

**MORAVIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Moravia City Council was called to order by Mayor Roy Miller at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 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, James Theobold, Trent Gregory, Ryan Moore, and Jessi Moore were also present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mitch Main 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-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Martin to approve the minutes of the September 16, 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 – Ryan Moore complimented the Council on the improvement of the streets in West View.

Trent Gregory from Citizens Mutual Telephone Company discussed fiber optics in Moravia and reviewed a map of their company's plans. They received a grant to provide broadband to unserved areas and do strictly fiber optics. KLK Construction from Pella and their sub-contractors will be providing the service to Moravia. He stated their company's customer service is excellent and their contractors will clean up the areas after they are finished. They will provide three tiers of internet service for the community to choose from at competitive rates. Construction will begin in rural Moravia on approximately November 1 and in town Moravia by mid-November. Depending on the weather, their work will be completed in thirty to sixty days. Citizens Mutual looks forward to being a part of our community.

The resignation letter from City Attorney Nicole Cox was reviewed by Council. Motion by Baty and seconded by Kirby to accept the resignation of Nicole Cox as Moravia's City Attorney effective December 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Two unfinished cases will be completed with Cox Law Firm.

James Theobold, representing Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. addressed the Council regarding their law firm's proposal to become Moravia's city attorney. Their firm has three offices and several attorneys with seven attorneys that do strictly municipality and employment law work. They currently represent cities ranging in size from 200 to 15,000 in population. Their rates were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Deal and seconded by Martin to hire Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. as the City of Moravia's attorney effective with new cases on October 14, 2025. 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 the department received a grant from Cargill for fire helmets and have received a partial shipment. Extrication tools have arrived and a training on how to use them is scheduled for October 20. The department's tanker will not pump and is just a water hauler now. Once the government opens back up, they will work with the city clerk and USDA on a grant to purchase a different tanker. Ryan attended an incident safety officer class in Indianola and an electric vehicle class in Des Moines. A live power line training in Albia was being held the night of the Council meeting and he was attending it as well. Agriland is donating three cents per gallon to the fire department for fuel purchases from October 1 through January 31. The department conducted a skit at the Moravia school in October for fire prevention week. They also borrowed the inflatable safety house from Centerville for the event and the kids really enjoyed it. A blood drive will be held at the fire station on November 24. They are competing with fire departments in other towns to try to have the best blood drive. The DNR grant is open and they are applying for more Wildland fire gear and fire hoses. Ryan reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change the clocks for daylight savings time. If a resident is having a problem with their CO2 detector or needs help checking it, the fire department will assist them. Mayor Miller addressed the council regarding community service done by city employees, including assisting residents when someone calls city hall for help. City employees can respond quickly and get any assistance for the resident if required. The Council supports this type of community service.

Library – Library Director Amanda Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

Cemetery – Shaun Wubben inquired about the agreement made with the Millemon's in the 1990's when land at the old cemetery was traded. John Baty was on the Council at the time and knew about the trade. Council agreed the remaining unused cemetery plots need to be pinned and records kept at city hall for future burials.

Parks – Councilwoman Kirby reported pickle ball tournaments are done for the season. The City will be winterizing the bathrooms and changing the locks. A new gate needs to be installed on the west side of the pickle ball court.

Streets – Councilman Deal was pleased with the resurfacing of Deborah and Pamela Streets and Frontage Road.

Water – Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Council agreed by consensus to send thirty-day notices of tax liens to Accounts 1121, 1120, and 4092.

Sewer – Mitch Main reported ISG is gathering information and will be setting up another meeting to discuss the planning of the lagoon design. The design in Canada has now been approved by the DNR and will be a less expensive option for the city to consider.

City Staff – City Clerk/Treasurer Sharla Stogdill reviewed financial reports with the Council. The technical issue with ClerkBooks has been resolved. The clerk has registered for budget training via Zoom on November 25. Work will begin on budget spreadsheets in December. The Annual Financial Report has been published and filed on line per state requirements and is complete. Girl Scout cookies were donated to the City and Council in appreciation of the city's support of the Girl Scouts and free use of the community building for their meetings. Shaun Wubben reported the part-time seasonal employees are done for the year. Shaun plans to start early on Christmas lights and decorating.

Resident Complaints – Mayor Miller is still receiving complaints from an individual at West View regarding a barking dog. The resident has been told to contact the law center when it happens.

Nuisance Properties and Junk Vehicles – The owner of the property located at 104 North John in Moravia has appealed the court's ruling in favor of the City of Moravia.

Council agreed by consensus to set Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6 PM to 8 PM as times to go trick-or-treating in Moravia. Residents wishing to hand out treats should leave their porch lights on.

Due to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Moravia City Council landing on Veterans Day, which is a holiday for city employees, the meeting was rescheduled for Monday, November 10 at 5 PM by consensus of the Council.

Mitch Main discussed the equipment no longer being used by the City and proposal to sell by sealed bid. Council set minimum bids as \$2,000 for the dump truck/blade/spreader and \$1,500 for the trailer. All equipment is being sold as is. Sealed bids will be opened at the next regular Council meeting on November 10 and bidders are requested to attend the meeting so they can raise their bids if they choose.

The mowing charge at 109 West King Street was discussed. The owner had requested the Council to forgive the mowing charges. After discussion, the Council denied the request as it would be setting a precedent for the future. If not paid, a tax lien will be filed against the property.

The third reading of Ordinance 2025-02 – Mayor's Salary was read by Clerk Stogdill. Motion by Deal and seconded by Kirby to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2025-02 – Mayor's Salary. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Motion carried. Motion by Kramka and seconded by Baty to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-02 – Mayor's Salary. Roll Call Vote: Deal-Aye, Martin-Aye, Kirby-Aye, Kramka-Aye, Baty-Aye. Ordinance approved and adopted.

Council Discussion Items – Councilman Baty reported a street light out at the corner of North Henry and East Montgomery. The city's Jake Brake ordinance was discussed. A suspicious car was seen at the school's day care on the square on Friday, October 10. Employees at the day care called 911 but the car was gone by the time help arrived. The day care is going to contact city hall/city workers if help is needed quickly in the future. Another rooster is in town and the resident will be contacted that roosters are not allowed per city ordinance.

Mayor Information and Discussion Items – The damaged radar speed sign has been sent to the manufacturing company for repairs. The company will be checking the camera on the sign for evidence of the person or people responsible for shooting holes in it.

Motion by Kramka and seconded by Kirby to adjourn at 6:48 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

/s/ Roy Miller, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Sharla Stogdill, City Clerk/Treasurer