

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 2020 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 and John Skinner with Preston Rukes absent. Also, in attendance were Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk Marlene Wilhoit and attorney Richard Bernardoni. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

\*Motion by J Skinner 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Lovell to approve minutes of meeting from 05-13-2020 and committee meeting of 05-18-2020

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

\*Brenda Littlejohn, Kent Littlejohn and Norma Calvert were present representing Martinsville on the Move informing the council they are interested in obtaining about 5 acres of land from Littlejohn Grain that is across Cumberland Street south of the Littlejohn parking lot and developing it into an exercise park which would include walking/hiking trail around the perimeter of the acreage, possible outdoor exercise equipment and other things as time and money allow. Once this is developed it would be turned over to the City. They ask for the council's consideration for this project and the council was in unanimous agreement.

\*Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Skinner to approve Resolution No. 2020-5-1 titled: "A Resolution Concerning Covid – 19" encouraging the Governor to consider the plan to reopen the economy put forth by the County Board for Clark County as a more suitable plan for Clark County.

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

\*Motion by T Propst 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard Bernardoni as the City Attorney for the next fiscal year.

Upon roll call vote Davidson, Propst, Perry and Lovell voted aye / Skinner abstained and Rukes was absent. Motion carried.

\*Motion by J Skinner 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to approve Ordinance No 2020-5-1 titled: "An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for City of Martinsville." This policy will require mandatory training for all full and part time employees of the City annually.

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

\*The University of Illinois backed out of their proposal to perform the Historic American Engineering Record recordation of the existing water tower located on the north side of Cereus lane, east of Randall Street so the City will need to hire one of the other firms that originally submitted proposals.

Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Propst to approve the firm of White & Borgognoni Architects to provide the Historic American Engineering Record recordation of the existing water tower at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00

Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

\*Council discussed the upcoming retirement in the Street Department and whether or not to hire someone now, later or not at all. As of now the council will table the decision.

\*Council tabled the discussion of compensation of pay for employees until a further date.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

none

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- possible options of funding for a proposed new warehouse: what size the warehouse would need to be: an approximate cost of the building
- finance committee needs to meet to prepare the appropriations for this fiscal year
- grass and yards that need mowed was brought up and if people are being contacted
- request that a prayer be said before meetings will be added to the agenda
- ideas for motor fuel tax money projects as money allows
- hearsay that Effingham DOT has equipment they offer to municipalities someone might look into this

With no other comments:

\*\*Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10 PM.

All council members present voted for the motion. (5)

**Marlene Wilhoit**  
City Clerk