

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON May 10, 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, Jacob Hammond, Ashley Wilhoit, Shane Pendleton, and Bob Lovell. 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:**

-A Wilhoit said that there were complaints about the trailer placed on mill street and she asked Travis and Hailey Hill how the trailer that was placed on Mill Street was approved, Hailey stated that they looked at photos, and a copy of the land but they don't believe that there were any photos of where the trailer would be placed on the lot. It is too close to the road.

--Sheena Hammond stated the computer needs updated

--Motion by A Wilhoit 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry on approval of the Council meeting on 4/26/2023 minutes and public hearing on 4/26/2023

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

--A Wilhoit discussed that to keep the city insurance we have to have at least 50% of the employees on it. They employees would have to pay tax on it and to keep it without being taxed, they would have to put it in an HSA or take it as a stipend, Attorney Bernardoni said the motion needs to be to change it or leave it. No motion was made.

--Motion by J Hammond 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit to the Mayors appointment of Shane Pendleton as Alderman Ward 3 unexpired two-year term.

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

--Motion by C Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit to close the old meeting at 7:30pm

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

New Session began at 7:35pm

--Clerk Jana Spires swore in new alderpersons, Chris Perry (ward 3), Robert Lovell (ward 1), Ashley Wilhoit(ward 2) and they took their seats.

--Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit to accept April 2023 bills payable May 2023

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

--Motion by C Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson to accept the treasurer's report as presented

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

--Attorney Bernardoni explains that our electricity is part of a group and individuals have the option to opt out. There are 30 other cities that fall into this category and the chart attached shows what we have saved since 2013. Good Energy said now is the time to go into contract because the market has taken a slight dip. B Lovell asked if we do this are we locked in or if it goes lower do we go lower and Attorney Bernardoni stated that we are locked in. B Lovell also stated that we have an election next year when it comes to terms and C Davidson said that they were told that politics doesn't matter when it comes to this according to the representative. It was also explained that Homefield Energy has also been in Martinsville for about 10 years. B Lovell said he has opted out twice because of better rates elsewhere.

--Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry to allow Mayor Davidson to enter in to a 24-month contract and gives him the authority to sign for our energy.  
Upon roll call vote all alderman present voted for the motion (6)

Council Comments:

--C Davidson:

--asked about sidewalks, Mayor said there are no plans at the moment

--C Perry: road not draining water, maybe check the storm drains

--A Wilhoit:

-asked about the sidewalk at Cutting Edge, C Davidson said they hesitated so long it will now be when he can get to it.

--bathrooms at ball park need cleaned

--maybe get someone to look at elevator to get offices upstairs because the Guys even said there was repairs needed at scout building

--Motion by C Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry to adjourn meeting at 7:54pm

Jana Spires  
City Clerk