

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON August 9, 2023, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS. \*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson. Alderman B. 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:**

-Joel Esker from Seamless Fiber gave the council information on their service they want to install in Martinsville and was asked questions by council and employees. Josh said his company has done both Casey and Marshall but questions were raised about their subcontractors not doing a very good job of fixing things back to what it was before they bored or dug. Josh said it would take about 2 to 3 months to get fiber done in Martinsville.

--Motion by A Wilhoit 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hammond on approval of the Council meeting minutes on 07/26/2023. Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (6)

--Motion by A. Wilhoit and second by C. Davidson to approve Treasurer Report. Upon roll call all members voted for the motion.

--Motion by C. Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Hammond to approve Ordinance # 2023-8-1 entitled The Execution and Implementation of a Natural Gas All-Requirements Sales Agreement with The Illinois Public Energy Agency. Upon roll call all members voted for the motion.

--Motion by C. Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Hammond to approve purchase of tablets and software for the gas department for now if cost of tablets comes back to the council of \$8,855.00. Upon roll call all members voted for the motion.

--Motion by J. Hammond, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Wilhoit to approve the resignation of Police Chief Ryan Slater effective September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Upon roll call 3 members voted yes and 3 members voted no for the motion. Upon Mayor voting yes motion carried.

--Motion by C. Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Lovell to approve the school to work program hiring 2 of the summer help boys that qualify to work for City during the school year. Upon roll call 4 members vote yes, 2 members vote no. Motion carried.

--Motion by B. Lovell 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry to keep City Police at the Martinsville Ag Fair the same as has been. Upon roll call all members voted for the motion.

**Council Comments:**

Mayor – Zoom meeting request. No capabilities of doing so at this time.

C. Davidson – Bids on sidewalk hand rails at the Cutting Edge Hair Salon.

Chief of Police applications

S. Pendleton – Need incentives for employment. Other plans are out there to go look at.

Application on website for Police department.

Chief of Police starting wages \$60,049.60

Police Officer starting wages \$47,840.00

Jana Spires  
City Clerk