

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Baty at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Baty, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Ron Deal, Tom Kramka, and Sheila Kirby. Mayor Roy Miller was absent. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, and Carol Kramka were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Baty welcomed the public.

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

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Martin to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Honey Creek Resort – Beth Henderson was not in attendance.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Chief Simpson was not in attendance.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported the corrected accreditation date is in year 2025, not 2024 as previously stated. The handicap doors at the library have been installed. The library budget has been prepared to present to the Council. Amanda has completed the strategic plan and it has been approved by the State. The policy manual is in the process of being written.

Cemetery – Building of the road to the burn pile this spring was discussed. Priorities with other street work will need to be made.

Parks – Removal of snow from the streets hauled to the park was discussed.

Streets – Councilman Deal noted his appreciation to the city crew for their hard work clearing the streets of snow in the past week. He likes that they remove snow at the end of the driveways of residents and how the city helps its citizens in need, noting this is what sets Moravia apart from other towns. The snow on the railroad track crossings was discussed.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Clerk Stogdill noted with the blizzard conditions and low temperatures, Mayor Miller had authorized not shutting off waters for delinquent accounts on the 10th and phone calls were made to remind residents to pay. Consensus by Council to send a thirty-day notice of tax lien letter to Account 2180.

Sewer – None.

Nuisance properties and junk vehicles were reviewed. Our snow ordinance and towing were discussed. A car in the street on North Henry needs removed. A new court date has been set for the nuisance property on North East Street.

City Staff – City Clerk Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. Payroll tax forms for W-2's and 1099's have been submitted to H&R Block to process. Budget preparation has begun. Reports for the month, quarter, and year have been completed. Mitch Main reported his DNR reports have been submitted. Tire chains were ordered. A piece of the cutting edge on snow blade was lost in the snow. A new piece was ordered but would keep the old one as a spare if found. Many hours have been spent in snow removal. The radar speed sign by Hillcrest Cemetery was hit and damaged. When weather allows, Council requested the other radar speed sign be stored for the winter.

Resident Complaints – An anonymous complaint was received but only formal complaints with a name will be addressed.

Council committees were discussed. Agreement by consensus of the Council to keep all committees the same for the year.

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

Resolution #1-2024 – Designate Official Depository and Maximum Deposit Amount was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kramka to approve and adopt Resolution #1-2024 – Designate Official Depository and Maximum Deposit Amount. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2-2024 – Designate Official Publication of Public Notices was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve and adopt Resolution #2-2024 – Designate Official Publication of Public Notices. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the alcohol license for Fat Annie's. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Dates for budget workshop meetings were approved by consensus of the council to be Thursday, January 25 and Thursday, February 1 at 4:30 PM.

Council Discussion Items – Concern regarding the condition of sidewalks that the fiber optics company has been driving over with their equipment was expressed by Councilwoman Kirby. Council will be keeping a close eye on the condition of the sidewalks. Councilman Baty discussed a new message board the school is considering purchasing and asking if the city would like to pay for one-third of so we can post messages on it. Council is interested depending on the price.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:17 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ John Baty, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer