

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Baty at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Baty, those present were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Ron Deal, Gary Ehrle, and Sheila Kirby. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Tom Kramka, Carol Kramka, and Marty Hatfield were also present. Mayor Roy Miller was absent. The meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Baty welcomed the public.

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

Comments from the public – None.

City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed the second draft of the city budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 with the City Council. Pay increases for city employees were discussed at length. Councilman Ehrle was in favor of \$1 per hour increases across the board with the exception of the library director position and was in favor of \$2 per hour increase for it. He was also hesitant about the increases if employees were going to be given more paid holidays. Councilwoman Kirby expressed concern about increases in medical costs and proposed seasonal workers get 50 cents per hour increase instead of \$1. Councilman Baty stated the city was in the best financial shape it had ever been in and complimented the great staff. Councilman Deal stated the council needs to be responsible and we cannot set a precedence. Comments from the public included Tom Kramka stating increases should be given based on productivity so if the costs of projects have decreased, employees should receive pay increases. Marcia Benjamin inquired what the hourly rate is when the city has to hire McCann's or other contractors. It was agreed that the city paid for those projects by the job and not a set rate, but the labor would be considerably more than \$30 per hour. Motion by Deal and second by Martin to give the City Clerk, Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Assistant, and Library Director \$2 per hour pay increases and seasonal employees \$1 per hour increase effective July 1, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Deal-Aye, Baty-Aye, Ehrle-Nay, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried. Kirby voted Aye with the stipulation that next year's pay increases will not be as high.

Changes in the budget from last week's workshop were reviewed but \$32,474 in cuts still needed to be made to the Special Revenues budget. Council agreed to cut \$15,000 from the Road Use-Contractual Services budget by paying the entire cost of the seal coat contract in the current year's budget. The Road Use-Equipment budget was cut by \$4,000 with the Council deciding to purchase a concrete breaker out of the current fiscal year's budget dollars. In addition, the Road Use-Maintenance and Repairs budget was reduced by \$7,000 and the Fire Department-Equipment Expense budget was reduced by \$7,000. These cuts allowed the Special Revenues Fund to balance.

Council Discussion Items – None.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 5:32 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer