

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
City Hall

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

Attendance: Mayor Herman Davidson, Clerk- Sheena Hammond, Treasurer- Terri Connelly, City Attorney Richard Bernardoni,

Visitors: Dan Kibler-Marshall Advocate, Ryan Slater- Chief of Police, Todd Shaffner, Shannon Woodard

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 C. Davidson, 2nd by A. Wilhoit, to approve bill list.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Shannon Woodard spoke to Council regarding the building of a new city warehouse. He noted that the current water building is not in good condition for utilizing as offices; it would better serve as cold storage or workshop space. The Building Committee would like to further discuss materials, dimensions and design with him.

Shannon Woodard also spoke with Council regarding a subdivision and TIF district. The property currently owned by the city is non-taxed. A TIF district puts the tax dollars of the newly built subdivision in a TIF Fund for 23 years rather than tax dollars being sent to any taxing bodies. These monies can be used to improved blighted areas within the TIF district. The Economic Development Committee would like to further discuss this with Shannon.

An Open Committee Meeting was called for Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Shannon mentioned that the clarifier tank has sludge and water trickles through it as part of the permitted discharge process. If the City would like to entertain removing the clarifier, additional steps must be taken.

Todd Shaffner, Gas Superintendent, told the Council that he is still waiting on the Engineering firm for pricing to update on the gas line replacement costs.

Mayor Davidson shared an update on the road closure. The project will not be underway this year due to a shortage of materials.

No update on utility meters as the representative's salesman was on vacation.

City-wide trash clean up will be held from April 22-27th.

OTHER:

Mayor Davidson:

- The ball park board would like to tear out the basketball court at the ball park and turn it into parking. They will have rock donated.
- Shannon will be surveying from South York Street to Keller's building for our property line.
- Ameren is sending a field technician to assess the location we would like to put outlets.

Chris Davidson:

- Gave an update about his conversation with the Rail Road company regarding a sidewalk crossing over South York.

Bob Lovell:

- Noted that Casey has acquired dilapidated properties in their town and is tearing them down. Mayor Davidson said they're purchasing them to tear them down.

Shane Pendleton:

- Inquired with Todd about gas certifications for running plastic.

Ashley Wilhoit:

- Asked for an update on police applications. Officer Slater reports that he has 8 candidates signed up for power testing.

Sheena Hammond:

- The insurance agent transferred the \$50,000 content coverage from the old city hall to the new one. Asked if the Council would like that coverage increased. The Council suggested raising the content coverage to \$300,000.
- The GATA Portal now shows the City in Good Standing. They accepted the 2023 Audit Report that she submitted and cleared any deficiencies.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:58 PM.

Sheena Hammond
City Clerk