

City of Martinsville

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

Alderman Roll Call:

Chris Davidson -Absent

Jacob Hammond

Harley Craig

Shane Pendleton

Chris Perry

Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Bob Lovell-Mayor, Terri Connelly-Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-City Clerk, Dan Kibler-Marshall Advocate, and Ryan Slater, Shannon Woodard, and Jesse Snearley.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lovell at 7 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

Shannon Woodard: He is getting popular ideas from a designer for the Splash Pad. He will be speaking with a water guy who works with the Paris splash pad to see what the water usage would look like. He is hoping to have data within the next week to present.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 3/26/2025.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Absent	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by S Pendleton, to approve the Bill list presented.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Absent	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by C Perry, to approve Treasurer's report.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Absent	Pendleton	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hammond	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Motion by S Pendleton, 2nd by J Hammond, to accept the Bid up to \$753,835, for the new City Building.

--Harley inquired about how the bidding process works and an option to rebid. Ultimately there are many advertisements, steps and standards of the bidding process, it would take too much time and funding to start the bidding process over again. Ashley expressed concern for the amount of funds left after this project is completed. Shane confirmed any money saved from the allotted budget will go back into General account for use. It was discussed a steel structure was not chosen due to the higher insurance cost, heated flooring is important to keeping the equipment in the best condition and is better for when the doors are being opened and closed during working days.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by J Hammond, 2nd by H Craig, to purchase basketball goals, pickleball nets, and court epoxy from Courts & Cracks.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to finance 6130M with John Deere at 5.9% ,20% down, with annual payment up to \$23,815.11 to replace the City Tractor.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Discussion regarding new Ordinance concerning fences:

An example of the possible ordinance was reviewed. There were deliberations on key terms, specific materials used for fencing, and height requirements. Attention to existing fences and specific plants used as fencing was also deliberated. The permit process was discussed along with possible option of refundable permit fees once fences are built.

--Discussion regarding Mill Street Culvert replacement:

Beneath the culvert washed out during the heavy rainfall this past weekend. Replacing the culvert and fixing the surrounding area will need to be done sooner rather than later. Concrete culvert can take about 12 weeks to get and a crane will be needed for this project. In the meantime, it is able to be packed and driven on; when extensive storms are expected the street will need to be closed due to being compromised for precaution. Discussions will take place to get figures for this replacement project.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- Finance Committee needs to meet soon to discuss wages and appropriations. Appropriations are to be completed by last meeting in May.
- On 4/10 Martinsville 7th grade will be at the Woodlands and 8th grade will be at Ridgelawn trails to pick up sticks and clean up.
- Inquired about the last known update on City Hall elevator. Replacing the jack would be very expensive. If the elevator was working City Hall could use and rent out the office spaces for extra revenue.
- New hires Tim Wilson and Ethan Lowry have both started in their positions.

Pendleton:

- A tree fell on a camper/trailer on Union Street hill, a lot of damage but no one was harmed.

Craig:

- Having issues opening the Agenda attachment sent out for meetings. Dan was able to help with this issue.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk