

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2019 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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

*Motion by J Skinner 2nd by P Rukes to approve minutes from 9-25-19 council meeting and 9-25-19 executive meeting.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (5)

*Motion by M Lovell 2nd by T Propst to approve the treasurer report as presented.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (5)

*Motion by M Lovell 2nd by T Propst to approve the September 2019 bills payable October 2019 in the amount of \$126,141.99.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (5)

*Motion by P Rukes 2nd by M Lovell to approve Ordinance 2019-10-1 titled; "An Ordinance Setting and Establishing the Rates of Payment for Various Employees of the City of Martinsville, Illinois."
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (5)

*Motion by M Lovell 2nd by J Skinner to approve the memorandum of agreement (pending the ACHP's decision to participate) among the City of Martinsville, The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the demolition of the elevated water storage tank in Martinsville, Illinois.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

*Motion by C Davidson 2nd by P Rukes to allow the tax payments of FICA, IMRF and Insurance to be allocated to the general, water/sewer and gas funds of the City.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

*Motion by J Skinner 2nd by C Perry to move monies of \$140,000 from fund 45-00-111 to fund 51-00-111 as working cash.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (6)

*Motion by M Lovell 2nd by C Davidson to approve Ordinance 2019-10-2 titled; "Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Martinsville."
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion, (5)

Governor JB Pritzker signed into law Public Act 101-0027 legalizing the possession and private use of cannabis for Illinois residents over 21 years of age. Municipalities may not restrict the private consumption of cannabis that is authorized by the Act. However, the Act prohibits the use of cannabis in public places, schools and child care facilities among other locations. Municipalities may adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate possession and public consumption of cannabis so long as the regulations and penalties are consistent with the Act.

The City has 3 options: 1. Prohibit the sales of cannabis within the City 2. Do nothing and allow it to come 3. Impose a tax up to 3% on the sales.

To allow residents to voice their opinion on the upcoming Cannabis issues, the City of Martinsville will schedule a Public meeting to be held at the Martinsville Township Community building on November 7 @ 7PM

The Police Committee will be scheduling a committee meeting on October 22nd @ 6:30pm to discuss the direction to go with the police department; officer replacement options; potential dates to receive applications and potential options working with the Sheriff's Department.

Semi traffic on Washington Street was mentioned again and council will monitor traffic for a while and discuss later if needed.

The issue of Christmas lighting was mentioned. The decorations the City has been using are no longer any good. It was mentioned that possibly meeting with the Chamber and Martinsville on the Move to discuss options.

Norma Calvert gave a presentation from the conference she and Melinda Lovell attended of the Midwest Community Development Institute in August. She spoke on the importance of Community & Economic Development. She also mentioned that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a widely used program to serve as a catalyst for expanding the tax base and would like the council to consider looking into this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *still working on the Radicovach property at the west edge of town
- *mentioned property & general liability insurance stayed the same amount this year
- *had an out of city limits water customer to complain about his water cost
- *mentioned the sidewalk in front of Connelly Locker
- *mentioned sweeping of Washington Street from the seal coating
- *thank you to Norma Calvert for her presentation
- *progress on "Welcome" signs
- *audits were passed out and will have auditor at next meeting to go over

With no other public comments:

**Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 8:45PM.
All council members present voted for the motion. (6)

Marlene Wilhoit
City Clerk