

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Sheila Kirby, Ron Deal, and Gary Ehrle. Councilman John Baty arrived at the meeting at 5:27 PM. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Marcia Benjamin, Tom Kramka, Carol Kramka, Paul Simpson, Veronica Simpson, 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 Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Clerk Stogdill noted the city received the funds for the CDBG grant. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to open the public hearing for Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 at 5:05 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried. Clerk Stogdill discussed the reason for the budget amendment changes for income were due to the CDBG grant amount and SRF loan amount increased for the fiscal year and transfer of funds to purchase a new lawn mower. The reasons for the increase in expenses are due to the purchase of a new lawn mower, increase in lagoon project expenses, and new loan payment and servicing fees for the lagoon project. Mayor Miller and Clerk Stogdill confirmed no questions or comments regarding the budget amendment had been received at city hall and there were no questions or comments from the public attending the hearing. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to close the public hearing for Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 at 5:07 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve Resolution #1-2023 – Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Resolution approved and adopted.

CDBG/SRF Sewer Project – No updates to report. Mitch Main noted the spot repairs have considerably helped with in-flow.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – The fire department reported four medical calls in December. Fire Chief Paul Simpson presented information to the Council regarding purchasing a 1999 Freightliner pumper truck (built by Toyne fire apparatus) from the Centerville Fire Department. The truck is currently in operation in Centerville and would cost \$42,000 plus \$10,000 for miscellaneous additional options. It has a 300 hp Cummins engine with an Allison 5 speed automatic transmission. There are five seating positions with four of them being SCBA seats, 1000 gallon tank, 1250 gpm Hale pump with current pump testing, five 2.5" discharges, two 2.5" intakes, two LDH intakes, roll up compartment doors, four spare SCBA bottle compartments, built in generator for halogen style scene lights and outlets, plumbing for deck gun. The overall length of the truck is 34'1" and height is 9'10". Councilman Ehrle inquired where the truck would be stored since the building is full. Paul said the trailer would be moved outside to make room for it. Mayor Miller inquired about the old yellow truck that sits outside. Paul said a new carburetor will be put on it and put up for sale. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to purchase the 1999 Freightliner pumper truck from Centerville Fire Department for \$42,000 plus \$10,000 for additional equipment after approval of a budget amendment. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye, Baty-Absent. Motion carried.

Library – Amanda Smith from the Library Board reported on a strategic planning session with Becky Heil. An invitation will be sent to forty people in the community to join a focus group that will meet twice for approximately two hours to discuss the needs of the community. Amanda and Samantha Robinson attended a meeting of the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors to discuss plans for the library and the need for additional funding from the county. The policy for gifts and memorials was updated and approved by the Library Board. A newsletter from the Friends of the Library has been developed. The Christmas activities at the library were well attended. Book Clubs have begun meeting. Volunteers from 6th to 12th grade students are needed to read to Pre-K through 3rd grade students every Thursday. Open House has been changed to January 27, from 4 PM to 6 PM to accommodate for school sporting events. The Board's last strategic planning meeting is June 6 at 3 PM.

Cemetery – Nothing to report

Parks – Councilman Martin reported he has the Ruritan's missing flag from the light pole that blew off.

Streets – Councilman Deal reported we have not received a price quote for striping the street yet. Mayor Miller announced we received approval for the grant to purchase two portable radar speed signs. The grant was approved for \$9,689 and the city will have to pay the shipping charges of \$730. He will order them in April and will receive them in June with payment due in July on the new budget. Data will be received from the signs so we can review it. Mitch Main reported he has called in locates for street signs.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Three waters were shut off for non-payment in January. A request from a resident with a water leak was reviewed. The gallons used does not meet the requirements for a leak rate per our city ordinances. Council agreed by consensus to allow the resident to make payments on the overage amount. Councilwoman Kirby reviewed a newspaper article about water rates increasing dramatically in Albia.

Sewer – Mitch Main reported on two alarms at the lift station on January 10. The issue was resolved by cleaning the grease buildup.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were discussed. Councilman Martin inquired if non-threatening letters would get better results. Marcia Benjamin and Clerk Stogdill reminded the Council that was done a couple of years ago offering help to remove junk vehicles and help to clean up junk with no results.

City Staff – City Clerk Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. She reported working on budget information in preparation of budget workshops in January and reminded the council to email her with budget requests for their respective departments. Preparation of W-2 and 1099 information is being worked on. Ordinance updates were given to the council for their books at home. Mitch Main reported working on paperwork for the water and sewer. Documentation was found and sent to the DNR regarding ¾" and 1" copper lines that were originally installed in the water system. Shaun has taken down Christmas lights and decorations. When the lift truck is available, street light decorations will be removed.

Resident Complaints – Clerk Stogdill reported on complaints of dogs running loose in town. The Appanoose County Sheriff is to be contacted on their non-emergency line when dogs are seen running loose.

Council agreed by consensus to leave council committees the same.

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

Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to approve Resolution #2-2023 – Resolution to Designate the City's Official Depository as Iowa Trust and Savings Bank. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve Resolution #3-20023 – Resolution to Designate the City's Official Publication of Public Notices as the Moravia Union. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Council agreed by consensus to set the dates and times for budget workshop meetings as Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 4:30 PM at City Hall. These are open public meetings.

The sign received for the Moravia Rock was discussed at length. The sign we received has wood in it and is very large and will need two posts. The Council thought we would receive two signs, one for each direction coming into town, but only one sign was received. Mitch will contact Connie Bailey and Joyce McCoy to discuss further.

The first reading of Ordinance #2023-01 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Moravia, Iowa, by Adding a New Section Regarding Compression Brakes was read by Clerk Stogdill. There was discussion regarding enforcing the ordinance. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2023-01 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Moravia, Iowa, by Adding a New Section Regarding Compression Brakes. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Ehrle-Aye. Motion carried.

Alcohol License Renewal for Fat Annie's – Renewal was not received by the City.

The Council reviewed Chapters 55 and 57 of the Moravia Code of Ordinances – Animal Protection & Control and Dangerous & Vicious Animals. Consensus by the Council to amend the ordinances to add that a second offense of a dog attack or dog bite would result in removal of the animal from the city limits by local law enforcement. This will be sent to Iowa Codification to write the amendment and three readings will take place at future council meetings.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Ehrle inquired about the light at the Moravia sign as you enter town from the west. The light is only working part of the time. Councilman Baty will check on it again. Ehrle also inquired about panic alarms for the library and city hall that were previously discussed at a council meeting. Southern Iowa Technology will be contacted. A light that is not working at the library was discussed as well as a light on the sidewalk to the library. Councilman Ehrle inquired if the old siren still works. Councilman Baty stated it did work. A location for the siren for emergencies only will be reviewed. Councilman Ehrle also inquired about additional office help at city hall. This will be reviewed at budget meetings.

Mayor Discussion Items – Mayor Miller inquired about additional holidays for city hall that would follow bank and post office closings. Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Juneteenth, and Columbus Day were discussed. This will be reviewed more at budget meetings.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

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