

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Moravia Community Building. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Sheila Kirby, Ken Martin, Gary Ehrle, and John Baty. Councilman Ron Deal was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Stephen Pedrick, and Amanda Smith were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to amend the agenda, changing Resolution #16-2022 to "Resolution to Provide for Notice of Taking of Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project." Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. The invoice from Municipal Supply for \$4,064.40 to repair the fire hydrant at the depot that was backed into by a volunteer worker was discussed. Insurance information is needed from the Historical Society to file an insurance claim for this expense.

Comments from the public – None.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby at 5:05 PM to open the public hearing for vacating a portion of Lake Avenue. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. No questions or comments, verbal or written, had been received at City Hall. No questions or comments were received from the public in attendance at the meeting. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty at 5:06 PM to close the public hearing for vacating a portion of Lake Avenue. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Ordinance approved and adopted.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin at 5:08 PM to open the public hearing for conveying a portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Deborah White. No questions or comments, verbal or written, had been received at City Hall. No questions or comments were received from the public in attendance at the meeting. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby at 5:09 PM to close the public hearing for conveying a portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Deborah White. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-2022 – Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of a Portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Deborah White. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty at 5:10 PM to open the public hearing for conveying a portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, to Tim Pettibone. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. No questions or comments, verbal or written, had been received at City Hall. No questions or comments were received from the public in attendance at the meeting. Motion by Baty and seconded by Ehrle at 5:11 PM to close the public hearing for conveying a portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Tim Pettibone. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution No. 14-2022 – Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of a Portion of Lake Avenue in the City of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Tim Pettibone. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place set for hearing on the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby at 5:12 PM to open the public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed sanitary sewer collection system improvements project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Upon investigation it was found that no persons had appeared and filed objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. Stephen Pedrick from French-Reneker announced that no bids have been received for the project. He sent out a second round of notifications and called several contractors. The intermediate completion date of December 16 seemed to be the main issue, plus a cold and wet spring, and issues with the supply chain. After consulting with Mayor Miller, the bid opening was postponed until the June 14 council meeting. Pedrick recommended the Council remove the intermediate completion date of December 16 but keep the final completion date of May 31 the same. He could issue a second addendum to remove the intermediate completion date. Bid openings would be at 3 PM on June 14 at City Hall. Motion by Baty and seconded by Ehrle at 5:22 PM to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. The Mayor declared the hearing closed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to remove the intermediate completion

date of December 16 and leave the final completion date as May 31. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Councilman Baty introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Kirby: Resolution No. 15-2022 – Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the sanitary sewer collection system improvements project. After due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council members voted: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the said motion duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Consideration of Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvement Project – No bids received.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Ehrle to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-2022 – Resolution to Provide for Notice of Taking of Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

Sewer Lining Project/Lagoon Upgrade – No more discussion.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Paul Simpson was not in attendance at the meeting. The department reported 13 calls in April.

Library – Amanda Smith from the Library Board noted the Library Board will continue to meet at the Library for their meetings, after a discussion of a possible venue change. There were 188 items donated to the library in April. State Library District Consultant Becky Heil will be in Moravia to conduct new trustee orientation on June 9. Trustees will be studying the Enrich Iowa State Aid program to become familiar with the different tier levels and accreditation. An issue with paperwork in January could cause the library's tier status to change, however, work is being done to try to keep the tier status the same. Board Trustee Sally Martin suggested the library provide homework help to students every Wednesday starting next Fall from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, since this is an early dismissal day from school. Sally has volunteered to be the teacher in attendance to assist the students with their schoolwork.

Cemetery – The ruts in the cemetery have been repaired and gravel will be added to the road. Gravel and fabric will be ordered this month for the new road in the new section. Concrete pad for columbarium will be poured in June.

Parks – Councilwoman Kirby reported the Clover Kids 4-H group would like to plant a tree on city property. She suggested planting it at Trussell Park close to the playground equipment. Council agreed by consensus, noting One Call would have to be called as there are high voltage lines in that area. The location of a new light pole at Trussell Park was discussed. Windstream will donate the pole and set it. The new barbecue grills at the park have already been used and good comments have been received. The city will be ordering a new swing for the park on the square to replace a previous swing.

