

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 12, 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 Megan Irving 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 approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

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

Comments from the public – None.

Megan Irving from the Moravia Fall Festival Committee presented festival plans to the City Council. The City agreed to sweep the streets September 4 or 5 and the Fire Department agreed to wash the streets on September 6 or 7. The carnival will arrive in town on Sunday, September 7. Cleaning supplies and keys will be picked up from city hall on September 9. There will be a larger stage in front of city hall this year due to the number of queen candidates. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to allow the Fall Festival Committee to use the streets for Fall Festival activities. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Department Reports were given:

Fire – Fire Chief Ryan Moore reported twenty calls for the month of July and 121 total calls for 2025. The fire department will host their annual Fall Festival breakfast on Saturday, September 13 at the fire station. They will be selling raffle tickets for a gun and a smokeless fire pit. A basket of fire prevention and first aid supplies will also be raffled. The department applied for a grant for helmets but did not receive it. The HVAC system is installed at the fire station. EMS paid for one-half of the cost and city funds paid for one-half. The department will be attending a back-to-school event at Faith United Church in Centerville and will also attend one at the Moravia school on August 22. A safe driving training was conducted with the department last month. Chief Moore attended court on behalf of the city regarding a nuisance property in town. Extrication tools from Danko Emergency Equipment were reviewed with the Council. This was a budgeted item for the fire department. Motion by Baty and seconded by Deal to purchase TNT extrication tools from Danko Emergency Equipment for \$24,045. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith reported on activities at the library. The summer reading challenge had great participation and prizes have been awarded. There were eight participants in the painting program for adults. Moravia hosted the library directors' meeting last month with three local directors attending. Acceptable Use policy for internet access is finished and approved with the changes requested. Library Usage policy is completed and approved. The Friends of the Library will have a fundraiser during Fall Festival. A back-to-school party at the library will be held August 23 from 11 AM to 12 Noon.

Cemetery – Councilman Martin reported seeing suspicious activity at Hillcrest Cemetery. There is water standing at the cemetery, making it difficult to mow.

Parks – All of the rain we are receiving is making it difficult to keep up with mowing.

Streets – Dust control is completed. Ditching needs to be done. The City needs to get bids for seal coating.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed, with one customer being shut off for non-payment in August. A meeting with the DNR will be Friday, August 15 at 10 AM.

Sewer – Maintenance Supervisor Mitch Main reported pond levels being high at the lagoon. Sump pumps need to be reviewed in our ordinances. A meeting with ISG will be held Thursday, August 14 at 10 AM to review numbers from the DNR and next steps of the lagoon project.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill notified the Council the recycling trailer will be in Moravia on September 4 instead of September 11 due to Fall Festival. The September council meeting is being moved to September 16 instead of September 9 due to the clerk's vacation. Election information was reviewed with the Council. The election will be held on November 4. Three councilperson seats (John Baty, Ron Deal, and Ken Martin) and the Mayor (Roy Miller) are up for re-election. Nomination papers need to be filed with the county auditor August 25 – September 18 at 5 PM. A minimum of ten

signatures are required on the nomination papers. The Annual Financial Report was released August 12. The clerk attended a zoom training on changes in debt reporting on the AFR. With the tremendous amount of rain we have received, the clerk's office had water leak in her office under the walls again. Once this issue is repaired, new floors will need to be installed. Financial reports for FY2025 and July 2026 were reviewed with the Council. Mitch Main and Shaun Wubben had nothing to report.

Resident Complaints – Mayor Miller has received reports about dogs that are being walked defecating in yards other than their own. The mayor has written a letter to the editor for the Moravia Union to publish. As a reminder, please clean up after your dogs as a courtesy to your friends and neighbors. Councilman Kramka received a complaint about a service alley being blocked by cars. Most of these types of situations can be solved by simply asking the person to move the car to allow access.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – Mayor Miller, Councilman Kramka, and Fire Chief Moore attended the nuisance property court hearing on August 7, 2025. The judge has not made a ruling yet. A code enforcer position or sharing an enforcer with another town was discussed to try to clean up properties and junk vehicles.

Clerk Stogdill reviewed the City of Moravia's Street Financial Report with the Council. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Deal to approve Moravia's Street Financial Report. 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 Resolution No. 12-2025 – A Resolution to Approve and Adopt the City of Moravia's Street Financial Report for FY2025. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Resolution approved and adopted.

Discussion regarding changing ownership on utility accounts for tenants/landlords ensued. Clerk Stogdill will contact Iowa Codification to make changes to our ordinances for the Council to review.

Council discussed the salary of the Moravia mayor versus the salary of mayors in neighboring towns. Rules regarding changing the salary were reviewed by the City Clerk. First reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Mayor's Salary was read by Clerk Stogdill changing the salary to \$300 per quarter. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Mayor's Salary. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Martin discussed having a quiet zone in the city where the train cannot blow its whistle when passing through town. This has been checked on in the past and gated crossings must be installed. Councilwoman Kirby encouraged everyone to read their Cityscape magazine articles about zoning ordinances and legal processes. Councilman Baty inquired about the dirt being gone between the concrete and the curb on the southwest corner of the square. Councilman Kramka inquired when the concrete would be poured at the work done by the bridge.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – Mayor Miller received a telephone call from the city attorney regarding a survey that needs to be completed on Ken Martin's property for the streets to be given to the city. Bill and Marcia Benjamin stated the survey is done and Marcia will bring in a copy to the clerk to send to our attorney.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Martin to adjourn at 6:42 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer