

**City of Martinsville**

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lovell at 7 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

Ryan Slater: Discusses the law enforcement schedule during Fair week. There will be 3 Full time officers and 2 Part time offices to provide daily coverage for Martinsville and added protection the nights of the Scramble & Derby.

Terri Connelly: The State Records Commission will need to be contacted before upstairs cleanup starts.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 3/12/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Pendleton, to approve the Arbor Committee minutes for 1/29/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to approve the Street and Alley Committee minutes for 1/29/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Pendleton, to approve \$15,000 purchase of supplies to go forward with plastic gas lines.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to schedule City Wide Cleanup April 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Discussion concerning purchase of used or new tractor: Insurance would give \$18,000 for the tractor however if a replacement tractor is purchased, they would give up to \$31,000. A 6130M model was reviewed: 2024, 315 hrs on it- it was State owned, if \$31k down that would leave ~\$96,500 left with warranty included. 5.9% interest for a loan. Instead of buying a tractor another option would be a 350 hr lease trade. This is what the State does. If this option was chosen insurance would be providing \$18k instead of \$31k. A smaller Utility tractor was also looked at; \$25,000 with 0% interest, about \$310/month. Final numbers are still being collected when comparing extended warranty, service plan, and current warranties.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to adjourn closed session.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor  
Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- Clearance from State to start planting trees on specific roads, now ready to Julie. Awaiting donation from Martinsville on the Move to determine tree count for purchase.
- Insurance information regarding City Hill building states metal frame building would be \$400 more than wood frame building.
- The Attorney is preparing an Ordinance describing proper fencing material; such as wood, vinyl, and chain link.
- The box culvert on Mill St is not in great shape. Dallas has a concrete culvert but the crane for construction would be pricey. Appropriating funds for Fall 2025 and 2026 needs will be in coming up soon, this can be considered at that time.

Davidson:

- Looked into differences of iron vs wood framing for the City Hill building. He thinks there could be more doors added to the plans if an iron frame is used.
- Traffic since Highway 40 closure has not been too bad in town. He thinks there has been an uptick in business traffic due to the extra people driving through.

Craig:

- A resident asked about placing a fence on a city alley that they've been maintaining. Whether it is a usable or service alley special contracts are in place to keep ride away open. Ten feet from the center of the alley on both sides need to stay clear.

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

Record Vote:

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

Mayor  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:29 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk