

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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, Ryan Moore, and Pastor Jonathan Hall 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 Kirby to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve the minutes of the December 10, 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.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported eleven calls for the month of December and a total of 151 calls for the year, which is above average. Hazardous material awareness training is complete. The department was approved for a DNR matching funds grant for \$4,500 and plans to purchase Wildland boots with the grant money. The EMS Council is discussing the dive team in Appanoose County. They are reviewing equipment costs and looking for grants to pay for gear and training. Nathan Johnson was formerly a member of the 911 Board of Monroe County but due to scheduling conflicts is no longer able to serve. Ryan has volunteered to be on the Board and Council approved by consensus.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reviewed library activities with the Council. In January, an adult game night will be held. The library purchased Diane Deal's new book and will be featuring it at the library. Amanda is writing policies for a "library of things."

Cemetery – None.

Parks – Councilwoman Kirby reported they are still working on and making plans for the pickle ball court at Trussell Park. Councilman Baty stated Alliant Energy and Mid-American Energy have a rebate program for lights. Moravia will receive free lights for the pickle ball court, batting cage, and baseball field. This does not include installation.

Streets – Councilman Kramka stated that Councilman Deal, Mitch Main, and he will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15, to review and prioritize street repairs for the 2025/2026 budget. Councilman Baty inquired about using brine instead of salt and sand for icy and snowy conditions on the streets. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Three waters were shut off in January for non-payment. Waters shut off for non-payment are locked and a picture taken of the meter reading at time of shutoff.

Sewer – Councilwoman Kirby reported on an article she read from the University of Iowa on development of an affordable way to update lagoons and reinvent wastewater treatment.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – City attorney will be working on current nuisance property.

City Staff – City Clerk Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The city is on target with the current budget. Ordinances to update books at home were handed out to the Council. The clerk is working on budget information for the upcoming budget workshops. End-of-year tax documents (1099 forms and W-2 forms) are being prepared. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main had nothing to report.

Resident Complaints – A dog complaint was discussed. The mayor has talked to the dog owner.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes was read by Mayor Miller. Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-13 – Publication of Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Ordinance approved and adopted.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations was read by Mayor Miller. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-14 – Fire Officials Authority to Cite Violations. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Ordinance approved and adopted.

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Miller opened discussion regarding Council committees. Council agreed by consensus to keep all committees the same except for the Nuisance Properties committee and Council agreed by consensus that all council members need to be on this committee.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to appoint Sharla Stogdill as City Clerk/Treasurer. 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 Resolution #1-2025 – Designate Official Depository and Maximum Deposit Amount as Iowa Trust and Savings Bank and \$3 million as maximum deposit amount. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve and adopt Resolution #2-2025 – Designate Official Publication of Public Notes as the Moravia Union. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Resolution #3-2025 – Resolution Authorizing Donation of Real Property to the City of Moravia, Iowa from the Church of the Nazarene. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the Real Estate Donation Agreement between The Church of the Nazarene (Donor) and City of Moravia, Iowa with corrections to the date of closing and the city name. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

The alcohol license application from Fat Annie's was not received.

The Council agreed by consensus to set the dates and times for the budget workshops as Wednesday, January 22 at 4:30 PM and Wednesday, January 29 at 4:30 PM.

Clerk Stogdill reviewed the annual renewal of Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance with the Council. Motion by Deal and seconded by Baty to approve the renewal of Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance for full-time employees. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding dental and life insurance. The city clerk will check on policies and prices.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Kramka inquired about the two flags at the entrance to Moravia and who is responsible for lowering the flags to half-staff. City Council agreed by consensus for city employees to raise and lower the flag owned by the city and to inquire if the owner of the other flag would like for the city to raise and lower their flag at the same time. City Council and Marcia Benjamin would like to receive notifications when the flag is to be lowered to half-staff. The city clerk will let them know and give them information to sign up for notifications. Councilman Baty inquired what could be done with the historical buildings falling in on the square. The city clerk will check with the Iowa League of Cities. Councilwoman Kirby had a request from a citizen for a community garden. The Council agreed by consensus they do not want to be involved with a community garden.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller is going to apply for a grant for ceiling fans for the library, flooring for the community building, and a portable public address system. Discussion was held on size and prices of ceiling fans. Councilman Baty stated it would cost approximately \$200 for installation of the fans.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:25 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer