

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON July 12, 2023 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS. \*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson. Alderman Lovell led us in Prayer. All in attendance recited the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was answered by the following council members and elected officials: Chris Davidson, Chris Perry, Bob Lovell, Shane Pendleton, Jacob Hammond (reported at 7:07 pm), and Ashley Wilhoit. Also, in attendance were Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk Jana Spires, Treasurer Terri Connelly, and Attorney Richard Bernardoni. Employees and citizens in attendance are attached to the back of the minutes.

### **Public Comments:**

--Motion by Wilhoit 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davidson to approve the minutes from the 6/14/23 council meeting minutes

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

--C Davidson mentioned possible getting away from Consolidated and possibly going with Mediacom. The Mayor said he would look into it.

--Motion by Wilhoit 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perry for approval of the June 2023 bills payable July 2023.

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

--Motion by Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lovell for approval of the treasurers report as presented.

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

--Officer Slater was there to address council on hiring two new officers. He said it needs advertised we are looking. He has a spot saved in at SWIC August and another spot in January. Training is 16 weeks Monday through Friday; you are provided housing and a meal card. Maybe offering incentives to get them here may help. We are busy and need the help.

--Sheena Hammond addressed the council on the direct deposit module. She said currently she wants to just table it because we may not need it. The module would print direct deposit paystubs which she can't do right now. The council

checks will be done next week as she has already done payroll this week for being gone at conference for Thursday and Friday. She handed the council direct deposit forms also.

--Motion by Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilhoit to approve Ordinance 2023-7-1 entitled "An Ordinance Concerning a Payment Via Portal"

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

--Attorney Bernardoni let the council know that the appropriation ordinance has to be approved by 8/1, appropriation is the max you can spend on a line item. The format may change a bit because we have the software that wasn't available last year.

--Mayor said Terri and Sheena are going to Wisconsin in September

--C Davidson:

-Cassie's side walk is done

- Need Mayor to check on other handrail, it's been a few months for that

-Need handrail at Cassie's

-The problem at the funeral home is the fence and the blacktop is falling Apart.

-trash around town

-Mayor said alderpersons need to come up with a list in their wards to begin the process

-C Davidson said maybe getting dumpsters to help and Mayor said we have clean ups for that

-Mayor Davidson said he is getting dates on possible fall clean up

-Mayor Davidson said the trailer with the problem has been resolved.

-Officer Slater said the ordinance states you have to have utility hookup

--Attorney Bernardoni stated the violation will be between \$50-\$750 because it falls under general.

-Officer Slater stated if they are going to go that route, you have to do it to everyone, you can't be picking and choosing who gets the violation. Everyone should be treated equal.

-Sheena said they try to work with everyone who calls in for needing help.

-Bob Lovell said they received a complaint about a lady visiting Woodland's with her family and there were kids misbehaving and using knives.

--Motion by Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Perry to adjourn at 8:11pm

Jana Spires  
City Clerk