

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

Alderman Roll Call:
Chris Davidson
Jacob Hammond -Absent
Harley Craig
Shane Pendleton
Chris Perry
Ashley Wilhoit- Absent

Attendance: Bob Lovell-Mayor, Caitlin Dill-City Clerk, Dan Kibler-Marshall Advocate, Ryan Slater, and Travis Hill.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lovell at 7 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

Ryan Slater discussed future road closure on New 40 between March 17th through approximately July 15th. This is expected to create an influx in traffic through the school zone and downtown Martinsville. He proposed the idea to add stop signs in two locations: Union/Cumberland Street and the area of the school/Dollar General entrance. These could be temporary or if proven effective could stay long term. Due to the speed decrease at the West entrance of town a flashing stop sign and/or a “stop sign ahead” sign could also be helpful. Research is still being done to decide legality and proper procedure for this.

--Motion by S Pendleton, 2nd by H Craig, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 2/12/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by C Perry, to approve the Bill list presented.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Discussion concerning electrical issues on City Hill: a switch will need repaired.

--Consideration to change City Council Meeting start time: no action needed; it will remain the same.

--Motion by S Pendleton, 2nd by C Perry, to approve Resolution 2025-R-2-1 that updates Employee Handbook.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration/Action to purchase split AC/Heating unit for Summer Rec Ball program tabled to get quotes for review.

--Discussion concerning Entrust Renewable Energy: Entrust proposed installing smaller solar panel projects to start. It would be noted within the contract with Entrust that Martinsville's contract could not be sold to another party, removal and clean up at the completion of contract would be done solely by Entrust, and that the price would always have to be cheaper than the grid. Entrust offered to fund the building process of the new building on City Hill. The solar power would benefit the City's system. In the long run it would benefit residents by the City saving and having more money to fund needed projects throughout the town. Entrust representative will come to Martinsville to speak at a special meeting with the town sometime in March.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by H Craig, to close meeting for executive session.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by C Perry, adjourn closed session.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- Grant agreement for pickleball court and splash pad has been received and can begin dispersing.
- Bidding for City Hill building will begin.
- Pay raises for the elected Council members occur during their election cycle.
- Approximately 20-25 trees could be purchased for under \$1000, these would need a special watering routine for the first few months.

Davidson:

- Mentioned the idea of bidding out Engineering? It could be beneficial.

Craig:

- It would be ~2 years before FFA could begin growing plant ready trees.

Perry:

- A resident reached out bringing attention to an AARP grant the City could apply for. The grant could fund local projects for the community. Worth looking into.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk