

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

Alderman Roll Call:
Chris Davidson
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, Wendy Isbell, Shannon Woodard, and Travis Hill.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lovell at 7 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by C Perry, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 2/26/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by J Hammond, to approve the Bill list presented.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by S Pendleton, to approve Treasurer’s Report.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor
Motion carried.

--Overview of the Zoom conference with Kalyn Bruce and Michael Campo with Entrust Renewable Energy: Entrust is a company dedicated to helping schools, municipalities, non-profits, and businesses harness solar power to reduce energy bills. Their headquarters is in NE Indiana. They are currently working with 15 entities that are all in rural communities. They use government funds to finance, build, design, and manage these solar projects. Entrust is currently working with our local high school. At this time, they are analyzing specific locations meters to see what they can offset for the City. If the location next to the new building site at City Hill is chosen, the solar panels would power only that site. There is an option to bore to other City owned locations to split up the solar power. If there's maintenance, the solar would be utilized first then go to the grid for the remaining energy needed. Summer months produce enough energy to be approximately 100-105% solar use. In Winter months there is only about 4 hours of good sun, meaning 40-60% solar use. Bi-facial panels could be used that allow the sun to bounce off snow to the backside of the panel for usage. Filament can be used on these panels for advertisement or other displays to make it look more appealing than typical solar panels. As time goes on these panels and system will modernize and update to no extra cost. Eventually batteries will become a useful tool to effectively retain any extra solar from the Summer months to utilize when needed. The contract with Entrust would be a power purchase agreement. The rate may fluctuate and could be open to negotiation. A fixed price contract avoids fluctuation of rates and keeps it under the national average. There would be approximately 10% savings for the first year guaranteed, that could be \$10-20k. Before the contract is up there is an option to add an extension or to negotiate the contract. After the lifespan of the contract Entrust will cover 100% of removal.

--Action and consideration to accept bid for a new Utilities City Building tabled to review difference in insurance pricing for wood vs steel framing and overall cost of wood vs steel building.

--Motion by J Hammond, 2nd by C Davidson, to hire Tim Wilson as a full-time Police Officer.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--The City will accept applications for Summer part-time help.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- Street position had many applicants apply. City workers will assist in hiring for this position.
- Mapping process is on April 1st, 8th, 29th, and May 5th. Located at the high school library, it will be 3 hour sessions, and a meal is provided.
- Reminder the Chamber of Commerce dinner is Monday 3/17/25.
- Getting quotes for a new utility tractor.
- Martinsville on the Move is giving the City \$1500-\$2000 for trees. Need to julie locations and plant trees quickly.

Davidson:

- A stop sign by the school/DG entrances may not be best with the speed change. The current MPH sign West of this area needs repaired.
- Concerned for a good bid for the Utility City building.
- Block Party planning to start soon, New 40 construction will interfere with the festival on Cumberland Street.

Wilhoit:

- Questioned the ordinances on trailers of a certain age. -All current trailers are within ordinances.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk