

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Emergency Special Meeting**

Friday, August 30, 2024

City Hall

Alderman Roll Call:

Chris Davidson

Jacob Hammond

Bob Lovell

Shane Pendleton

Chris Perry

Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: See Attachment

Meeting called to order by Councilman Bob Lovell at 7:01 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comment:

Jordon Perisho: Why is there not a pro tem? Why is there an emergency meeting?

Councilman Chris Davidson: Don't have a resignation. Need to accept resignation.

Kim Curtis: Need to accept resignation. Need to look into attorney. Who are you considering?

Councilman Bob Lovell: Would accept if the council agrees. He's still learning.

Rob Reynolds: Customary longest tenured acted in office is appointed Pro-tem (not a requirement).

How and/or did we lose both the Mayor and Attorney.

Councilman Chris Davidson responded: "We need them to tell why".

Jordon Perisho: Has an issue with Sheena and that Sheena caused the issue. He was "ganged up on".

Council responded: "More to story. Lot went down".

Harley Craig: This emergency special meeting was sprung on short notice. Pro-tem should've been in place before this. Put things in place being transparency and accountability.

Councilman Shane Pendleton responded: He felt things were done against the law. Some things he did wrong. He needs to focus the City Hall. Mayor Herman Davidson has a lot on his mind (wife's health). Stuff with Jordon Perisho caused a lot. Want transparency.

Steve Zachary: don't know reason. Get them to give reason.

Al Lauritzen: Was meeting held to supposedly hire back and given raise?

Council responded: No council meeting took place.

Next move: Will consult with an attorney. Councilman Bob Lovell called tonight's meeting. Trying to do what is right!

Next special council meeting will be held at the Community Building.

Exit questions from public.

The agenda can be added to Text MyGov. You have to be subscribed to website.

Why are the minutes behind on City website?

JFL games are on Saturday if a meeting is held.

Councilman Chris Davidson: Never appointed Pro-tem after David Doran after the last election.

Marlene Wilhoit: You can't run the city as a business. Only hire a municipal trained attorney.

Melinda Lovell: Upcoming election, petitions available.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:39 PM.

Terri Connelly, City Treasurer
per Sheena Hammond, City Clerk notes