

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Moravia Community Building. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Sheila Kirby, Ken Martin, Gary Ehrle, Ron Deal, and John Baty. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Stephen Pedrick, Nichole Moore, Paul Simpson, Pastor Christy Ehrle, and Angel Headley were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Christy Ehrle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

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

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 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 Martin 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.

The Mayor announced that one bid for the construction of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements project had been received before 3:00 PM on June 14, 2022, in the office of the City Clerk, Moravia, Iowa, and that on the same day, at the same time, at the City Hall, such bids had been opened and read, and that was the time and place set for the consideration of such bids. Thereupon, the results of the bidding were reported, and French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. (the Project Engineers) made their recommendations thereon to the City Council. The bid received for the construction of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project is as follows: KLC Construction, 2235 Payton Road, Corydon, IA 50060 bid \$421,911.70. Stephen Pedrick reported to the Council that we had estimated \$369,000 for the project and had a budget of \$426,000. The Council has the option to approve the bid and proceed as is, delete pieces of the project as needed to stay on budget, borrow more SRF funds, throw out the bid, or re-bid it. Everything appears to be in order with the paperwork submitted but it would need to be sent to the State for approval. A bid bond was received. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-2022 Awarding Contract for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project to KLC Construction for \$421,911.70. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted. Davis-Bacon wages were discussed. There had been no changes in wage rates, but two hours before the bid opening, Stephen was notified that wages had increased. This could cause a change order.

Department Reports were given:

Fire - Fire Chief Paul Simpson reported fireworks will be held on July 2. A meal will be available for purchase at the Fire Department that day and raffle tickets are being sold for a hog. He would like to have games and use the horseshoe park. A class reunion with over 200 people in attendance will be in Moravia that day. He would like to open up the community building for restrooms if it is not rented. Radios are in, however, some programming is not working. Mayor Miller will contact Southern Iowa Technology about the security cameras interfering with the radios. Paul reported purchasing new gloves, flashlights, and helmet lights. He has purchased a carburetor for the fire truck that sits outside. The Med Compass bill was discussed. We are being charged for eleven FIT tests and only ten HazMat tests. Paul stated they only do half each time. Their request for one check payable to the Fire Department for staff development was denied due to audit concerns. Need to check when new township fire contracts are due.

Library – No one in attendance from the Library. A report submitted by Board Member Amanda Smith was reviewed, stating a new trustee orientation/board development training was held on June 9. A music craft program may be offered to children this summer. Board member photos and short bios will be posted on the library's Facebook page soon and the Moravia Union will be doing an article about the library. Discussions of a "touch a truck" program this fall have started. No one was in attendance for the Maggie Rivers presentation on May 14. The puppet show was widely received with twenty children and eighteen adults. The insect zoo will be here June 20. Volunteers are needed for summer programs.

Cemetery – Columbarium base is poured. City crew is laying out the road in the new section. A telephone pole will be installed with a camera for surveillance of the burn pile. Council discussed best options for the road to the burn pile. We need to look at the trees that are rotting and ready to fall at the old cemetery. There is a swarm of bees in a pine tree at the old cemetery. A local person will be contacted to see if they would like to remove the bees. Rock was placed on the roads at Hillcrest prior to Memorial Day. The flag at the old cemetery was discussed – city crew did not remove it.

Parks – Mowing looks good. Several ball games being held at Trussell Park. The lights at the ball diamond are forty years old and need replaced. A fundraiser will be started and grants will be checked on to replace the lights. The approximate cost is \$14,000. Area by first base always stays wet. Volunteer labor and local donations are needed to do tiling. The concession stand was discussed. The city had an inquiry about tearing down the stand and setting up an area with vending machines. Council would be concerned about vandalism to vending machines.

Streets – The section of road at Hwy 5 intersection will be repaired beginning June 27.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Between 50 and 60 delinquent letters are sent out to residents every month. In June, three customers had water shut off for non-payment. Councilman Baty discussed the fire hydrant that was backed into at the depot. He stated it was defective in 2020 and he did not feel the need to charge anyone for it. The insurance claim was denied. Other hydrants that turn hard or don't work were discussed as well as valves and shut-offs.

Sewer – Previously discussed.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were discussed. Mayor Miller reported the sheriff's office is not serving citations unless paperwork is provided to them. A one-page form available on the internet was discussed. Councilwoman Kirby stressed the need for pictures and documentation that would be needed in court. The trailer full of junk parked at Linda Ballanger's house belongs to Brad Scott and needs to be added to the list to get removed.

City Staff – Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported cleaning services done by Maid 2 Order will be increasing \$5 per week due to fuel prices increasing. Recently approved ordinance updates were given to the Council to update their ordinance books at home. The end of the fiscal year is June 30, but as done in the past, books will be held open partway through July before closing the books for the year. Reports will be provided at August meeting instead of July. Financial reports were reviewed with the Council. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reported on work being done at the new section of the cemetery and the road project. Shaun Wubben reported washing headstones at Hillcrest for Memorial Day and mowing yards of citizens that had not mowed by the 15th of the month. Roy stated invoices have been mailed and if not paid within thirty days, it will be assessed against their property taxes.

Resident Complaints – None.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit application for Dollar General. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit application for Spencer Grocery. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance 2022-03 was read. Mitch Main discussed the reasons for the update. Motion by Baty and seconded by Ehrle to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Access. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Resolution No. 19-2022 – Wage Increase for Seasonal Part-Time Employee. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Abuse of the burn pile by a few people continues. The burn pile is for yard waste only. We are getting furniture, lumber with nails, and grass clippings in bags dumped there. Cameras and a sign will be put up to try to stop the abuse.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle noted the increase in property insurance costs. Price has gone up over \$6,000 in the past two years. The fuel tanks we received are damaged and both are diesel tanks. Mayor Miller thinks they are used tanks. Councilman Baty will contact the vendor. Council is questioning if the tanks would pay for themselves and not sure we want them in the parking lot. Theft is a concern. Clerk Stogdill noted another vendor that provides the fuel tanks at no cost, you just purchase your fuel from them. More research will be done. Fuel contracts for the pump will be checked into.

Mayor Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

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