

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2020 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson, 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, Troy Propst, Preston Rukes and John Skinner with Melinda Lovell absent Also, in attendance were Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk Marlene Wilhoit. Treasurer Terri Connelly and attorney Richard Bernardoni. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*none

*Motion by T Propst 2nd by J Skinner to approve minutes of council meeting from 08-12-2020. Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

*Council discussed the current uniform contract and would like to change from 11 uniforms and cleaning to 5 uniforms and employee launders their own, plus also checking to see if we can buy the 2 rugs they service and clean them ourselves. This would cut the cost almost in half for now and then revisit the contract when it expires 12/10/2022. Consideration will be put on next agenda.

*Council discussed the current garbage removal contract. The contract doesn't expire until July 2021, is renewable for 2 years if nothing is done so after January 1, 2021 need to give notice of non-renewal to Republic. In the mean time council could come up with ideas for a new contract.

*Alderman Skinner recommended employee's receive compensation for attending council meetings. This will be brought up for vote at the next council meeting.

* Mayor Davidson presented recommendations allowing all full-time employees to accumulate up to 40 hours of compensation time a year. The compensation time must be used yearly and can not be carried over to the following year. The compensation would be figured for every hour of overtime worked you would receive 1 ½ hours compensation time. Hours will not carry over, can not be used as vacation or when other employees are off and must be approved by the Mayor.

*Motion by T Propst 2nd by C Davidson to allow compensation time for employees for the above items. Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

*Motion by J Skinner, 2nd by C Davidson to approve the attached list of trees for quotes to cut and remove stumps with the City cleaning up area after stumped and re-seeding the grass. Quotes will be opened at council meeting held on September 23, 2020.

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

*Motion by J Skinner 2nd by C Davidson to approve Haley Hill to serve on the trailer approval committee. Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

Council Comments:

-Terry Gard informed council the gas department is in the process of rebuilding the gas system to the Ohio Street housing project and that it will be a costly venture around \$25,000. This may or may not happen this year.

-mention of several junk cars around town again and mention of weeds around properties also – need to crack down on ordinance violations

-the property at 401 N Ferrell is in the process of being purchased and cleaned up

-the property on west Cumberland is still waiting for the asbestos clearance

-the picture taking process on the recordation of the old water tower has started

-having a retirement luncheon on September 8th for Mark Kingery and council is invited

-need someone from the council to be a representative with the Chamber of Commerce

With no other comments:

**Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 7:48 PM.

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

Marlene Wilhoit

City Clerk