

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:02 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 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, Sam Kirby, 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 amend the agenda to add "Review of Transfer of Funds and Resolution No. 8-2025." Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, regular 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 March 25, 2025, special meeting #1. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kramka to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025, special meeting #2. 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 Baty to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to open the public hearing for fiscal year 2025/2026 City Budget for Moravia at 5:07 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. City Clerk/Treasurer Stogdill reviewed the final budget with the Council. Total revenues budgeted are \$1,494,321 and total budgeted expenses and transfers out are \$1,609,640. This is a loss of \$115,319 due to spending money that has been saved in past years for street repairs. The total property tax rate for the city is 12.79803. No comments or questions were received at city hall prior to the public hearing or by anyone in attendance at the public hearing. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to close the public hearing for fiscal year 2025/2026 City Budget for Moravia at 5:10 PM. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve and adopt Resolution 7-2025—City of Moravia's Budget and Certification of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Samantha Robinson was not in attendance to discuss the complaint received regarding her goats in the city limits of Moravia. After discussion regarding farm land in the city limits with cattle and horses versus other types of pets, the city council voted on their decision. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to allow Samantha Robinson to have two goats in the city limits temporarily until the end of July 2025 for a 4-H project and the goats must be kept in an enclosed pen. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Comments from the public – Bill Benjamin inquired about the status of the streets the Nazarene Church is donating to the city. The city has not received legal documentation yet and will check with the city attorney on the status. Sam Kirby discussed the lighting for the flag located at the Moravia entrance at Highway 5 and West North Street. As they had done in a past meeting, the council agreed by consensus to pay the monthly electric bill from Chariton Valley Electric for the flag lighting. Sam noted the flag also needs to be replaced and inquired if the city will be paying for all replacement flags. Motion by Martin and seconded by Baty to pay for all replacement flags for the flag pole at the Moravia entrance at Highway 5 and West North Street. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Bill Benjamin stated the city clean-up day with the school kids will be May 7 and inquired if the city had projects for the students. Discussion was held on potential projects including painting picnic tables, guards at Gardner Park, the concession stand, dug-outs, and bathrooms at Trussell Park, and raising memorial stones at the city park.

Four Certificates of Deposit at Iowa Trust Bank that mature on April 22, 2025, were discussed. CD rates from Iowa Trust Bank, Farmers Bank in Centerville, and People's State Bank of South Ottumwa in Albia were reviewed. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve and adopt Resolution 8-2025 – A Resolution to Transfer Funds within Iowa Trust Bank and to Transfer Funds from Iowa Trust Bank to Farmers Bank in Centerville, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported twenty-seven calls for the month of March and fifty-seven total calls for the year. The fire department appreciates the nice article in the Moravia Union regarding all the recent fires and the residents who have helped the department with donations of money, drinks, and other items. They were able to replace equipment damaged in the fires with donations received from community members. Their side-by-side had mechanical issues which have been repaired and all four tires on one of the fire trucks had to be replaced. On May 3 (rain date of May 10)

they will be burning a house on Trussell Avenue to give fire fighters experience and training. The Council agreed by consensus for the fire department to shut down Trussell Avenue between Church Street and Charles Street for this burning exercise. The city will loan them barricades. A seatbelt check was recently conducted at the school and they reminded everyone not to text and drive. The school will be using their data for more seatbelt awareness training. The fire department received grants from the Appanoose County Community Fund and Cargill. Four new members have joined the department and one member quit. The department worked with the city clerk to complete the verification of driver's licenses and proof of vehicle insurance for members. The city's seatbelt policy will be reviewed with members and signed. Approximately half of the department completed their physicals in April.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported on activities at the library. Iowa State University notified the library of budget cuts and the removal of their insect zoo program. Amanda is working on finding a replacement program. Since the school is not having summer school, four teachers are hosting a summer reading program at the community center and students will also be using the library. Library trustees must complete one hour of continuing education to remain on the board. The Moravia Library will host the area directors meeting on July 28 at 8 AM.

Cemetery – Mitch reported on abuse of the brush dump located at the back of Hillcrest Cemetery. People living outside of town and contractors are not allowed to dump there. A sign will be put up with instructions.

Parks – The city crew has started mowing the parks and preparing the city park for the annual community Easter egg hunt. Councilman Baty reported Alliant Energy will be assisting with changing the lights at Trussell Park. Councilwoman Kirby reported the last two pickle ball courts will be finished soon. Four pickle ball tournaments are scheduled this year with the first one on May 17. The Betterment Committee did not receive the grant for bleachers at the pickle ball court.

Streets – Concerns about North East Street was discussed by Councilman Baty. Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reviewed three quotes for street repairs (South Henry Street, John Street by the funeral home, West Street approaches, and three manholes on Trussell Avenue). Bids need to show break down of costs for each repair. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to approve the four street projects not to exceed \$40,000 and for the Street Committee members to decide which bid to accept. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Council agreed by consensus to continue with filing a tax lien for two accounts (1120 and 1121) that payments were made on but not enough to cover the delinquency. Tax liens were filed with the Appanoose County Treasurer for Accounts 4330 and 4550 on March 26.

Sewer – Mitch Main and Roy Miller traveled to Dow City to look at their wastewater treatment test facility. The system has not yet been approved by the DNR but is substantially cheaper than other systems. A company in Montreal, Canada also contacted Moravia to see if we would be interested in becoming a test site. More information and further discussions will be taking place to choose the best option.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. Ordinances were given to the Council to update their books at home. Shaun Wubben is preparing for the applicator's license and certification test.

Resident Complaints – None.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – Mayor Miller gave the council an update on 104 North John Street. A court hearing will be held on April 28 with Mayor Miller and Councilman Kramka attending.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01 – Sewer Service Charges was read by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Martin volunteered to review the ICAP property insurance policy.

Council Discussion Items – None.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller has ordered and received several items made possible by the Appanoose County Community Fund grant. Ceiling fans for the library, a portable public address system, two council chairs, and one table have been received so far.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:44 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer