

Minutes of the City of Martinsville, Committee meeting held on March 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, Mike Kraemer, John Skinner and Max Cruse.

Agenda items discussed:

Discuss Information on upcoming LMI (low to moderate income) survey for grant consideration for water tower: the need for all water customers to reply to the LMI survey that will be conducted is important to help secure a grant for a new water tower. It was suggested possibly giving each water customer that responds a dollar amount off of their utility bill. Council will consider in April to give each utility customer that responds to the LMI survey \$5 off of their bill.

Discussion on liquor licensing change: Mike Kraemer was again present to request a change in a liquor license to be able to apply for a gaming license through the State of Illinois. He supplied a rough drawing of how he could have a gaming room at “KraeMart’s” separate from the store and could only allow open liquor in that room. He is asking for a license for beer and wine for retail sale. Council is waiting to hear from attorney if the license can state that all open liquor must stay in the gaming room only and then will consider if a license will be available.

Discussion on changing meeting date for council meeting in May 2017: dealing with the election on April 4th and seating new members the council will vote in April to change the meeting date for the council meeting from May 10th to May 3rd and leave the date for the May committee meeting as May 24th.

Discussion on dog impoundment contract up for renewal in May: the contract with Don Baird d/b/a Baird’s Dog Pound is up for renewal in May and the council is going to decide to not renew the contract and handle the dog impoundment situation themselves by installing an enclosure east of the wastewater treatment plant next to the existing water hydrant big enough to hold 2 dogs. This will be brought to a vote in the April meeting.

Discuss information about possible tree donation: Mayor Reeds informed council that the State required the City of Casey to purchase two trees to replace every tree they had removed to install their water line from Marshall to Casey. This caused Casey to have an overabundance of trees and they are offering some to the City free of charge. They will be planted and maintained for 1 year and then it will be up to the city to maintain. Discussion on where to plant them resulted in a plan to plant them on south York Street where the old wastewater treatment cells used to be. There are 155 trees the city is interested in and the Mayor will contact Casey to let them know.

Public comments:

The Chief of Police asks for consideration on raising the fine for a “dog running at large” ticket. Officer Ryan was bitten again and had to go to doctor. He would like council to consider this.

Meeting was over @ 7:50 pm.

By: *Marlene Wilhoit*