

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Moravia City Hall. In addition to Mayor Miller, those present at the meeting were Councilpersons Ron Deal, Ken Martin, John Baty, and Sheila Kirby. Tom Kramka arrived at 5:02 PM. Sharla Stogdill, Mitch Main, Shaun Wubben, Amanda Smith, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Benjamin, Christina Grimes, 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 Kirby to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Absent, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Baty to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Absent, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Bills and receipts were presented and discussed. Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to approve the bills and receipts. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Christina Grimes addressed the Council requesting permission to hold a benefit on August 16 for Hazel Jo Smith, daughter of Skylar Smith. She requested use of the community building for a meal and permission to block off one side of the square for a Redneck Rally Car Show. A corn hole tournament and other games will also be held. Council agreed by consensus for Christina to have the benefit.

Comments from the public – Sheila Kirby spoke for Jim Kaster requesting the Council's permission to have the Moravia fireworks display and ice cream social on Saturday, July 5. Council agreed by consensus. Tom Kramka received complaints regarding vendors in the Dollar General parking lot on weekends making it difficult to park at Dollar General. Since this is not the city's parking lot, it will be up to Dollar General to take care of any parking issues.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported eight calls for the month of May and eighty-six total calls for the year. The Department held a "Stop the Bleed" class with four people in attendance. The paperwork for the DNR grant has been submitted for final payment. The Appanoose County radio system has been updated. The Department will provide fire coverage for the fireworks display in Moravia on July 5. They are getting on the schedule to install the new heating and cooling unit at the fire department and will pay for it in the FY2026 budget.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported on activities at the library. Eleven people attended Diane Deal's book signing event. The summer reading program is taking place now through August 7. The agreement with Enrich Iowa has been signed and returned so the library will have funding again. Amanda is updating the library's internet access and use policy and library use policy. The library has free tickets to Blank Park Zoo available.

Cemetery – Memorial Day flowers will be picked up. The cemeteries look very nice.

Parks – Councilwoman Kirby reported the pickle ball courts are very busy. Bug Pro will be spraying for bugs at the court. Mayor Miller suggested having one set of keys to open everything at the ball park, including restrooms and the concession stand and requiring the keys to be checked out at city hall. A toilet had to be replaced because the bathrooms were left open. Councilman Baty agreed and suggested changing the locks at the end of this season.

Streets – Clerk Stogdill noted the street improvement loan has been paid off. Mitch Main reported patch work being done around town. Citizens have inquired with Mitch about stop signs on Frontage Road due to speeding issues. Council agreed by consensus to erect a stop sign at the corner of Deborah Street and Frontage Road. Mitch presented a bid to purchase a street sweeper from Star Equipment. Prices on-line range from \$4,000 to \$15,000. Motion by Deal and seconded by Baty to purchase a street sweeper from Star Equipment for \$6,659.83 using 50% street funds, 25% water funds, and 25% sewer funds. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Mitch reported work by the walking bridge on West North Street has begun. City crew will shut down the road on Thursday, June 19 and work on the project until completed that day.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Two residents were shut off for non-payment in June. Council agreed by consensus to send thirty-day notices of tax liens to Accounts 1120 and 1121.

Sewer – Mitch reported cancelling the services for the lagoon project with French-Reneker-Associates. ISG Engineering can attend the July meeting to discuss the lagoon project with the Council. Mitch reported the school is using Double 6 Industrial Strength Soil Sterilant on their weeds and having great success. No chemical license is needed to apply it since it is pre-mixed. It can be used yearly instead of monthly which saves money on time and labor. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to purchase one 55-gallon barrel of Double 6 Industrial Strength Soil Sterilant for the lagoon for \$4,683.20. Roll Call Vote: Deal-

Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Further discussion was held regarding the amount needed and the savings with the current sale price. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kramka to rescind the previous motion to purchase one 55-gallon barrel. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to buy up to two 55-gallon barrels of Double 6 Industrial Strength Soil Sterilant and an OSHA-approved related storage cabinet for a total expense cap of \$12,000. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. Financial reports will not be available at the July meeting due to leaving the fiscal year open to finalize expenses. Those reports will be presented at the August meeting. Consumer confidence report requirements are completed. Moravia's budget has been approved at the state level. The clerk inquired where to donate \$350 remaining funds in the Animal Control budget. Council agreed by consensus to donate the funds to the Puppy Jake Foundation. Councilman Baty will find out the cost of new lights at Trussell Park so the city can insure them and Marcia Benjamin will find out costs of pickle ball court for insurance.

Resident Complaints – Mayor Miller received a complaint about a resident burning rubber off wiring and the odor it produced. Council recommends the resident contact the DNR regarding this illegal burning. The Council will review the burning ordinance to include this.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – Mayor Miller gave the council an update on 104 North John Street. A court hearing will be held on August 7 at 9 AM.

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

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve Resolution No. 11-2025 – Wage Increases for City of Moravia Employees. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by Kirby and seconded by Deal to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit application from Dollar General. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Shaun Wubben discussed city lawn mowers with the Council. While preparing for Memorial Day, he used his personal smaller deck mower to mow around the cemetery stones. It was much easier to get around and in between the stones, which cut down on trimming. The city currently has 60" and 72" mowers but would like to have a 48" mower for use in the cemetery and park. The Council reviewed a bid from Long Repair for a new 48" Clipper mower. Councilman Deal inquired how long it would take to pay for itself with savings on weed-eating labor and consensus was it would be one to two years. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to purchase a new 48" Clipper lawn mower from Long Repair for \$6,719.16. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Baty requested a water stop pipe that is above the ground east of Dennis Gardner's old house be cut off and plugged as it is a tripping hazard. The sidewalks in that block also need to be addressed.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller inquired about handling a situation with a dog on a resident's property that was tied near their water pit. The city has the right to access the water pit but needs protection from animals. The resident will be called first and asked to change the location of where their dog is tied up.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to adjourn at 6:36 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer