

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, February 28th, 2024
City Hall

Alderman Roll Call:
Chris Davidson Arrived
Jacob Hammond
Bob Lovell
Shane Pendleton
Chris Perry
Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk- Sheena Hammond, City Attorney Richard Bernardoni,
Visitors: Dan Kibler-Marshall Advocate, Ryan Slater- Chief of Police, Jeremiah Hanley

Meeting called to order by Mayor Davidson at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell. All in attendance recited the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Motion by A. Wilhoit, 2nd by C. Perry, to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Motion carried.

--Motion by A. Wilhoit, 2nd by J. Hammond, to approve bill list.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Motion carried.

--Motion by C. Davidson, 2nd by A. Wilhoit, to approve Treasurer’s Report.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Motion carried.

Gas update was tabled.

Chief Slater spoke to the Council about a new e-citation software program, Quicket. The Circuit Clerk’s office is transitioning and willing to pay 50% of the cost. This leaves the remaining 50% to be split amongst 4 other departments. Martinsville’s cost would be \$3750.

--Motion by C. Davidson, 2nd by C. Perry, to approve Quicket software purchase for \$3750.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes

Lovell

Yes

Wilhoit

Yes

Motion carried.

Chris Davidson spoke about his conversation regarding the elevator and repairs with the State Fire Marshal's office. Mayor Davidson said the elevator is currently locked out.

Discussion was held about hiring an additional full-time employee to float between the street, water and sewer departments. It was suggested that the Street Superintendent be sent for water/wastewater licensure. The council would like to keep the summer help program.

The Building Committee presented information they had gathered in regards to building a new city warehouse to encompass all equipment and offices for the street, water and gas departments. It was suggested to have an engineer from Connor & Connor come to discuss drawing blueprints.

OTHER:

Mayor Davidson:

- Update on pickle ball court: grant due at the end of March. No update.
- Handicap swing- need to research considerations for making a walkway to the swing accessible.
- The mayor passed out updated committee sheets and elected officials. Discussion held over who can call meetings for committees.
- Corey will be going to Peoria for a conference and award ceremony. He was nominated for a wastewater award.
- American Legal Publishing will be updating the ordinance books.
- Summer worker discussion.
- Spring city wide clean up needs scheduled. Chris Davidson would like ordinance violation letters sent out prior to clean up.
- Mayor Davidson suggested thought be put into housing options in Martinsville. The city owns 20.6 acres that could be developed.

Chris Davidson:

- Mill Street culvert needs rip rapped. The culvert bottom has rotted. This should be a summer replacement project.
- The guard rail on Washington Street needs attention.

Shane Pendleton:

- Apologized for abrasiveness at last meeting. Would like better transparency.
- South side of town is concerned with safe crossing for kids to parks on the north side, lighting and drainage.
- Would like a crosswalk over York Street railroad tracks for pedestrians.
- Concerns over tents and campers on hill off of Union St.

Jacob Hammond:

- Attended a presentation from Utility Pipe Sales for gas and water meter replacement. Initial install, infrastructure, and interfacing would run approximately \$30,000. Meter/reader kits are \$252 per water pit and \$130 per gas meter. 25-year warranties on meters. Readings occur in real-time every hour. Faster leak indication. More accurate reading and less man hours being paid.

Bernardoni:

- Meters and buildings should be considered during Appropriations, even if the projects do not happen in the current year.

Sheena Hammond:

- Postage fees will be higher than normal this month due to Lead Line surveys being sent out.
- Packets will be sent out on Fridays via city email accounts.
- Portal update.
- Since the change of City Hall locations, insurance needs updated for content coverage.

Terri Connelly:

- 3 CDs matured. Money was put into Investment Checking until new CD rates are obtained. Will have more information at the next meeting.

--Motion by C. Davidson, 2nd by C. Perry, to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM.

Sheena Hammond
City Clerk