

## **MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2019 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.**

Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Chris Perry, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, John Skinner and Preston Rukes. Also in attendance were Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk Marlene Wilhoit and Treasurer Teresa Connelly. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

\*Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by P Rukes to approve minutes from 7-10-19 council meeting and the 7-17-19 utility and finance committee meeting.

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

The “No Parking” in front of the Fire House was brought to council in ordinance form making it illegal to park in the road in front of the Fire House for any length of time.

\*Motion by J Skinner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Lovell to approve Ordinance Number 2019-7-2 titled: “An Ordinance Concerning Parking”.

Upon roll call vote: Perry, Lovell, Propst, Skinner and Rukes voted in favor with Davidson abstaining from the vote.

Council discussed changing the surcharge fee’s for Water, Sewer and Gas from \$7.50 to \$10.00 with funds to be used for upkeep and maintenance on those utilities. The fee had not been increased since 2011. This will take effect with the bills people receive in September 2019.

\*Motion by T Propst, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to approve Ordinance Number 2019-7-3 titled: “An Ordinance Concerning Utilities Fee Charge”

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

\*\*The discussion on taking applications for position in gas department was tabled until the committee meets again to clear up any issues.

\*\*Council again discussed the mosquito spraying options of having aerial spray or buying equipment to spray the town ourselves. Council decided to wait until next year to discuss.

\*\*Upon motion by C Davidson with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by P Rukes a closed meeting was called @ 7:17pm to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee.

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

\*\*Upon motion by C Davidson with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Propst the council resumed into open meeting @ 8:10pm

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

\*\*Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by P Rukes to approve a 3% across the board employee raise except for the Chief of Police who will receive a 5% raise. This will be done in ordinance form and retroactive to May 2019.

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Cross approached council with his concern for the culvert that runs under his driveway off of Kendall Street. This also adjoins the Grade School parking lot and has been mashed down by cars pulling out of the Grade School drive. He had talked to council before and was wanting it fixed before the new school year starts. He also was trying to get verification that the drive is actually his with a utility right of way.

Chris Davidson asked where we were with the property on the west end of Cumberland Street and the Mayor advised we are going to let the attorney try sending a letter to see if they will respond. He also asked about the playground equipment that was talked about at the ball parks and was advised nothing has been done yet.

John Skinner advised that the police committee met and talked about purchasing a new police interceptor vehicle through state bids and bringing up the option of hiring another part time police officer. These will be placed on the August agenda.

Preston Rukes asked about policy of sidewalk replacement and the possibility of getting some sidewalk work done.

The housing rehab grant was mentioned and letters will go out with this month's billing saying they are taking applications and where forms are available.

The water tower grant was mentioned and the state is waiting on a "Historic Recordation" of the Tin Man water tower.

A "thank you" was voiced to the City of Marshall for their help Monday with a water main break the city had on Washington Street.

With no other public comments:

\*\*Motion by J Skinner 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20PM.

All council members present voted for the motion.

**Marlene Wilhoit**  
City Clerk