

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2018 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Mike Cribelar, Troy Propst, John Skinner and David Doran with Melinda Lovell absent. Also in attendance was Mayor Herman Davidson, 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 J Skinner to approve minutes from 01-24-18 council meeting.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

****Motion by M Cribelar 2nd by D Doran to approve the Treasurer report as presented.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

****Motion by D Doran 2nd by M Cribelar to approve the January 2018 bills payable February 2108 in the amount of \$128,308.99.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

****Motion by M Cribelar 2nd by C Davidson to agree not to renew the contract for stump grinding with Woodchucks Stump Grinding Service, owned and operated by Cody Jones of Martinsville, Illinois.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

The city has a building that was utilized for scouts but is no longer being used and the floor in city hall is in need of repairs so it was discussed about moving the gas department into this building located at 116 N Randall Street. There will need to be some basic office supplies purchased plus a telephone and internet service. Also there is a need for wireless internet to be able to run the GSI mapping feature on the new locator. It was discussed to use a jet pack hot spot for both the building and the locator. Than cost would be approx. \$200 plus a monthly fee around \$38. Basic telephone would be approx. \$70 per month. Office supplies would cost around \$200.

****Motion by M Cribelar 2nd by C Davidson to move the gas department to 116 N Randall Street and approve money not to exceed \$800 for office set up.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

Clark County Farm Bureau was founded in 1918 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The Marshall Advocate is publishing a special tabloid to be inserted in the Feb 27th edition of the Advocate. They are requesting the City to place an ad to acknowledge this anniversary.

****Motion by D Doran 2nd by C Davidson to place a 2x3 ad in the Marshall Advocate for the cost of \$51.**
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

Council discussed the needed maintenance for city hall. They would like to get some estimates and ideas on what needs done to repair the problem.

The current lease term for Republic expires on August 1, 2019. Notice of termination must be given within the last six months of the lease term (on or after February 1, 2019). There is no minimum time that notice must be given (as stated in the contract); however it is recommended we give at least 45 days (mid-June, 2109) notice to avoid possible litigation. Council has ask Attorney Bernardoni to check into the contract with the trash service to see if they can change the rules about picking up trash, the amount a person can put out and what receptacles need to be used without getting the permission from the city first.

Mayor Davidson handed out some ordinance updates that council is to examine and bring back to next council meeting so they can be given to the attorney to change or omit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Can we find out what it would cost to put flashing stop signs at the 4way stop?

If council has anything thing they would like to see changed on the web page they need to get it to city hall and it will be forwarded on to Steve Gard.

The report of yearly gas department activities was handed to council.

In conjunction with the Dollar Store coming in council members have been questioned about sidewalks. That is something that needs looked into. Also it was questioned if they were using natural gas since the city is in the business to sell it and that is being looked into also.

The city's electric aggregation contract expires in June this year. Marlene will attend a meeting on March 7th in Danville for the bid opening and to execute the contract for the city. Power prices are currently at lower levels than in recent years and we expect to be able to negotiate a price reduction from the current contract price.

**Motion by C Davidson 2nd by M Cribelar to adjourn meeting @ 8:00PM.
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

Marlene Wilhoit