

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2020 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson, Alderman Lovell offered a prayer, all in attendance recited the “Pledge of Allegiance” and roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Chris Perry, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, Preston Rukes and John Skinner. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*Resident Perry Baird voiced his concerns to council about recent vandalism problems and lack of response to police calls when no coverage in Martinsville.

*Motion by T Propst 2nd by P Rukes to approve minutes of meeting from 06-10-2020 and finance committee meeting 06-24-2020.

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

*Motion by M Lovell 2nd by T Propst to approve the treasurers report for June 2020 as presented.

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

*Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to approve June 2020 bills payable July 2020 in the amount of \$30,561.44.

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

*Dallas Richardson presented the FY 2021 Motor Fuel Tax program for oil & chipping and patching. The City will receive funds from the State as 2 payments per year for the next three years from bond funds titled “Rebuild Illinois Bond Fund” to a total of \$46,909 and he plans to use some this year in our program. Our oil, chipping, patching and engineering fee this year is approx. \$83,000 and this will need approval plus the Resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code.

*Motion by C Davidson 2nd by P Rukes to approve Resolution R2020-7-1 titled; “Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code” in the amount of \$83,000.00

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

*Council reviewed the proposed ordinance concerning outdoor dining on the public right of way and would like the fees removed so this will be on agenda for the July 22nd meeting.

*Motion by P Rukes 2nd by T Propst to approve Ordinance 2020-7-1 titled: “An Ordinance Concerning Rules of Order of Business”.

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

*Brian Burson addressed council encouraging them to pursue grants for year-round farming operations that would provide jobs for area residents.

*A sewage issue that was recently exposed behind 113 E Cumberland will need a camera inserted to locate the problem. The cost may be close to \$6000 and that amount will need approved at the next council meeting.

*Another issue will be the sewer main that runs next to the Grade School to the north. Engineer Shannon Woodard will attend the next meeting with details.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- questioned if more crime lately which Chief answered no and stressed people call in their reports so police can respond
- Police Committee Chairman Skinner requested a committee meeting on July 15th @ 7PM.
- requested more police presence around town
- questioned if playgrounds could be unlocked yet
- informed council of a clean-up day this Saturday July 11 at the new proposed walking trail park off of Iris Lane
- mentioned houses and property around town are looking bad plus abandoned trailers and if ordinances could be enforced.

The property at the west end of Cumberland Street has a buyer and the new owner indicates the property will be cleaned up.

The water tower project is still waiting on the State with a slower than normal wait time due to COVID 19

City Clerk passed out paperwork for the sexual harassment training requesting all completed certificates be turned back into office.

With no other comments:

**Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 8:40 PM.
All council members present voted for the motion. (6)

Marlene Wilhoit
City Clerk