

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the Moravia Community Building. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Gary Ehrle, John Baty, Sheila Kirby, and Ron Deal. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, and Paul Simpson were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Gary Ehrle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

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

Comments from the public – None.

City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed a first draft of the city budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 with the council. Each fund was discussed and line by line items with historical data was reviewed. A historical balance sheet showing an increase in the city's assets since 2015 was reviewed. The cost of employee health insurance will increase by \$169.10 annually. Library and Fire Department budget requests were reviewed. Chief Paul Simpson answered questions regarding the repair of the yellow truck. Councilman Ehrle proposed a wage increase for full-time city employees stressing the excellent team the city has now. The difficulties hiring seasonal help was discussed as well as proposed wages. Motion by Martin and seconded by Ehrle to approve the wage increases for full-time employees proposed by Ehrle effective April 1, 2022 and increased wages for part-time seasonal help to \$15 to \$18 per hour based on performance and experience. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried. Resolution will be presented at a regular meeting. Council agreed to a \$20,000 cemetery project using the Pfannebecker donation for the upcoming budget. All spaces and cremation sites sold in the new section will be deposited into the General Fund Cemetery Account. Wall mounted heat/air conditioning for city hall and the community building/library was reviewed. Councilwoman Kirby had price quotes for heating and air conditioning. A contractor will be contacted to look at it. Sewer rates were discussed. Rates will need to continue to increase to pay for the lagoon project mandated by EPA requirements. There will be three readings of the sewer rate ordinance beginning at the regular meeting in March, with \$3.50 increase for minimum 4,000 gallon water usage to begin June 1. Another increase of \$3.50 will be proposed for 2023 bringing the total to \$41 per month for minimum usage. Legislators are considering the removal of LOSST funds. This would be detrimental to Moravia and our legislators need to be contacted. The cost of the city's property insurance was discussed and council agreed by consensus that we need to get bids to try to lower this expense. Council discussed the use of ARPA funds and if it could be used for road repair due to a water main break and air quality for a new furnace and air conditioning.

A second budget workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, at 4:00 PM where changes and additions to the budget will be reviewed before finalization.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle discussed the damage to our streets caused by heavy trash trucks. Council representatives will be meeting with trash providers to discuss ways to eliminate the damage. Councilman Baty stressed his sympathy and prayers to the family of Stu McDanel.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 6:57 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer