

**City of Martinsville**

**Minutes – Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Alderman Roll Call:

Chris Davidson -Absent  
Jacob Hammond  
Harley Craig  
Shane Pendleton -Absent  
Chris Perry  
Ashley Wilhoit -Absent

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lovell at 7 PM.

Prayer: Bob Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hammond, to approve the previous meeting minutes for 3/30/2025 and 4/9/2025.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to approve the Bill list presented.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by J Hammond, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to approve Rates of Pay Ordinance NO. 2025-5-01.

--The new ordinance by law clarifies titles of each employee. Titles matter when hiring a new employee, if one is hired with a different negotiated rate of pay a new ordinance will need to be created.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration to approve Fencing Ordinance NO. 2025-5-02.

-- While reviewing the fencing ordinance the areas of possible removal have a strike through them while the new proposed entries are represented in italics. Subject to change include: description of fencing, height restrictions of living fences, alterations to electric fencing, permitted and prohibited material clarifications. There was deliberation on preexisting fences built out of permitted materials under the new ordinance being Grandfathered in, if some/all standards of the ordinance is met. Specific colors being used on fencing was also addressed. Discussions continued for the permit fee amount, option to refund the fee, and the length of notice for repairs.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- The new City tractor was received on 4/22/2025. Insurance contacted the City, after the paperwork and Bill Of Sale was faxed to them, they sent the remaining funds for the damaged tractor.
- Pickleball court items have been purchased, epoxying the court is the next step.
- If a TIFF district is something in the future there is a developer who has expressed interest in building and funding the first location.

Hammond:

- As this was his last full meeting, he wanted to take time to thank everyone and let them know how much he appreciates all.

Craig:

- Someone asked him who to contact about upkeep at Ridgelawn Cemetery, some graves are needing attention.
- He obtained the rootstock for the ideal tree species to give to Martinsville FFA for starting the grafting process. With this they could get 5-10 trees started, which could double in numbers each year after. Which means next year some trees would need to be purchased but moving forward, with the help of the FFA, the City can be producing their own trees for planting.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hammond, to close the meeting.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk