the next board meeting. Councilwoman Kirby noted the head person at Centerville left but they are still working on it. They have not given up. Councilman Ehrle inquired about giving Trussell Park to the Moravia school, noting a lot of city maintenance and mowing time. Council will consider and think about it but was not interested in it at this time. Councilman Baty inquired about the recycling trailer that comes to Moravia every month. He asked the mayor to find out if they would try coming every other month instead of eliminating the trailer completely. Councilwoman Kirby noted the email we received with more defined guidelines for ARPA funds.

Mayor Discussion Items – Mayor Miller inquired how much the Council would want to contribute if the library gets a grant for ramps and doors and the grant does not cover the full cost. Council agreed by consensus to pay for half of the remaining balance that the grant does not cover. Mayor Miller reminded everyone that they need to go through the city first before putting anything in the park. With Covid numbers in Appanoose County on a rapid rise, the subject of closing city hall and moving council meetings back to the community building was presented. At the meeting, it was agreed to shut the half door that goes into the clerk's office but after the meeting, the council closed city hall down again and moved meeting locations to the community building. Mayor Miller had checked on the prices for portable speed signs. The cost would be \$5,198 for two signs and a grant could be requested through the DOT.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer