

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson, Alderman Lovell opened the meeting with prayer and all in attendance recited the "Pledge of Allegiance". 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, Treasurer Terri Connelly and attorney Richard Bernardoni. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*Resident Tom Phillips addressed council concerning his water bill stating that after hydrants were flushed, he wasn't able to use his water for 2 months and would like consideration on his bill. The council agreed to discount his bill by the water cost of \$43.09 to be split between the water and the sewer and not to charge him the penalty for water and sewer for that bill.

*Motion by J Skinner 2nd by C Perry to approve minutes of council meeting from 09-09-2020.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

*Kelsey Swing with Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan Accounting presented the FY2020 audit to council and briefly went over the audit.

*The following bids were received for tree and stump removal of 9 trees and 1 limb:
Arborist Tree Svc \$6200.00 // Epperson Tree Svc \$15,396.83 // Wayne's Tree Svc \$7550.00 // Maxey Tree Svc \$6590.00.

Motion by C Davidson 2nd by Propst to accept the lowest bid from Arborist Tree Service of \$6200.00 to remove 9 trees and stumps and 1 limb.
Upon roll call vote the following voted in favor; Davidson, Perry, Lovell and Propst with Skinner voting No and Rukes absent. Motion carried.

*Motion by C Davidson 2nd T Propst to approve Ordinance # 2020-9-1 titled: "An Ordinance Concerning Arbor Committee"

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

*Council discussed setting a date and time for Trick-or treating and with COVID if the City should allow this.

Motion by C Davidson 2nd by J Skinner to set October 31, 2020 as a night that children can go door to door to houses that have their porch light on around Martinsville for Trick-or Treating from the hours of 5-7PM and recommending everyone wear a face mask plus also noting this is not a City sponsored event.
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (5)

Council comments:

- Fall city wide clean up was questioned and Republic has been in contact with the attorney about the contract so are waiting until we hear from them
- Questioned how often the downtown streets are swept
- Questioned the loose gravel after chip & seal and if it can be picked up
- Questioned the progress of the new WELCOME signs
- Questioned interest in selling an old roller
- Questioned the progress on the sewer issue at 113 W Cumberland
- Discussed clean up process on West end of Cumberland Street
- Nomination papers for April 2021 election can be circulated and turned in December 14-21 with the following positions open for election; Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, 1 Alderman in each of the 3 wards with all being a 4 year term

With no other comments:

**Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20 PM.

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

Marlene Wilhoit

City Clerk