

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Joe Hawker, Bill Cross, Fred Clement, Gordon Crutchfield and David Doran. Also in attendance were Mayor Phillip Reeds, Clerk Marlene Wilhoit and Treasurer Melinda Short. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

**Motion by Hawker, 2nd by Cross to approve minutes from 08-13-14 council meeting and the 08-27-14 committee meeting.

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)

**Motion by Crutchfield, 2nd by Clement to approve Treasurer's report as presented.

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)

**Motion by Doran, 2nd by Hawker to approve August 2014 bills payable in September 2014 in the amount of \$67,953.92.

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion with the exception of Davidson who voted no.

Attorney Richard Bernardoni passed out to council work sheets for the tax levy, explained where the figures come from and advised council to discuss this at their committee meeting in September. The deadline for filing is December.

Martinsville on the Move representative Norma Calvert presented a list of recent activities (attached) and request for road closures for the October 18 Celebrate Fall.

**Motion by Davidson, 2nd by Cross to close the following streets on October 18; Mill Street from Cumberland to Vine and Vine Street from Mill to Elm.

Martinsville on the Move representative Kent Littlejohn stated that in the Linn Foundation contract in November 2012 that the foundation retained the right to construct the amphitheater and it is now basically done. He presented the Mayor with a signed stamped copy of the sight plan and the keys to the amphitheater. The amphitheater will belong to the City when approved and Martinsville on the Move would like to volunteer scheduling the use with the City administrating and city paying bills. Kent stated that so far their volunteer cost is well over \$150,000. The City will have the attorney look over the paperwork before the City accepts the Linn Park and decide if Martinsville on the Move will do the scheduling of the park.

Martinsville on the Move representative Brenda Littlejohn said they are planning to have a grand opening at the amphitheater during next years Heritage Days, with Rowe Foundry building the world's largest anvil to be placed in the Linn Park along with signage and dedications. She passed out ideas for using the Linn Park and sample reservation forms.

Herman Davidson representing the Summer Recreation committee addressed council concerning the electric bills at the ball diamonds. They are asking that the city pay the electric bills starting now. Council says that the High School should be paying something towards the usage and if any excessive usage shows up the bill will be discussed at that time.

**Motion by Davidson, 2nd by Doran to agree to take over payment of the 2 electric bills at the ball diamonds with the above stipulations.

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)

Herman Davidson representing the Summer Recreation committee addressed council concerning re-naming the north ball field currently named "Field of Dreams". The summer rec committee would like to honor Herman Davidson for all the time he put forth to get the field built by re-naming the field "Davidson Field". Name signs will be made for all 3 fields from the summer rec committee.

**Motion by Doran, 2nd by Clement to re-name the north ball diamond to "Davidson Field".

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion with exception of Davidson who abstained.

The National Road Association had a grant for scenic bike racks to be made and after some cities back out of using them they offered them to other cities along the Route 40. After discussion council decided they were also not interested in having one. A letter will be forwarded to them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Bowman presented his August monthly report. He also explained a DUI grant the City received through IDOT. The grant was for 24 hours to get as many DUI arrests as the department could get. The overtime is to be paid by the City and IDOT will reimburse up to \$606.00. Grants such as this will come up 3 or 4 times a year.

General Supt Wes Romines informed council that since we incorporated our chip and seal with the county highway we were able to save on oil price and the rate on the chipping machine.

Motion by Hawker, 2nd by Cross to adjourn the city council meeting @ 8:00 PM.

Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)

Marlene Wilhoit