

Minutes of the City of Martinsville, Committee meeting held on February 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM in council chambers.

People in attendance were; Council members; Chris Davidson, Mike Cribelar, Herman Davidson, Gordon Crutchfield, David Doran and City Clerk L Marlene Wilhoit. Audience attendants were Phil Reeds, Shannon Woodard, Mike Kraemer, Corey & Amy Cook, John Skinner, Max Cruse, Doug Dahnke, Bill Lowry, Victoria Norton, Linda VonBehren, Jill Rogers, Gary Strohm and Debbie Pleij.

Agenda items discussed:

Before the meeting started the Mayor announced that this being a public meeting everyone in attendance was invited to stay but there would be no discussion on any proposed work to be done at or around the grade school until after the elections have taken place in April and the new council has been seated.

Information on problems at the old water tower: Shannon Woodard with Connor & Connor Inc addressed the committee concerning problems at the old water tower. There is a valve leaking and to fix the valve we need to install an insert-a valve. So the tower will be drained, the valve put in and then filled back up. Then the city needs to think about applying for a grant to build a new tower preferably on the south end of town or rehabbing the old tower. For a public facility grant of \$450,000 with 25% matching funds the city needs to get started right away with an LMI (low to moderate income) study done with a 75% return. This will more than likely be done through Coles County Regional Planning. Everything needs done soon to be able to meet the July deadline for the grant application. There will be fees incurred before the grant and that will amount to approx... \$30,000. Shannon would like the opinion from committee present as to their feelings on this project to get the ball rolling. Everyone at the meeting was in support of advancing with the grant application.

Mike Kaemer to address committee concerning video gaming and liquor licensing: Mike Kraemer owns "Kreamart" and is interested in video gaming in his store but to get a state gaming license he would need a pourable liquor license. Currently the city does not allow any pourable liquor license and he was asking if council would be in favor of adding an additional liquor license. Council will take this under consideration.

Public comments:

NONE

Meeting was over @ 7:45 pm.

By: *Marlene Wilhoit*

