

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Ron Deal, and John Baty. Councilpersons Sheila Kirby and Gary Ehrle were absent. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Marcia Benjamin, Veronica Simpson, Tom Kramka, Carol Kramka, Amanda Smith, Rex Argo, and Angel Headley 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 approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Absent, Ehrle-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Absent, Ehrle-Absent. 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, Baty-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Absent, Ehrle-Absent. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – Tom Kramka thanked the city for getting the street lights fixed at West View.

Rex Argo requested the Council vacate the alley on Dewey Street between his property and Linda Underwood. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to start the legal proceedings to vacate the alley on South Dewey Street between Rex Argo and Linda Underwood. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Absent, Ehrle-Absent. Motion carried.

Department Reports were given:

Fire - Veronica Simpson reported one fire call and eight medical calls in June. On July 2, the fire department had a dinner, hog raffle, and fireworks display. The department is \$1,250 short of raising enough money to pay for the fireworks so will have other fundraisers. Fireworks will cost 20 percent more next year, so the same type of display will be \$2,500 more. The department received ten new radios from the 911 Board. Seven radios were given to them by city officers in Albia. These are the upgraded digital radios. The valve on truck 479 is fixed and the new carburetor for truck 479A has been picked up. They ordered and received new gloves, flashlights, and helmet lights. Mayor Miller inquired about pools being filled by the fire department.

Library – Mayor Miller reported the new heating and air conditioning unit will be installed at the library the week of July 25. Amanda Smith reported 169 items donated to the library in June, 152 checkouts, 74 E-books, and 10 new patrons. Tom Kramka was elected Vice President of the Library Board. The board is addressing the need for handicap accessibility to the library. Tom Kramka presented the Council with information on a handicap lift instead of a ramp. The price starts at \$4,500. Concerns about horseplay and damage to the lift was voiced. Tom said the lift could be shut off outside of library hours. The possibility of key pad entry codes will be checked on. Sally Johnson is checking on grants. The board is requesting an exact amount the city would contribute toward the cost if grants do not cover the entire cost. Friends of the Library will be helping with the Fall Festival fish fry and dessert auction fundraiser and is requesting the bakers of the community to donate items for the auction. The Iowa State University insect zoo was here on June 20. The event was very well received with 34 children, 3 teens, 20 adults, and 8 helpers. Elizabeth Cremeens will be hosting a music program on July 16, August 6, and August 27 for kids ages 4 to 10. On July 16, the kids will be making homemade musical egg shakers and Elizabeth will be bringing her guitar so they can all play music together.

Cemetery – The forms are built for the columbarium. Pole is up for the camera at the burn pile. Dennis Gardner will be getting the bees from the old cemetery closer to fall. Flowers were picked up on June 16. Work is being done on the road in the new section. Mitch would like to purchase a small vibrating compactor for approximately \$600. Cemeteries are mowed and look nice.

Parks – Councilman Baty requested we do weed control at the park this fall. Tree trimming is done. The backboards of horse shoe pits have been painted. Cameras are up and mulching is done. We will be re-painting the lines on the basketball court. Gutters have been tightened at the community building. Lights have been broken at shelters. Someone keeps shutting off the lights at the north shelter house at the park on the square. Will be putting a lock on the panel and setting up a camera. Concrete is done at the freedom rock and the city hauled away dirt.

Streets – West North Street by Highway 5 coming in to Moravia has been repaired. Blade work and pothole repairs were done on Deborah, John, and Montgomery Streets. We will be purchasing cold patch to fix more potholes. The tube is bad under the pavement at Baird and Jay Street; city plans to repair it before school starts. We will be painting 25 mph signs on streets and re-paint the crosswalk by Trussell Park. The rest of the street signs ordered from Iowa Prison Industry will arrive on July 13 so signs will be replaced starting at the section by school.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. In July, four customers had water shut off for non-payment. Mitch will be attending a water class on July 13. Mitch received a new set of maps from Garden and Associates that show water lines and shut-offs. City will be working on the water valve at intersection of old highway and fire hydrant by the depot.

Sewer – DNR approved the addendum sent to them by French-Reneker. Blyzo Fish Farm delivered the carp to the lagoon. Blower motors at the lagoon have been serviced. Pumps at lift station will be worked on.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were discussed. The city attorney has provided the city with a form to be sent by certified and regular mail to residents violating ordinances to start the legal process. This is more cost effective than having the sheriff's department deliver forms.

City Staff – Clerk Sharla Stogdill reported receiving the \$1,000 ICAP safety grant. The grant was used to help purchase the security cameras at the fire station. Fire contracts expired July 1 and have been sent to the townships and towns our fire department covers. Tax liens were filed on properties the city mowed and did not receive payment. Debbie White needs to sign forms and pay for Lake Avenue. Outstanding Debt report was filed with the state. Worker's compensation payroll audit will be completed. The fiscal year accounting records will be closed out with ClerkBooks on July 22. Mitch Main reported servicing and repairing Country Clipper mowers. We purchased new heads for trimmers. The leaf blower quit and was replaced. The skid loader was dripping oil. It has been serviced, torn apart, and cleaned. New tires were put on the F150. The city has been mowing and trimming the yards of residents that do not meet the ordinance requirements.

Resident Complaints – The city received a complaint about a truck parked on the east side of North William Street that does not move. The person that mows the church lawn would like to mow the spot where it sits.

The second reading of Ordinance 2022-03 was read. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Access. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Absent, Ehrle-Absent. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Baty stated he is still working on the ball field lights project. The food trucks were well received at ball games.

Mayor Discussion Items – Mayor Miller reported the quote for the heating and cooling system at the library increased \$619.38 since the previous quote in March.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to adjourn at 6:03 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

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