

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

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 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, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Erwin Lopez, 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, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular 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 Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – Bill Benjamin notified the Council the surveys were done and have been recorded for the streets the Nazarene Church is donating to the City.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported fifteen calls for the month of February and thirty total calls for the year. The fire department assisted Blakesburg by blocking traffic in Unionville after a wreck with a train. The department had two calls due to suspicious odors and they must drive to Centerville to get the meter when they have those types of calls. The department decided to purchase their own meter to have on hand. The department applied for the Appanoose County Community Fund Grant for funds to purchase a TNT battery-powered spreader. They received funds from the Chariton Valley REC Round-Up grant to purchase a torpedo nozzle. A controlled house burn will be held on May 3 (rain date May 10) and they will practice using the new nozzle. Physicals for one-half of the members of the fire department will be held on April 9 in Moravia. SCBA annual test was held March 11. Mitch Main requested use of a fire truck for street sweeping before the community Easter egg hunt, with Ryan granting him permission.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported on activities at the library. Eighteen people attended the cookie decorating activity with \$40 in donations received. The library policy book has been updated. The program with Decorah for large-print books has ended. The last shipment was lost in the mail. A propagation station is set up at the library, taking donations of house plants to share with others. Plans are underway for the summer reading program.

Cemetery – Nothing to report.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Streets – Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main showed the Council a picture of the blacktop and sidewalk at 125 East Chariton and discussed the need for repairs. Motion by Deal and seconded by Baty to approve spending up to \$3,500 for the cost of concrete and rebar at 125 East Chariton, with the owner, Jason Snow, providing the labor to repair it at no cost. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Council requests the expense to be in the current fiscal year budget if possible.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Three residents had their water shut off in March for non-payment. Council agreed by consensus to send a thirty-day notice of tax lien letter to Account 1120 and 1121.

Sewer – Mitch Main discussed information he received about the new wastewater treatment system being tested in Dow City, Iowa. The system has not yet been approved by the DNR but is substantially cheaper than other systems. Council agreed by consensus for Mitch and Mayor Miller to go to Dow City to look at the system in person.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. Ordinances were given to the Council to update their ordinance books at home. The clerk notified the Council notice has been received from Chariton Valley Electric of a three percent across the board increase in prices effective May 1. There will be two separate council meetings on March 25. The first meeting will be the public hearing on the proposed tax rate and the second meeting will be to set the time, date, and location of the hearing to approve the budget. The clerk is continuing to work on the budget and meeting publishing deadlines. Driver's license checks and proof of insurance are being completed for members of the fire department who drive city vehicles and/or drive their own personal vehicle to a call. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main had nothing to report. Councilman Baty requested the city crew spray the park for weeds early in the season. Shaun Wubben reported on a tree on the east side of Hillcrest Cemetery that he has trimmed.

Resident Complaints – None.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – Mayor Miller gave the council an update on 104 North John Street.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Kramka to approve the alcohol license for Spencer's Grocery. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Council discussed sewer rates and recommendations received from Matt Walker at French-Reneker-Associates for proposed sewer rates to pay for the lagoon upgrade required by the EPA. There will be three readings of the ordinance to increase sewer service charges beginning at the April regular meeting.

Clerk Stogdill reviewed two quotes from ClerkBooks for the new alpha edition of the ClerkBooks full accounting system. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to accept and approve the quote for a one-time set-up fee of \$6,400 and an estimated monthly fee of \$127.78 for the new ClerkBooks accounting system with a conversion of all QuickBooks and Utility Billing data. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – None.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – None.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 6:07 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer