

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, John Skinner and David Doran with Mike Cribelar absent. 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 Lovell to approve minutes from 08-22-18 council meeting.
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

No treasurer report was presented.

**Motion by D Doran 2nd by J Skinner to approve August 2018 bills payable September 2018 in the amount of \$204,581.95
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

**The ordinance concerning use of city equipment was tabled again waiting for the following wording to be added “unless in emergency situations or directed by the Mayor”.

An ordinance was presented to council concerning purchasing requirements. Any one time purchase made by employees of \$500.00 or more must be approved by the Mayor or the chairman of the applicable committee before purchasing.

**Motion by J Skinner 2nd by D Doran to approve Ordinance 2018-9-1 titled: “An Ordinance Concerning Purchasing Requirements.”
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

The request from Martinsville Fire Department asking to use city property for training was tabled by the Mayor stating he needs to talk to the fire department more about this.

Attorney Bernardoni passed out levy calculation sheets to council members and gave a brief explanation how to prepare it. Council will review and get figures back to the attorney to prepare the tax levy ordinance.

Teresa Reynolds and Robert Lovell prepared a Resolution asking for the council to approve stating that Martinsville becomes a “Sanctuary City” for all firearms unconstitutionally prohibited by the government of the State of Illinois.

**Motion by J Skinner 2nd by T Propst to adopt Resolution R2018-9-1 declaring the City of Martinsville a “Sanctuary City”.
Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

The Tally Automotive venture with the City’s promise of \$10,000 to help with his entrance plus gas, water and sewer connections was again addressed.

All figures to date were presented (attached) showing what the expenses have been for this project and what Tally will be expected to pay. We are still waiting on cost of permit from the State for gas. Council gave the gas and water the consent to go forward with their projects while waiting for state permits stating they don’t want to hold up Tally’s business. It was suggested that someone inform Tally as to the estimated portion of this project he will have to pay for as of now and council will wait to address the cost overage until we see what our permit fees are going to cost.

No letter of support for the new “safe route to school” grant was received. This will be tabled.

The quotes on the following trees were opened and presented;

- 1- 102 N Mill
- 2- Corner of Toledo & Bond Street
- 3- 113 N Randall Street
- 4- 114 W Clay Street
- 5- Corner of York & Jackson Street
- 6- Across from 431 E Webster

The low bid was awarded to L & M Tree Service in the total amount of \$2,225.00

**Motion by D Doran 2nd by C Davidson to donate \$100.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Halloween costume contest.

Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

The council discussed employee compensation and will have ordinance prepared giving a 3% across the board raise that is retroactive to May 1, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The clerk announced that Congressman Shimkus' traveling help desk will be at City Hall on October 16th from noon to 1:30 for anyone that would like to meet them.

The Clerk announced that petitions for the April 2, 2019 consolidated election can be circulated beginning September 18, 2018 and the following seats are up for election:

- 1-In Ward 1 for a 4 year term to expire in April 2023
- 1-In Ward 2 for a 4 year term to expire in April 2023
- 1-In Ward 3 for a 4 year term to expire in April 2023
- 1-In Ward 3 for a 2 year term to expire in April 2021

Petition then can be filed in the Clerk's office from December 10 to December 17.

The Clerk asked if anyone had any of the community development block grant income surveys to turn in and stated we have around 40 to turn in to Coles County Regional Planning.

John Skinner informed council about the last meeting the 3 county schools had seeking funding from the county 1% tax for resource officers in the schools. The county board has a budget meeting coming up on September 20th at 8AM if anyone is interested in attending.

With no other Public Comments:

**Motion by J Skinner 2nd by D Doran to adjourn meeting @ 8:30PM.

Upon roll call all council members present voted for the motion. (5)

Marlene Wilhoit
City Clerk

