

## City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Special Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
Community Center @ 6:00 pm

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

Attendance: See Attachment

Meeting called to order by Councilman Chris Davidson at 6:00 PM.

Prayer: Robert Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comment:

Teresa Reynolds: Why was the word “bona fide” mentioned? I don’t feel that it was an emergency to have a meeting. Felt that Mayor Herman Davidson should have been present. There was no need to be rude to a person. Make sure you know what the IML codes are and make sure money being spent is in the FY25 Budget.

Jordon Perisho: Is this meeting legal? Where has the discussion of the items on the agenda been held. That’s why I hang around after the meetings. How can you be on other committees? Why am I not getting an answer on any of this? Where is Mayor Herman Davidson tonight? Why is he not here?

Chris Davidson: Replied..... He is at the hospital with is wife.

Stan Wallace: Can the phone numbers of the Aldermen be posted publicly? Wish the council members would go around to the residents’ neighborhoods.

Nikki Davidson: What form of resignation was received from Mayor Herman Davidson?  
Has anyone received a certified letter?

Robert Lovell: Read the notarized resignation letter received from Mayor Herman Davidson.

Kurt Allen (Area Watch Dogs): I’m here to help the public body any way I can.

Jordon Perisho: Why is the council not answering any of the questions?

Rachel Webb: What is going on? Why is everyone resigning? Has everyone completed the open meeting act?

Council discussion: Chris Davidson and Ashley Wilhoit stated that they felt Robert Lovell will do great as Acting Mayor.

Motion by C. Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Wilhoit, to appoint Robert Lovell as the Acting Mayor for the City of Martinsville effective September 4, 2024.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor  
Motion carried.

Robert Lovell took the oath of Acting Mayor of the City of Martinsville.

Mayor Herman Davidson's letter of resignation was read by Mayor Lovell.

--Motion by J Hammond, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Pendleton, to accept the resignation of the former Mayor, Herman Davidson.

Record Vote:

Davidson	No	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	No	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Mayor  
Motion carried.

City Attorney Richard Bernardoni's letter of resignation was read by Mayor Lovell.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hammond, to accept the resignation of the City Attorney, Richard Bernardoni.

Record Vote:

Davidson	No	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	No	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Mayor  
Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to accept the resignation of the appointed City Clerk and City Collector, Sheena Hammond.

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

Mayor  
Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Perry, to approve the removal of signatures of Herman Davidson and Sheena Hammond, then add the signatures of Robert Lovell, Acting Mayor and Melinda Lovell, Part-time Duty City Collector, to the following City of Martinsville checking accounts at Casey State Bank:

General Checking Account	#416505
Motor Fuel Tax Checking Account	#21000832
Investment Checking Account	#100150424
Series Bond Checking Account	#100138759
3M General Checking Account	#100138767
Grant Non-Interest Checking Account	#100150143

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Lovell	Abstain	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Teresa Reynolds: Who is the part time Deputy Collector?

Harley Craig: Now that the resignations have been accepted, where does that leave the council with an attorney?

Robert Lovell: With the help of IML, we're reaching out to attorneys with experience with the law concerning Municipalities.

Jordon Perisho: Why have you not read Sheena Hammond letter of resignation? Please read the letter.

Kurt Allen: Seek an attorney who knows and familiar with the Illinois municipalities law.

Robert Lovell: Next spring (April 2025) is elections for Mayor, 3 council members, clerk, and treasurer.

Julie Adkins: I would like to recognize Herman Davidson for his service as Mayor.

--Motion by C. Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to close the meeting.

Record Vote:

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

Meeting adjourned 7:07 PM.

