

**City of Martinsville**

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
City Hall

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

Attendance: Terri Connelly-City Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-City Clerk, Dan Kibler-Marshall Advocate, Officer Ryan Slater, Steven Greene, Travis Hill, Melinda Lovell, Todd Shaffner, Wendy Isbell, Kim Curtis, and Jared Karbon.

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

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

**Public Comment:**

Jared Karbon with Third Pillar Solar presented an opportunity for a clean energy project in Martinsville. This project would house floating panels on water located in lagoons and provide local power to the community. Ameren customers have the option to join the program for equal to or cheaper rates than currently provided. The city would be paid revenue of \$40,000 per year with 2% increase yearly. Third Pillar would lease the surface of the water, handle cost of the project, and leaving no impact or waste to the locations. Karbon says 2-3 lagoons with land can produce 5 megawatts. Since this project would be classified as a power plant there would be a protective fence that would need to be added to the back of the city property to close it off from the public access to the wood pile. The terms of lease are 25 years minimum with two 5-year extensions. If the term is not renewed than the company would clean up and salvage material by a third party, all funds for the cleanup are set aside in the beginning of the term lease. Third Pillar currently has zero running projects as of today and currently there no projects like this located in Illinois. There is a similar project newly running in Fort Wayne, IN and one in New Jersey.

S Greene asked about the future if the company was to sell out what would happen to the lease. It would be a lease assigned to the purchaser of clause.

W Isabell asked if this would be a municipality or a private supplier. It would be a municipality.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 9/25/2024.

**Record Vote:**

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to approve the Bill list presented.

**Record Vote:**

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

Motion carried.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson, to approve the appointment of Steven A Greene of Weber, Heap, Ayres, & Greene as City Attorney effective 10/09/2024.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Mayor Lovell sworn.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by R Lovell, to hire Jana Spires as City Collector.

Record Vote:

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

Motion tied.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve purchasing new meters for \$5600.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by C Perry, to end using Home Base time keeping program.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by R Lovell, to add Caitlin Dill to the bank accounts and remove Melinda Lovell.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Lovell

- Has 2 additional seats reserved for Dietrich Community Showcase for other council members to attend.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk