

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON July 26, 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, 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:

--Sheena Hammond addressed to the council on things she learned at the conference she had attended. She discussed the utility exchange program with the council and stated it helps to be aware of certain customers coming to get services and this would allow that by running their information into a system to show if they have past utilities elsewhere and balances owe. She also talked about Homserv which is like a type of insurance to help with leak and broken pipes. It would cover the customer but also the city for repairs. She also mentioned about having an application for customers to fill out when they come to get services. They recommended no longer than 60 days for disconnection from start to finish and we are setting at about 110 days. She also mentioned the IEPA is offering principal forgiveness loans.

--Motion by Wilhoit 2nd by Perry to approve the minutes from the 7/12/23 council meeting minutes

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

--Motion by A Wilhoit 2nd by C Davidson on Ordinance 2023-7-2 entitled "An Ordinance Concerning the Personnel Policy Handbook"

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

--Motion by Lovell 2nd by Wilhoit on Ordinance 2023-7-3 entitled "Appropriation Ordinance."

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

- It was noted that Terri is working on getting a better grasp on the money and how each department is funded for the council.

Motion by Davidson 2nd by Perry on Ordinance 2023-7-4 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Standards FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY FACILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC WAYS OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF ILLINOIS."

Seamless fiber wanted to install wireless internet into the city of Martinsville and others also, with this in place this is saying what the City will require for them

to be able to doing any installation in the city. With the ordinance we have better control and clean up and without an ordinance we don't.

--Motion by Davidson 2nd by Perry on tabling Ordinance 2023-7-5 entitled "An Ordinance GRANTING TO SEAMLESS FIBER INNOVATIONS LLC, CERTAIN RIGHTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS."

Upon roll call all alderman presented voted for motion (6)

--C Davidson:

-said he was approached by Rick Connelly about Pickleball

Bob Lovell said he was going to mention this also and maybe we could get a grant to get a court going. He stated there are a lot of infrastructure grants out there and parks are infrastructure because they bring in money. Bob said he has a friend that is willing to help.

-Need handrail at Cassie's to be bid out

-asked about the telephone bill from last meeting, and checking prices

-Sheena believes we are in contract beyond this year.

-cat problem in town

-places against ordinances

-- Bob Lovell:

-advertising for second officer

-employment application on website

--S Pendleton:

-safety crossing at railroad, no way to cross without getting into the street Davidson said maybe they can get the RR to help put in a crossing as they do work on them. And you can't have a side walk to no where it has to have another sidewalk to come into. Same thing with a crossing at the Woodlands.

-On another officer, maybe offering incentives or something to get them here

--J Hammond:

--Mentioned that Martinsville spend an extra \$3,000.00 for the cops for the Fair, that's private property

-possibility of getting grants for new meters

C Davidson stated Cory had some grant paperwork

-asked when summer kids were finished working- one week before school starts

--A Wilhoit:

-getting a time clock for employees, they make apps you can use
Right on your phone to clock in and out and it tracks your location.
It will also keep track of PTO and vacation time.

Davidson -the city now asking city employee to use phones
and mayor said to go back to using radios and Davidson said
no.

--Motion by Perry 2nd by Hammond to adjourn at 8:14pm

Jana Spires
City Clerk