

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ron Deal, Ken Martin, Tom Kramka, John Baty, and Sheila Kirby. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, and Ryan Moore 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 Kramka and seconded by Martin to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

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

Comments from the public – None.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to open the public hearing at 5:04 PM for vacating a portion of the alley running north south between lot two (2) in block thirteen (13) of Horner's First Addition to Original Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, and lot one (1), block fourteen (14) in Horner's Addition to Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Miller and Clerk Stogdill reported no questions or comments were received at City Hall. Mayor Miller requested questions and comments from the public in attendance at the public hearing and none were received. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kramka to close the public hearing at 5:05 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-11 – Ordinance providing for the vacation of a portion of the alley running north south between lot two (2) in block thirteen (13) of Horner's First Addition to Original Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, and lot one (1), block fourteen (14) in Horner's Addition to Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa was read by Mayor Miller. Motion by Deal and seconded by Baty to approve the first reading. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2024-11. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-11. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to open the public hearing at 5:07 PM for conveying a portion of the alley running north south between lot two (2) in block thirteen (13) of Horner's First Addition to Original Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, and lot one (1), block fourteen (14) in Horner's Addition to Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Jonathen Mullins. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Miller and Clerk Stogdill reported no questions or comments were received at City Hall. Mayor Miller requested questions and comments from the public in attendance at the public hearing and none were received. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to close the public hearing at 5:08 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve Resolution No. 24-2024 – Resolution authorizing conveyance of a portion of the alley running north south between lot two (2) in block thirteen (13) of Horner's First Addition to Original Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, and lot one (1), block fourteen (14) in Horner's Addition to Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, to Jonathen Mullins. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to open the public hearing at 5:09 PM for vacating a portion of the alley running north south between lot one (1) and lot eight (8) in block two (2) in M. Cummins Addition to the Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Miller and Clerk Stogdill reported no questions or comments were received at City Hall. Mayor Miller requested questions and comments from the public in attendance at the public hearing and none were received. Motion by Deal and

seconded by Kramka to close the public hearing at 5:10 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12 – Ordinance providing for the vacation of a portion of the alley running north south between lot one (1) and lot eight (8) in block two (2) in M. Cummins Addition to the Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa was read by Mayor Miller. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve the first reading. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2024-12. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-12. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to open the public hearing at 5:12 PM conveying a portion of the alley running north south between Lot one (1) and Lot eight (8) in block two (2) in M. Cummins Addition to the Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa, to Mitchell J. Main and Nicholas Main. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Mayor Miller and Clerk Stogdill reported no questions or comments were received at City Hall. Mayor Miller requested questions and comments from the public in attendance at the public hearing and none were received. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to close the public hearing at 5:13 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve Resolution No. 25-2024 – resolution authorizing conveyance of a portion of the alley running north south between lot one (1) and lot eight (8) in block two (2) in M. Cummins Addition to the Town of Moravia, Appanoose County, Iowa to Mitchell J. Main and Nicholas Main. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported fourteen calls for October and a total of 122 calls for the year, which is higher than average. The EMS tax levy did pass by 73% in Appanoose County. Sixty percent was required for it to pass. Five other counties in Iowa that had this on their ballot failed. The new secretary for the fire department is Ashley Snow. The fire department handed out candy to 172 children on Halloween. The department will be hosting grain bin rescue training on November 17. Other nearby departments have been invited to the training. The department had air bag and vehicle stabilization training in October. Five members attended a training conference in Des Moines and received CEU's for their attendance.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reviewed library activities with the Council. The Civil War reenactment was well attended with a total of 74 people including members of the Friends of the Library and reenactors. Patrons are taking advantage of the tech help at the library regularly. E-mail provider change is up and running. Paintings, photos, or drawings are needed for their art show fundraiser. Pickleball rackets have been received and a policy is being written for checking them out of the library. Santa and his elves will be at the library on December 7.

Cemetery – Flags at the cemetery looked nice for Veterans Day.

Parks – Several people are using the pickleball court and basketball court.

Streets – Councilman Kramka inquired about paving the gravel portion of Frontage Road. Council needs to prioritize projects. Councilman Baty inquired about cutting the edges of North East Street.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. There were three shut-offs in November for non-payment.

Sewer – Mitch has submitted the compliance update progress report to French-Reneker for review. The permit renewal required extra samples. The DNR sent a letter stating they have reviewed our updated construction Schedule G, design flows and loads and other documents for the Moravia Wastewater Treatment Improvements project and they are in agreement with the proposed flows and loads and the construction schedule G is authorized.

City Staff – City Clerk Stogdill gave council updated ordinances for their books at home. Financial reports were reviewed. The City is in excellent financial condition. The city received a notice from Alliant Energy of a fifteen percent increase in utility rates. Sharla will be attending an on-line budget training on December 5. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reported losing an engine on another lawn mower. The council will need to budget to replace the mower. The city needs a snow plow for the new truck. Mitch reviewed two options and prices with the Council. Motion by Baty and seconded by

Martin to purchase a Western wide-out blade for the new truck for \$9,613. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. We will need to budget for a second sander in next year's budget. Maintenance Assistant Shaun Wubben will be starting on Christmas lights and decorations. Councilman Martin reported the Ruritans have disbanded and will not be putting up any Christmas lights.

Resident Complaints – None.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve Resolution No. 26-2024 – Resolution authorizing abandonment process against real property. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-10 – State Income Setoff Program was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-10 – State Income Setoff Program. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-15 – Operating Budget Preparation was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-15 – Operating Budget Preparation. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-16 – Sidewalk Liability was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-16 – Sidewalk Liability. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-17 – Pedestrians' Right-of-Way was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Deal and seconded by Baty to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-17 – Pedestrians' Right-of-Way. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-18 – Electronic Meetings was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Deal to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-18 – Electronic Meetings. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – None.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller stated a Deputy Sheriff reported a dog bite to city hall and tickets were issued to the dog owner. He will notify us if there are any other issues with the animal.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 5:59 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer