

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 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, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Matt Walker, 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 Martin 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 Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Baty-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Kirby-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025, special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025, special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-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 – Bill Benjamin stated the Nazarene Church had voted to donate their streets to the City of Moravia. They are waiting on surveys to be completed.

Matt Walker from French-Reneker-Associates gave the Council an update of the lagoon project. They have evaluated five years of data and will have four types of lagoon systems for the Council to consider. The pros and cons of each system will be assessed as well as layouts and hard cost estimates gathered so the Council can make a final decision on the best lagoon system for our city's needs. The timeline for the permit is still on track. For the March council meeting, Matt will have ballpark numbers on sewer rates needed to maintain the new system.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported fifteen calls for the month of January. They have had one grass fire in February. Ryan attended a meeting with various departments in Appanoose County to brainstorm how to make our county roads safer. New tires have been mounted on one of the trucks.

Library – The Library Board of Trustees has approved the first draft of the new policy for the “library of things.” Cookie decorating will be held at the library on February 15. Adult old school game night is February 20 from 4 PM to 6 PM. Book club meets February 24.

Cemetery – None.

Parks – Councilwoman Kirby reported the Betterment Committee is applying for a grant for a pickle ball seating area at the park so spectators have a place to sit and watch the game.

Streets – None.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Two waters were shut off in February for non-payment. Council agreed by consensus to send thirty-day notices of tax liens to Accounts 4330, 4550, and 4092.

Sewer – Discussed during Matt Walker's discussion regarding the lagoon update.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. 2025/2026 budget information has been entered on the state's on-line system. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main will be completing CEU's needed by the end of March for his wastewater and water license. Mitch attended a training at Rathbun Water and is checking into on-line training to finish up the CEU requirements.

Resident Complaints – None.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – City attorney is working on the current nuisance property.

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

Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 20204-19 – Waste Storage Containers. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Ordinance approved and adopted.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to close South Henry Street between the city park and the community housing on Saturday morning, April 19, 2025, for the community Easter egg hunt. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

The alcohol license application from Spencer's Grocery was not received.

The Council agreed by consensus to postpone the review of Moravia Code of Ordinances Chapter 99.01 – Sewer Service Charges until the March regular council meeting. Matt Walker from French-Reneker-Associates will have ballpark figures available by then to make an informed decision regarding sewer rates for residents.

Council Discussion Items – Councilwoman Kirby asked the Council to consider any projects they need done at the city for the community work day which will be held at the end of April or May.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller applied for the Appanoose County Community Fund grant for the city.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 5:53 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer