

Minutes of the City of Martinsville, Committee meeting held on September 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM in council chambers.

People in attendance were; Council members; Chris Davidson, Mike Cribelar, Herman Davidson, Fred Clement, Gordon Crutchfield and David Doran along with Clerk Marlene Wilhoit. Audience attendants were Phil Reeds, Wes Romines, Stephen Glendenning, Lori Hawkins, Don & Rose Slater, Henry & Dawn Wallace and Julie Machango.

Agenda items discussed:

Discuss ditch at grade school on Ferrell Street: the new sidewalk that runs along Ferrell Street next to the grade school is finished but there is no access from the sidewalk to the street on the north end of it. This was part of the SRTS project and because there is no sidewalk on the west side of Ferrell the program cannot put children in the middle of a street with nowhere to go. The school was wondering of the city would tile and fill in the ditch area. It is not the city's responsibility to provide this but if the school wants to fund the project the city will allow it. The city could make the entire street of Ferrell "No Parking" if that would make it safer for children. If anything further needs discusses the school needs to bring a proposal before the council.

Discuss proposal for dog park: Stephen Glendenning proposed a Martinsville Dog Park addition to the City Park. With existing good leash laws some of our residents would like a safe place to take their dogs to run and socialize with others. He proposed a committee be formed that would help promote this idea, raise funds for supplies, design rules and regulations and fees and monitor for safety. He is asking the city to install the fencing, gates and sand box area. City suggested he establish a committee with pricing, rules and regulations etc. and bring before council for a vote at the October meeting. The city will look into pricing of fencing and gates.

Discuss life insurance policy changes: the city currently provides a \$10,000 life insurance policy on the employees through Prudential. As of June 1, 2017 Prudential will no longer provide coverage of life and disability insurance for customers with less than 100 enrolled employees. Marlene has looked into a life insurance available through IMRF. More information will be forthcoming.

Public comments:

The city now has water meters that require 3 different readers to be able to read the meter. 20 meters need new read outs installed that will eliminate 1 of the readers at a cost of \$76.50 per meter (\$1530). For the newest meters that have been purchased they need 4 more readers at a cost of \$550 each (\$2200). Then there are still 25 meters that need changed at a cost of \$125 per meter (\$3125). The total not to exceed \$6900.00 will be voted on in October meeting.

Mike Cribelar looked over the lighting in City Hall and to replace the 2X 2 lights with LED it would cost around \$650.00 and to replace the 4 foot lights the tubes would cost around \$600 and new panels around \$180 for a total of \$1500. We need to check with the attorney to see if Mike can do the work for the city. Chris Davidson suggested we look into a program through AMEREN for replacements.

Meeting was over @ 7:50 pm.

By: *Marlene Wilhoit*

