

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 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, Melinda Lovell, Troy Propst, 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 M Lovell 2nd by A Wilhoit to approve the minutes from the 1/25/23 council meeting

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

--Motion by A Wilhoit 2nd by C Davidson for approval of treasurer's report as presented

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

--Motion by C Davidson 2nd by A Wilhoit for January 2023 bills payable February 2023

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

--Motion by T Propst 2nd by A Wilhoit to accept the resignation of Officer Blaine Washburn for last working day of 3/2/2023

Upon roll call vote 4 alderman present voted for the motion (4) C Davidson voted No-motion carried

--Bob Zellers was at the meeting to talk to the council about the Martinsville Ag Fair for 2023. Said they are adding a lot of new things this year. He said the fair dates are June 26, 2023 to July 1, 2023. They are having a different carnival from here in Illinois and they are adding new events to the grandstands. He wanted to personally thank the council and City of Martinsville and the workers for everything that they do to help them out. They are looking into getting a grant to possibly get new water lines ran out at the grounds. There is also another breakfast for the Fair February 18th and they start serving at 7am.

--Norma Calvert attended the meeting to talk to the council about the solar eclipse set to happen on August 8, 2024. It will last around here for about 2 minutes and 19 seconds. They are thinking maybe of trying to have a festival that weekend and also talking to local places about opening up parking for people to park and it could also be a money maker for them. The Clark County Development committee has been having meetings about it and the next one is March 2, 2023 at 9am at Harlan Hall in Marshall. She has asked to see about getting the website updated and get some more publications out there to see what we can get going.

--Steve McCandless was at the meeting to address issues at the ballpark. He stated the baseball stand was broken into about 3 weeks ago, they didn't get much out it. He said there are no lights on the baseball side and asked about getting a light on the pole

facing the concession. He said that someone is trying to break into the sheds- they are taking nuts and bolts off of gates. He stated that the playground fence has been hit and is in need of repair. Also, to see if they could find some toddler equipment for a decent price and split the cost to bring the toddler area back. The parking is a big issue too. He stated maybe removing the basketball court and making it parking and then looking into getting a new grant to put a new court over on the other side or at least offset some of the cost and looking to get concrete bids and estimates. Along with that the possibility of some new batting cages are the ones out there are in bad shape. He said maybe some painting in the bathrooms to lighten them up so they aren't so dark and working on getting doors instead of shower curtains. Also adding the possibility of wireless internet. They would want something in writing that states what the city will help with.

--David Doran addressed the council's questions on the cameras. He stated that it was a one-time fee and that they record in loops and usually last about 2-4 weeks of recording. He said they will be easy to install and they can have as many cameras.

--C Davidson informed the council that the cost of the sidewalk at cutting edge will be about \$8,156.00 that will be with a ramp. It will be built about 4 more feet out to be to code and that she will lose some parking which she had previously stated was okay. The ramp will also be the only entrance. Some council members had asked that this be put out for bids. The sealed bids need to be returned to City Hall by 4pm on March 8, 2023.

--Attorney Bernardoni let the council know that that he removed some positions that we no longer had, he updated email addresses, he changed the primary and secondary supervisors, and he changed the City's address on the updated Anti-Drug plan and Alcohol Misuse Policies.

--Motion by C Davidson 2nd by C Perry to approve Resolution 2023-2-1 "A Resolution Concerning Anti-Drug Plan"

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

--Motion by M Lovell 2nd by A Wilhoit to approve Resolution 2023-2-2 "A Resolution Concerning Alcohol Misuse"

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

--Motion by C Davidson 2nd by M Lovell on Resolution 2023-2-3 "A Resolution Expressing Appreciation & Gratitude to Thelma M Worick."

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

--Motion by M Lovell 2nd by C Perry to go into executive session at 8:08pm to discuss litigation & and employee appointment, compensation, and discipline performance

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

--Motion by C Perry 2nd by A Wilhoit to end executive session at 8:57pm

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

Council Comments:

C Davidson:

- Curb on Elm Street is getting worse
- funeral home sidewalk

C Perry:

- possibility of a festival committee, trying to maybe make the block party an all-weekend event

T Propst:

- questioning the Spittler property and sewage

--Motion by C Perry 2nd by a Wilhoit to adjourn at 9:02pm

Jana Spires
City Clerk