

## **MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2021 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.**

\*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson, a prayer was given by M Lovell and all in attendance recited the "Pledge of Allegiance". Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, John Skinner and Preston Rukes with Chris Perry 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:**

-Doug Haddix and Tony Davis questioned if it was okay to start the bike trails in the wood's east of the ball fields and council determined they were not logging that area so it was okay for them to proceed

\*Motion by T Propst 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to approve minutes of council meeting from 03/10/2021 and committee meeting from 03/09/21

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

\*Shannon Woodard presented council with information on the recent water tower bids. They were bid in two sections, one for the tower and one for the mains and control works. There was only one bid received for the tower and two for the works. The bid for the tower was \$849,000.00. The grant requirements with the State will require more than one bid for the tower so Shannon recommended the council reject all bids and start the process over.

Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Propst to reject all bids for the South water tower project.

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

\*Motion by J Skinner 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to purchase a jet machine camera for the cost of \$5,500 from Key Equipment.

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

Because of the winter vortex that happened in February of this year that affected natural gas production in the United States the city needs to increase the gas price for this month to make up the difference in the gas purchase price we received compared to the gas prices charged to our customers. Therefore, natural gas prices charged for the usage from February 16 to March 15 will need to be \$19.20 mcf. This will make customer utility bills high for another month but with lots less usage. Council will allow the city office to work with people that have a legitimate problem paying their bill.

A 2004 Vactor 2110 jet vac truck costing \$73,500 from Key Equipment was proposed and council would like to see the piece of equipment working before a decision is made whether to purchase.

Employee compensation was tabled until further meeting

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Chief Slater asked opinion of council about hiring another police officer so he can reserve a spot in schooling
- the Mayor supplied a copy of the letter from Clark County E911 on dispatching fees for the upcoming year
- Marlene will no longer be cleaning City Hall after April 2<sup>nd</sup> and announced her last day of work will be April 7 with the remainder of time being sick and vacation days until May 28<sup>th</sup>. She will come in every Thursday evening to do any Clerk duties until after the election and new clerk is seated.

With no other comments:

\*Motion by C Davison 2<sup>nd</sup> by P Rukes to adjourn the meeting @ 7:35 PM.  
All council members present voted for the motion. (5)

Marlene Wilhoit  
City Clerk