

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Mike Cribelar, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, John Skinner and David Doran. Also in attendance were Mayor Herman Davidson and Clerk Marlene Wilhoit with Treasurer Melinda Owen absent. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

****Motion by C Davidson 2nd by M Cribelar to approve minutes from 08-23-17 council meeting. Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)**

****Motion by M Cribelar, 2nd by D Doran to approve Treasurer Report as presented. Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)**

For the 3rd meeting now no one was present from Summer Rec Committee. Council is requesting a more detailed report that includes minutes of meetings, treasurer reports, by laws and contracts with additional organizations using the fields. They will be contacted again to let them know what the City is requesting.

The City has held Trunk-or Treat for 2 years now in conjunction with the Chambers Halloween costume contest. This is the 3rd year and it gets bigger every year. This is making a safe and fun environment for the children and has been well attended. Door to door trick or treating is up to the individual but the City does not promote it.

****Motion by J Skinner, 2nd by T Propst to hold Trunk-or-treat in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce costume contest on October 28th from 5:30 – 7:00PM and to allow Cumberland Street blocked from Washington Street to Union Street from 5PM until end of contest. Upon roll call vote all council members present voted for the motion. (6)**

Clayton Wells and Wade Callaway addressed council concerning their plans of purchasing a building in Martinsville with the idea of turning it into a sports bar & grill type restaurant with video gaming and an upstairs banquet hall. Questions were brought up such as adequate police protection, if the town can support 3 restaurants, loud music, live music, must have owner or manager live within Martinsville. They thanks council for hearing their ideas and will proceed.

Chief Slater presented information on body camera's and in car cameras. He priced the body cameras and can get them for \$150 each. The in car camera's he priced are around \$500 each and he is still researching these. The body cameras can be purchased by funds the police receive from fines designated as DUI funds and council felt like there should be 3.

Chief Slater commented that Officer Wilson will probably be leaving the police force as full time officer in late March 2018 and there is a need to update the job applications on file. He will put this out on Facebook and an ad will be put in the newspaper that the City will accept applications for police officer until October 31, 2017.

The new water line locator request was tabled until further notice. We are looking for different types and demonstrations.

Jason Goble of Frances Associates filled council in on the ITEP grant through the Department of Transportation for sidewalk improvements on Cumberland Street from Washington Street to the High School. The grant would be for \$192,407 and the city would have to fund 20% or \$38,481 which would be

engineering costs. Things such as street lighting, benches and trash receptacles would not be covered in the figure. The new street lights purchased for the east end of Cumberland were \$20,000 each for the big ones and \$12,000 each for the small ones. We would have 2 years to come up with the funds. There will be a public hearing required and a resolution of support. The city would also fund the \$3000 application cost.

****Motion by D Doran, 2nd by C Davidson to approve Resolution R2016-9-1 titled “Resolution of support to the Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Grant”**

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

A meeting was attended in Springfield last week updating entities on their RLF program through the State of Illinois. The State could not document the funds and the funds have not been actively disbursed so HUD advised the State to close the inactive accounts and identify another eligible use for the funds. Effective immediately, no further RLF loans can be made but payments must continue. All funds will be remitted to the state with their report due by January 31, 2108. DCEO will determine the amount of funds available to each community based on the report. Each community will have non-competitive access to grants for up to 2 projects totaling the amount of their funding. Grants can only be used for public infrastructure, housing rehabilitation or economic development. The City of Martinsville could have around \$330,000 available and if we secure the grant for the new water tower these RLF funds can be used for engineering and activity delivery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

It was noted there are presently some property clean ups underway, those being 418 N Mill, 651 E Jackson and 401 N Ferrell.

Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by M Cribelar to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20 PM

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

Marlene Wilhoit