Streets – City crew has been patching streets. Complaints have been made about speeders on Frontage Road.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Forty-eight delinquent letters were sent out to residents and one customer had water shut off for non-payment in May. The sewer was dug up and capped on April 26 at the city's expense for Account 161. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to file a tax lien for \$124.80 for Account 161. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to write off Account 161 for \$445.81. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Mitch Main reported the free chlorine was done May 9, so hydrants will be flushed this week.

Sewer – Previously discussed.

Updates were discussed on nuisance properties and junk vehicles. Councilwoman Kirby noted various single-wide trailers in town that are not inhabited and also some empty lots. The Ultra 7 group is looking for properties to build on. Councilman Ehrle will give Councilwoman Kirby their telephone number to contact. Councilman Ehrle noted no correspondence or movement has been done on the medical clinic on the empty lot next to City Hall. If that is not going to take place, the Ultra 7 group may be interested in using for a business, but the medical clinic would be priority.

City Staff – Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported issues with printing on the new water/sewer bill postcard have been resolved and the first mailing took place in May. More cards will be ordered. Consumer confidence report will be issued. Financial reports were reviewed with the council, including looking at the amounts left in the budget for each department that would need to be spent by June 30. Mitch Main reported the bathroom doors at Trussell Park have been repaired. If that doesn't work, doors will be changed to open outward. Light is helping with vandalism. Major spots in town have been filled with cold patch. He completed water and sewer reports for the DNR. Shaun Wubben reported the mowing has been held up with the large amounts of rain received. The flag at Hillcrest Cemetery is down because the rope is broken, but it will be replaced. He reported putting down rock at Hillcrest Cemetery. The community work day with the school kids was very successful. They helped him put mulch around the new trees at the cemetery.

Resident Complaints – Councilwoman Kirby reported tube and drainage issues at 301 South Dewey. City crew will check on it. The grade by 207 North East Street needs cleaned up.

The electric utility bill at the Trussell Park ball field needs to be paid by the City since our security lights are there. The Moravia Union has offered to pay the electric bill during summer months when ballgames are being played. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin for the City to pay for electricity at the ball field at Trussell Park. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried. Clerk Stogdill will contact Alliant to have the billing changed to the City.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 2022-01 – Sewer Rates was read by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the third reading and approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01 – Sewer Rates. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Fuel tanks were discussed again after being tabled at the meeting in April. The tanks can be located at the city shop on cement area, following the ICAP guidelines for distances from the building. Cement pillars, a light, and power will be needed. Security cameras will point toward the fuel tanks. Councilman Ehrle checked on contracted fuel prices with three locations. City employees will need to track how much gas they pump and what department to charge the fuel to. Motion by Ehrle and seconded by Baty to purchase two fuel tanks for a total of \$9,000 from Agriland. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve the alcohol license renewal for Dollar General. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-2022 – Pay Raises for Seasonal Part-Time Employees for the first two listed seasonal employees on the resolution to \$17 per hour effective May 15, 2022, and the third employee is still under evaluation. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

The bid from Ervin Masonry was discussed. It was the only bid received for road repairs on West North Street near Highway 5. ARPA funds for the project were discussed and the anticipated date of the second half of the ARPA funds to be distributed to cities. Motion by Ehrle and seconded by Baty to approve and accept the bid by Ervin Masonry for \$12,525 for road repairs on West North Street. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Absent. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – The continuation of grass being blown into streets was discussed. Councilman Ehrle will compile a list of yards that need to be mowed by the city after the 15th of the month. Councilman Baty thanked the Betterment Committee for their community work on May 10 with school kids in cleaning up the community. They did a wonderful job. The Council also thanks the Moravia School and John Engle for their tremendous assistance in this project. Complaints about the black marks all over streets in town and on old highway 5 have been received. The food truck is getting closer to being in operation, with inspections scheduled.

Mayor Discussion Items – Mayor Miller reported a small freon leak on the new heating and air conditioning unit at city hall. Southern Iowa Heating, Cooling and Plumbing came back to city hall and fixed it immediately. The city will be applying for money through the State DOT for radar signs.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer