

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025**

A special meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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, Amanda Smith, A.J. Weilbrenner, 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 Baty and seconded by Martin to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Deal-Aye, Kramka-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – None.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed a first draft of the city budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 with the City Council and Mayor. Each fund was discussed and line by line items with historical data was reviewed. A historical balance sheet showing a significant increase in the city's assets since 2015 was reviewed. The cost of employee health insurance, property insurance, and workers compensation insurance is increasing significantly. Utilities are increasing by fifteen percent for businesses. The tax rates for other towns in Appanoose County were discussed, with Moravia being only the sixth highest tax rate out of eleven towns in Appanoose County. This included having a lower tax rate than one town with no employees. Employee raises were discussed at length. The Council was reminded this is their budget and they are responsible for setting the tax rate for the city and for staying within the budget guidelines throughout the fiscal year.

Library Board member A. J. Weilbrenner reviewed the library's proposed budget and accomplishments of the library in the past year. Fire Chief Ryan Moore discussed the fire department's proposed budget and equipment needs of the department.

A second budget workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, at 4:30 PM, at Moravia City Hall where changes and additions to the budget will be reviewed before finalization and public hearings. The workshop meetings are open meetings where the public is invited and welcome to attend.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Kramka discussed stop signs on Pamela and Deborah Streets and the need for stop signs on Myra Street. Council agreed by consensus to put up stop signs on Myra Street, making them four-way stops at Pamela and Deborah. Stop signs by Dollar General were also reviewed, with concern for drivers turning off Highway 5. This was tabled for further review and discussion.

Mayor Info and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller discussed the number of ceiling fans needed at the library as he is applying for a grant for the library and community building needs. Council agreed by consensus four ceiling fans are needed.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Deal to adjourn at 6:32 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer