

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ken Martin, Ron Deal, Tom Kramka, John Baty, and Sheila Kirby. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Eva Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Sam Swenson, and Carol Kramka were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Ken Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Miller welcomed the public.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to amend the agenda by adding Sam Swenson to discuss a new school sign. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

Sam Swenson, Moravia School Superintendent, discussed purchasing a new sign to replace the one located at Teno's Repair and to see if the city would be interested in partnering with the school on the purchase. The city could advertise on the sign for things the community needs to know, such as boil orders. Different sizes, electricity, location, and costs were discussed. The possibility of a grant was reviewed. It is currently in the preliminary stages with the school board. The City Council indicated an interest in paying for part of the sign.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed the second draft of the city budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 with the City Council and Mayor. Changes and additions from the January 25 budget workshop meeting were reviewed. Clerk Stogdill reminded the Council the remaining ARPA (American Rescue Plan) dollars must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and all funding must be spent by December 31, 2026, or funds must be returned. The final rule for eligible and ineligible uses of the ARPA funds was reviewed with the Council. Councilman Baty asked the Council to consider using the remaining ARPA money on the culvert on West North Street. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to use the funds for the culvert. Mitch Main will get three bids. The Council hopes to complete the project in the current fiscal year, which will require amending the budget prior to spending the money. The use of franchise fees was also reviewed. A resolution from 2018 was discussed that shows the specific purposes the franchise fees can be spent on. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to amend the current budget for \$23,000 and to spend the franchise fees for the library ceiling repairs. A public hearing will be held for the amended budget. The library will need to close for approximately two weeks while the repairs are made.

Resolution #4-2024 – A Resolution to Set the Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Property Tax Rate for Moravia, Iowa, was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Resolution #4-2024 - A Resolution to Set the Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Property Tax Rate for Moravia, Iowa, as Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 4:30 PM, at Moravia City Hall. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Resolution #5-2024 – A Resolution to Set the Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 City Budget for Moravia, Iowa, was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Resolution #5-2024 – A Resolution to Set the Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 City Budget for Moravia, Iowa, as Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Moravia City Hall. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Baty stated the Moravia Union will donate \$3,000 to the sign project. Councilman Baty requested city crew to clear snow on some of the sidewalks where the snow is still deep. He also discussed the fire hydrants during snow storms and thinks the city needs to make sure the hydrants are not buried in snow and open a path to them for safety purposes in case of a fire.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller notified the Council the old ambulance has been sold. The Avenue of Flags at Hillcrest Cemetery was discussed and the height of the poles. The cost per pole and flag will be approximately \$100 each. The flags will be 3'x5'. The offer for free trees from Cargill was reviewed but the Council did not have any interest in more trees at this time. The city has inquired with our insurance company about the damaged radar speed signs and the Council agreed by consensus to file a claim for the damage.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:00 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

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