

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 10, 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 Teresa Bieghler 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 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 November 12, 2024, regular 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 Martin and seconded by Deal 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.

Teresa Bieghler addressed the Council regarding a proposed senior center in Moravia. She proposed using the community building to meet in, having meals and social activities for senior citizens. She noted several things to consider including funding, transportation, licensing, regulations, safety, and ADA. Council asked her to do the research and present a plan at a future city council meeting.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore was absent. The department had eighteen calls in November. City Clerk reported the loan for the fire station through USDA is being looked at for “graduation” meaning the city may be asked to find other funding. The current loan rate with USDA is at 4.25%. Considering the fire fund has enough money to pay off the loan, Council will consider paying off the loan versus finding new funding if required. If not required by USDA, Council will consider budgeting a payoff in the upcoming budget workshops for FY2026.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reviewed library activities. Santa and his helpers were a big hit at the library on December 7. Approximately 84 people attended the event. The art show fundraiser had twenty donations and raised \$155 to be used for art supplies and programs at the library. Donations to the food pantry will temporarily cease until the current inventory of food and donations is dispersed. The library budget has been submitted to the city clerk.

Cemetery – Flags at Hillcrest Cemetery looked nice for the veteran burial.

Parks – Christmas lights on the old fire truck at the park on the square look very nice.

Streets – Prioritization of street repairs needs to be done for upcoming budget workshops.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. There was one water shut off for non-payment in December.

Sewer – Proposals have been sent to the DNR for review.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. She attended budget training on December 5 through Zoom. The city clerk has jury duty in January and February. She reminded the Council to get prepared for budget workshops in January for their perspective departments. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reported getting all the Christmas lights put up and getting equipment ready for snow removal season.

Resident Complaints – One complaint was received at city hall regarding the flags being up in November at Hillcrest Cemetery and no lights on the flags. Mayor Miller stated there are no requirements for lights on flags when it is an Avenue of Flags like we have at the cemetery. The flags were put up for a burial for a veteran and several positive comments were received about them, especially from the family of the deceased.

The cleaning contractor for cleaning city hall and the community building weekly was discussed. Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to keep the current contractor, Maid 2 Order, at a cost of \$100 per weekly cleaning schedule. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

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

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Martin and seconded by Kramka to approve the second 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to approve the second 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-15 – Operating Budget Preparation was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Martin to approve the second 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-16 – Sidewalk Liability was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-16 – Sidewalk Liability. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-17 – Pedestrians' Right-of-Way was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the second 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-18 – Electronic Meetings was introduced by Mayor Miller. Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-18 – Electronic Meetings. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-19 – Waste Storage Containers was introduced by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-19 – Waste Storage Containers. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Deal inquired if we had received an update on when fiber optics will be available in Moravia. Mayor Miller stated he had heard it would be completed in two weeks but depending on the weather, it may be spring. Councilman Kramka asked about the amount the city charges for late fees on water/sewer invoices. Clerk Stogdill reported we charge 1.5%.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 6:05 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer